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THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

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Outdoor Dining Resumes in Beverly Hills

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Outdoor tables at SPAGO Photo courtesy of SPAGO

Soon after regional stay-at-home orders were lifted by the state, Los Angeles County announced that restaurants could resume in-person outdoor dining operations as of Jan. 29. For restaurant owners and their staff, an industry devastated by the restrictions and closures, the news is nothing short of a lifeline. In a year marked by uncertainty, restaurateurs are exuberant as they prepare to reopen again—hopefully, for the last time.

“Frankly, especially for restaurants, it’s going to take years to dig out of this debt,” Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce CEO Todd Johnson told the Courier. “I would encourage people, if you feel safe enough, to get out and go eat and support our local

businesses who have been just truly hanging by a thread, if that. Get some fresh air, start thinking that life is going to be back to normal again. We’re starting to move in the right direction and the glass is definitely half full.”

Beginning in mid-March of 2020, at the onset of the pandemic, restaurants were ordered to close and pivot to only take-out and delivery. On May 29, following the county’s directive, indoor and outdoor dining operations resumed under new guidelines, including face masks, social distancing and limited capacity.

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Beverly Hills Parents Encourage District to Reopen Schools

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On Jan. 26, the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) held a regular Board of Education meeting during which Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy updated the community on how BHUSD stands as new COVID-19 cases are on the decline and stay-at-home orders have been lifted. With health conditions improving, parents inundated the public comment period with urgent pleas to reopen schools. A plan to possibly use the BHUSD campus as a community vaccination site only intensified the discussion. Many parents expressed concerns that the move could delay the safe return to the classroom.

On Jan. 27, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer told the L.A. City Council that if the decline in countywide infection rates continues to go down, the county may be able to reopen elementary schools for modified in-person instruction in a matter of weeks.

“I think if we continue to decrease, you might hit that number in like two to three weeks,” Ferrer said. “We dropped pretty significantly just in one week. I think we were at 75 cases per 100,000 like a week ago. And I think now we’re 45 – these are adjusted rates that the state uses.”

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City Council Agrees to Put Term Limits on Ballot This November

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills City Council took up the question of term limits for council members and the treasurer at the Jan. 26 Study Session, voting to place the matter on the November 2021 ballot. The Council addressed the topic after requests to do so by two former Mayors. The proposal would restrict council members and the treasurer to three terms, including the existing council members and treasurer.

“What was being suggested is that we ask the residents if they support term limits in our election. I think that’s reasonable; I think the voters should decide,” said Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold. “I do think that, in the end, it offers an opportunity for others to serve.”

While term limits exist throughout different levels of government, they are not

required in most cases. At the highest level of government, the President of the United States has been limited to two terms since the ratification of the 22nd Amendment to the United States Constitution. United States Senators and Representatives, however, can serve without term limits. On the state level, members of the California State Legislature can serve 12 years in either the Assembly, the Senate, or a combination of the two. Californian governors are limited to two terms. In Los Angeles County, County Supervisors can hold the position for three terms.

(Term Limits continues on page 11)

Just in Case BH Looking for Volunteers

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Beverly Hills’ newest public safety program has a message for residents: join.

“We need as much support as possible,” said Vera Markowitz, who serves as a resident on the Advisory Committee for Just in Case BH.

The City of Beverly Hills, much like cities across the country, has experienced tumultuous events over the last nine months. The unrest of the spring spilled onto its most iconic thoroughfares, raucous and sometimes violent protests took over its normally placid parks, and the COVID-19 pandemic has tragically taken 21 of its residents.

(Just in Case BH continues on page 8)

Courier Calendar



NOW
**PLAIN WOOD PRODUCTIONS:
"BLOOD/SUGAR"**

Plain Wood Productions presents its theater and film hybrid "Blood/Sugar" created, directed, and performed by theater artist Diana Wyenn, which is now available on-demand. Historical perspectives, statistics, and personal narrative collide with video effects, Shakespearean texts, and original movement to create a vivid account of the life-sustaining care that diabetes currently demands from one out of every 10 American adults.

<https://www.dianawyenn.com/blood-sugar>

NOW - JAN. 31
SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE: "THE WORLD IS MY HOME - THE LIFE OF PAUL ROBESON"

Santa Monica Playhouse presents a livestream performance of Stogie Kenyatta's award-winning solo show about African-American artist/activist Paul Robeson, "The World is My Home-The Life of Paul Robeson." This story about the triumphs and tragedy of Paul Robeson brings to the stage Robeson's close friendship with Albert Einstein, his affection for the Jewish people, the Holocaust, Jim Crow Laws, the Harlem Renaissance, his complex 44-year marriage to Eslanda, and America's amazing, yet painful history.

<https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/paulrobesononline.html>



NOW - JAN. 31
JURASSIC QUEST DRIVE-THRU EXPERIENCE
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The Jurassic Quest Drive-Thru, the nation's largest touring dinosaur exhibit, is migrating to Southern California. The Drive-Thru, which features over 70 life-like dinosaurs including the popular T. Rex, Spinosaurus and Triceratops, is at the Rose Bowl through Jan. 31. Jurassic Quest's herd of animatronic dinos are displayed in realistic scenes that allow guests to experience them roaring and moving from their own vehicles as they drive their way through the tour. The Jurassic Quest Drive-Thru is located at 1001 Rose Bowl Drive, Pasadena.

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

JAN. 29
LOS ANGELES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA ALL-DIGITAL 2020-21 SEASON: "LACO CLOSE QUARTERS"
6:30 p.m.

Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra (LACO) continues its all-digital 2020-21 season, "LACO: Close Quarters" with an episode spotlighting the artistry of LACO Artistic Advisor Derrick Spiva Jr. Music Director Jaime Martín conducts the world premiere of Spiva's LACO-commissioned "Mother of Bravery" for septet and narrator featuring Spiva as the narrator.

<https://www.laco.org/laco-at-home/>

JAN. 30
LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART - ADULT ART CLASS: "DIGITAL ART"
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Participants in the "Digital Art" class will learn how to use the iPad or tablet as a tool for making art. Draw, paint, manipulate photos, make animated gifts - all with the fingertips or the use of a stylus. Learn which apps work best with the device, add imagination, and start creating. A Zoom link and art materials list will be sent prior to class.

<https://www.lacma.org/event/adult-art-class-digital-art>



JAN. 30, 31
THE BROAD STAGE: "DANCE CAMERA WEST DRIVE-IN, BEST OF THE FESTIVAL"
5:30 p.m., 8 p.m.

The Broad Stage presents "Dance Camera West Drive-In, Best of the Festival," a unique drive-in experience showcasing the best dance films from around the world on the big screen with two different programs on Jan. 30 and Jan. 31 outdoors at the Santa Monica College Bundy Campus - East Parking Lot, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Los Angeles.

<https://thebroadstage.org/performances/2020-21/dance/dancecamerawest>

JAN. 30 - FEB. 1
UCLA'S CENTER FOR THE ART OF PERFORMANCE - "L.A. OMNIBUS: LOST IN TRANSLATION" WITH OMAR OFFENDUM AND THANKS JOEY

UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance presents "L.A. Omnibus" with Omar Offendum and Thanks Joey. Offendum is an internationally-known Syrian-American rapper/spoken word artist known for his blend of Hip-Hop and Arabic poetry. Thanks Joey is a music producer and independent multimedia arts label owner.

<https://cap.ucla.edu/calendar/details/omnibus4>

JAN. 31
THE BRAID AND LOS ANGELES JEWISH SYMPHONY: "STORIES FROM THE VIOLINS OF HOPE"
2 p.m.

In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the premiere of "Stories From the Violins of Hope" tells the story of the famed collection of stringed instruments that survived the Holocaust and were brought back to life, and to the world, by an Israeli family of violin makers.

<https://the-braid.org/>

JAN. 31
BEIT T'SHUVAH - VIRTUAL GALA: "HEALING BROKEN SOULS"
6 p.m.

Join for Beit T'Shuvah's virtual gala honoring Spirit of Beit T'Shuvah award recipient Jackie Elkins. Beit T'Shuvah's mission is to heal broken souls and save the lives of those wrestling with addiction by providing integrated care in a community setting. Beit T'Shuvah never turns anyone away due to their inability to pay.

www.beittshuvah.org/gala

FEB. 1
THE WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, AND THE YOUNES AND SORAYA NAZARIAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS: "FILMS.DANCE" - "TOKE"
9 a.m.

"Films.Dance" is a new global free film series produced by and under the creative direction of LA-based Jacob Jonas The Company. The premiere of "Toke" is on Feb. 1. Set in the urban metropolis of London, "Toke" is an intimate portrait of Danish-born dancer Toke Broni Standby. The list of films and trailer are available on the website.

<https://www.films.dance/>

FEB. 1
CALTECHLIVE!: "BEHIND THE BOOK" AUTHORS SERIES WITH BLAKE HILL-SAYA
5 p.m.

CaltechLive! begins Black History Month with biracial author Blake Hill-Saya as she discusses her book, "Aaron McDuffie Moore: An African American Physician, Educator, and Founder of Durham's Black Wall Street." Moore co-founded Durham, North Carolina's famed Black Wall Street.

https://events.caltech.edu/btb_blake

FEB. 3
HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA - "BUILDING BRIDGES: RELEARNING WHAT CIVIL DISCOURSE MEANS"
11 a.m.

Holocaust Museum LA presents "Building Bridges: Relearning What Civil Discourse Means." Recent events in Washington and across the country have served as a reminder to the divisions that separate communities. Join several of California's community leaders as they discuss solutions and a path forward.

<https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/event-details/building-bridges-relearning-what-civil-discourse-means>



FEB. 3
VISIONARY WOMEN: "RIDING OUT THE STORM WITH SUZE ORMAN" VIRTUAL SALON
3 - 4 p.m.

Visionary Women presents a new, free virtual salon featuring two-time Emmy Award winner and New York Times best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of "Women & Money" podcast, Suze Orman. Supported by media partner The Wall Street Journal and moderated by Mae Cheng, senior vice president of Barron's Group at Dow Jones, the event will address today's challenging economic and personal finance topics resulting from the global coronavirus pandemic.

https://www.visionarywomen.com/virtual-events/virtual_salons.php

FEB. 4, 18; MARCH 4, 18
SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER: "COEN BROTHERS MOVIE GROUP" ONLINE CLASS
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Skirball Cultural Center presents "Coen Brothers Movie Group" online class. In a career that has so far spanned 30 years, Joel and Ethan Coen have co-created a cinematic body of work that is uniquely and recognizably theirs, despite working across wildly diverse genres.

<https://www.skirball.org/programs/classes/coen-brothers-movie-group>

FEB. 5
BJE: "OUT-OF-THE-BOX" ANNUAL GALA

Builders of Jewish Education (BJE) will hold its Annual Gala to celebrate heads of Jewish schools throughout Los Angeles, including more than 30 in the Beverly Hills and adjacent areas. The gala recognizes the extraordinary work happening under the leadership of the directors of early childhood centers, part-time religious schools and day schools throughout the Jewish community.

<https://www.bjela.org/gala>

FEB. 11
PRESENT NOW "GIVE LOVE & BE LOVED" VIRTUAL EVENT
5 p.m.

PRESENT NOW delivers personalized presents to children living in domestic violence shelters. Support by attending the "Give Love & Be Loved" live broadcast co-hosted by Lisa Breckenridge and Lawrence Zarian. The event includes an elegant online silent auction and performance by MILCK. For tickets and to learn more visit the event portal at www.presentnowlive.org.



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WeHo Council Considers Hazard Pay for Grocery Store Workers

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



West Hollywood's Whole Foods, where 15 employees have contracted COVID-19

As grocery stores see COVID-19 outbreaks throughout Southern California, the West Hollywood City Council will consider an urgency ordinance that would require hazard pay for frontline grocery workers. The West Hollywood City Council instructed the City Attorney at its Jan. 19 Regular Meeting to

draft an urgency ordinance would require grocers to provide an additional \$5 per hour of “hero pay” for 120 days after its passage or for the duration of the emergency—which ever is longer.

(Hazard Pay continues on page 11)

City Council Rules on Two Different Parcels

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



The City Council granted Historic Landmark Status to 1033 Woodland Drive.

To paraphrase Shakespeare, two houses were “not so alike in dignity” at the Jan. 26 Beverly Hills City Council Formal Meeting. One of those houses, at 1033 Woodland Drive, was enthusiastically granted Local Historic Landmark status by the Council. The Hollywood Regency-style house designed by architect John Elgin Woolf was formerly inhabited by Hollywood titan and “The Godfather” producer Robert Evans. In the other matter, the Council unanimously denied an appeal of a lot line adjustment decision for a property in Trousdale Estates. The Council found that the desired adjustment, which would have created a lot that fell in both Beverly Hills and Los Angeles, violated the city’s General Plan. The Council also passed an urgency ordinance prohibiting lot line adjustments across city boundaries.

“Having served on the Planning Commission and on the Council all these years, I would have to say that this is probably the most iconic property and awe-inspiring property that I’ve seen in our community, and I really do want to thank the owner for agreeing to and committing to restoring it to its original splendor,” said Councilmember Lili Bosse in casting her vote to grant historic status to the Woodland home.

The designation allows the current owners, Discovery President and CEO David Zaslav and his wife, Pam, to begin renovations and restoration work on the property. In making his case to the Council, Zaslav emphasized his personal connection to the history of the property and to Evans himself. “It’s unusual in that I feel very personal about the property. Bob Evans and I share many, many friends. We bought the property directly from the trust. Bob’s son, Josh, is a good friend of mine and Pam’s; we speak to him often. We hope that he’ll be spending a lot of time with his family at one of our guest houses. And we hope to invite back a lot of Bob and my friends and have many years of fun and enjoying this property,” he said.

The property wound its way through

city commissions as it sought Local Historic Landmark status. The Cultural Heritage Commission initiated landmark proceedings in November of 2019. In June 2020, the Commission adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council designate the Woodland property as a Landmark and place it onto the Beverly Hills Register of Historic Properties. In December of 2020, the Planning Commission approved conditional Historic Incentive Permits (HIP) for the project, which would allow the project to make deviations in the development standards in the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. With the landmark status in hand, the project can move forward as planned.

Councilmember John Mirisch thanked Zaslav and his team for their dedication to the property, which he described as Woolf’s “Mona Lisa.” He lamented other houses designed by Woolf that had been lost for lack of similar efforts.

“Our Cultural Heritage Commission is approximately 10 years old and it was something that was sorely lacking before. Among the houses that were destroyed that led to the creation of this commission were the George and Ira Gershwin house on Roxbury. Well, that was a John Elgin Woolf house. That’s no longer with us,” Mirisch said. “This house will be with us.”

Later in session, the Council resumed its hearing of an appeal of a lot line adjustment decision for a property in Trousdale Estates. The vote was unanimous to deny the appeal. The property falls both in Beverly Hills and the City of Los Angeles, which complicated the homeowner’s request to create two lots out of the existing three. One parcel of the property lies in Beverly Hills and the other two in Los Angeles; the applicant wished to create two parcels, one of which would have crossed city lines. Immediately prior to the hearing, the Council voted on an urgency ordinance prohibiting lot line adjustments across city boundaries, all but sealing the appeal’s fate.

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Cedars-Sinai Launches COVID-19 Recovery Program

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Cedars-Sinai has launched the COVID-19 Recovery Program

In an effort to help COVID-19 patients who experience lingering symptoms after physicians say they are virus-free, Cedars-Sinai has launched the COVID-19 Recovery Program. The multidisciplinary program offers patients a comprehensive in-person evaluation with an expert in infectious diseases or pulmonary medicine who can refer them to a network of specialists including cardiologists, pulmonologists, neurologists and psychiatrists. Patients also can gain access to clinical research trials and contribute to a deeper understanding of the long-term health effects of COVID-19.

Although many individuals recover from COVID-19 without any noticeable issues, others do not. Ongoing issues can include shortness of breath, dizziness, headaches, fatigue, brain fog, anxiety, depression, or loss of taste or smell.

"Given the sheer number of people worldwide who have had COVID-19—more than 90 million—if even 1% experience symptoms beyond three months, that is a huge number of patients who need help," said program co-director Catherine Le, MD, an infectious disease specialist with Cedars-Sinai Medical Group. "For some patients, we are the first physicians they've seen in person since their diagnosis. Even if we don't have all the answers right now, it puts many of our patients at ease to speak with an expert and get a complete evaluation."

In addition to its network of specialists, the COVID-19 Recovery Program works closely with two other Cedars-Sinai efforts. Namely, the Smidt Heart Institute's Post-COVID-19 Cardiology Program, which enrolls patients who have been diagnosed with a heart issue associated with post-COVID-19 recovery. An additional resource is the Cedars-Sinai Department of Medicine's Post-ICU Clinic, which focuses primarily

on respiratory and neurological problems that develop in some intensive care unit patients after they are discharged.

"Los Angeles is the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S. right now and we expect to see many more recovered patients with persistent symptoms, which could have a huge impact on the local workforce," said Cedars-Sinai Medical Group infectious disease specialist Rachel Zabner, MD, co-director of the COVID-19 Recovery Program. "These patients need the right medical support and sometimes require extended medical leave."

Zabner added that anyone can experience the long-term effects of COVID-19. "We've seen many young patients and others who initially had a very mild illness."

To be eligible for treatment in the new program, patients must be referred by a physician, have a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result and be experiencing persistent symptoms.

"By seeking care in our program, patients also can benefit from our close collaboration with Cedars-Sinai investigators conducting a variety of clinical trials. As the scientific community learns more about the effects of COVID-19, we can notify our patients when relevant treatments become available," said Cedars-Sinai Medical Network Chief Medical Officer Caroline Goldzweig, MD. "We want our patients and the community to know that we're not only here to care for them during this crisis, but we're here to support them in the long term as well."

More information about the COVID-19 Recovery Program is available at <https://www.cedars-sinai.org/covid-19-your-health/post-covid-19-recovery.html>. •

Milestone Reached in COVID-19 Casualties

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

In a tragic milestone, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed more than 16,000 confirmed COVID-19 deaths. To date, Public Health identified 1,097,941 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 16,107 deaths. On Saturday, less than a week earlier, L.A. County surpassed more than 15,000 COVID-19 deaths. As of Jan. 28, the agency confirmed 213 new deaths and 6,592 new cases of COVID-19. In Beverly Hills, there have been 2200 cases of COVID-19 and 21 deaths.

Supply of the COVID-19 vaccine remains very limited, officials said. Currently, only Los Angeles County healthcare workers in Phase 1A and residents age 65 and older are eligible to get their vaccination. Residents are urged to visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinateLACounty.com) to sign up when appointments become available. For those without access to a computer or the internet, a call center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. to help schedule appointments at 833-540-0473.

"To continue to drive down transmission, we all must commit to taking the actions that

work to slow COVID-19 spread. When more sectors re-open the risk of COVID-19 transmission increases, because people are interacting more with non-household members. In order to avoid re-openings resulting in increases in cases, businesses and individuals need to be more diligent, not less, in following public health measures. We have a way to go before our hospitals are not stressed and fewer people die each day. Staying on a recovery journey is only possible if we all play by the rules," said Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health.

If a person has a positive lab result for COVID-19, expect a public health specialist from L.A. County Public Health to contact them by phone to interview about possible exposures and to identify others who may have also been exposed to the infection. The information is protected and cannot be shared with others except in emergency situations.

Additional information is available by calling toll-free at 1-833-540-0473. Residents who do not have COVID-19 should continue to call 211 for resources or more information. •



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Beverly Hills Prepares for Louis Vuitton Men's Temporary Residency

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Containers Beverly Hills-bound from Miami. Courtesy Louis Vuitton | Joe Schildhorn/BFA.com

In the longstanding tradition of bringing the best to the west, several trucks left Miami this week, with Beverly Hills as their final destination. Emblazoned with Louis Vuitton emblems, the bright red caravan no doubt engendered curious stares as it traversed the country. The contents of those trucks will reassemble (with the help of some well-choreographed construction work) as the Louis Vuitton Men's Temporary Residency on Feb. 5. It presides over 468 N. Rodeo Drive through early March.

As set forth in detail in the Jan. 15 Courier Exclusive ("Louis Vuitton Men's Temporary Residency Heading to Beverly Hills"), the installation will showcase the Louis Vuitton Men's Spring-Summer 2021 collection. It also

highlights the imagination, cultural inclusivity and grand tradition of one of fashion's finest houses.

The Louis Vuitton Men's Temporary Residency most recently took shape at Miami's Design District. Described as nothing short of "magic" by the local press, the activation utilized customized shipping containers, oversized inflatables and interactive QR codes. Those signature elements have now crossed the country, ready to star in a Beverly Hills iteration.

Look for a special preview of the installation Feb. 4 on BeverlyHillsCourier.com and in the Feb. 5 print edition of the Beverly Hills Courier. ●



Louis Vuitton Men's Speedy Soft Trunk Image Courtesy Louis Vuitton

Beverly Hills Chamber Hosts Blood Drive with Cedars-Sinai

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce is hosting a two-day blood drive in conjunction with Cedars-Sinai. The blood drive takes place from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Feb. 12 and 13. The location is the Chamber offices at 9400 S. Santa Monica Boulevard, on the second floor. Two hours of complimentary self-parking are available at the city-run garage at 439 N. Canon Drive/ 438 N. Beverly Drive.

All donors will receive complimentary testing for COVID-19 antibodies, plus a health screening that includes a blood pressure assessment, iron/hematocrit reading, temperature and pulse. Access to an online portal enables donors to look up previous donations, blood type, health-wellness

summary and monitor any fluctuations.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 years old with a signed parental consent hospital form), weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in good overall health. Use of common daily medications (cholesterol, blood pressure, birth control, antidepressants, thyroid, even diabetics taking insulin) does not preclude donation. Donors should wear a mask and bring I.D., such as a driver's license.

Reservations for Feb. 12 can be made at this link: <https://www.donatebloodcedars.org/index.cfm?group=op&expand=6239&zc=90210> Reservations for Feb. 13 are available at: <https://www.donatebloodcedars.org/index.cfm?group=op&expand=6240&zc=90210> ●

Beverly Hills High School Earns Computer Science Diversity Award

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Studying computer science can open doors for students, giving them the tools to excel, and setting them up for high-paying careers, but girls have been left behind for far too long. That statement by the College Board explains the purpose of its AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award. Beverly Hills High School was recently recognized with the award for the 2019-2020 school year.

Schools receiving the award have achieved either 50 percent or higher female exam taker representation in one or both AP computer science courses, or a percentage of female computer science exam takers that meets or exceeds that of the school's female population.

BHHS was one of 232 institutions recognized in the category of AP Computer Science A, an introductory college-level computer science course.

Students enrolled in the course cultivate their understanding of coding through analyzing, writing, and testing code as they explore concepts like modularity, variables, and control structures. Students learn to design and implement computer programs that solve problems relevant to today's society.

"During an unprecedented year, BHHS female students have demonstrated perseverance and dedication in their study of AP Computer Science," said Dustin Seemann, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services. "We could not be more proud of BHHS female students for staking their claim as the next generation of STEM and

computer science professionals. We can't wait to see their passion for next generation technology lead to lifelong success."

"BHHS's students need the power to shape technology, not just cope with it," says Stefanie Sanford, College Board chief of global policy and external relations. "Young women deserve an equal opportunity to become the next generation of entrepreneurs, engineers and tech leaders. Closing the gap in Computer Science education empowers young women to build the future they want."

Overall AP Computer Science course participation has increased 79 percent since 2017, broadening STEM career opportunities for more students. The number of female AP CSA exam-takers has grown steadily, up nearly 25 percent since 2017.

The median annual wage for computer and information technology occupations was \$88,240 in May 2019. However, a code.org analysis of 2017 Bureau of Labor Statistics data finds women represent just 24 percent of the five million people in computing occupations.

According to College Board data, female students who take an AP Computer Science course in high school are more than five times as likely to major in Computer Science in college, compared to similar female students who did not. The study also finds that for most students, AP Computer Science courses serve as a stepping-stone to other advanced AP STEM coursework. ●

Community Voices



Larry King

When I heard of Larry King's passing among the many memories I recalled was the Holiday Season of 2014 when we created a Winter Wonderland in the beautiful city park which connects Beverly Drive and Canon Drive.

Along with the traditional holiday décor we added large, wrapped gift boxes from local merchants, and a giant chair for "Santa

Claus." The Madrigal Singers provided the caroling.

Instead of hiring a Santa along with Larry King we recruited celebrities and local residents to play Santa. The list included Mayor Lili Bosse and TV Producer George Schlatter. Sponsorships included Carroll & Co., Porta Via, Sprinkles and Spago.

Children came with families and ran to join the line to ask Santa to grant their wishes. He greeted each child with "Have you been good or bad?" His response for "good" was always met with a big smile and often a lollipop or small balloon. And then he would say "So be good for goodness sake."

I believe that "lessons of goodness" follow these "kids" into adulthood, and when they are faced with tough choices in tough times, they will recall Larry King who made the strongest case for "goodness."

VICKI REYNOLDS
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Samuel Braslow's article of 1/22 re: 'Anti-Semitism Fears' portraying some of the Capitol protestors as being anti-Semitic.

That may well have been but I think the writer missed a big opportunity to point out an issue that seemed to have been swept under the rug locally.

During the protests and riots that came through our city at the end of May some of the protestors scrolled anti-Semitic remarks & symbols in our city. This seemed like it

went unnoticed and the city quickly cleaned & sanitized those images before really anybody noticed except for 1 local Rabbi who brought it to the City Council's attention. Seems it was treated as a 'non-issue' and never heard about again.

Would hope The Courier would stand up to hate wherever it exists (especially locally)!

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Just in Case BH encourages community preparedness

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Spurred on by the moment, Beverly Hills has begun implementing a new and robust public safety program in the hopes of protecting against other worst-case scenarios. Just in Case BH, a “neighborhood-based emergency preparedness program” proposed by Councilmember Lili Bosse, seeks to bring together residents, businesses, and city agencies in the event of city-wide disasters. At the Jan. 26 Study Session, the City Council heard updates on the program’s implementation.

“Just in Case BH brings residents, businesses and all city services together by seamlessly assisting each other before, during, and after emergencies through disaster preparedness, organizational leadership, and communication,” said Fire Chief Greg Barton. “This is truly bringing everybody together in Beverly Hills as one unified voice to work through the problems, to be disaster prepared, and to have good communication amongst all those groups.”

The program enlists city residents and businesses into disaster response efforts by establishing a volunteer structure down to the block level that coordinates with the city’s emergency response infrastructure. At the top of the hierarchy is the Unified Command group made up of the City Manager, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Public Information Officer. Working in consultation with Unified Command is the Just in Case BH Advisory Committee, composed of community leaders “who really get the flavor of what we’re doing and what we need to know,” Barton said.

Just in Case BH splits the city between north and south of Santa Monica Boulevard overseen by a North and South Coordinator. The city is further subdivided into nine zones with emergency centers in each. Each zone has a zone coordinator, who will meet quarterly with Fire and Police Departments and the Advisory Committee. Zone coordinators, in turn, share information with block captains, who then disseminate information to their neighbors.

This structure means that when a disaster hits, residents and businesses can assist each other while police and fire personnel address

more pressing matters. The program takes into account the dangers of relying too much on modern forms of communication, such as disruptions to communication networks and viral misinformation. “This organizational structure provides our community with clear, accurate information, dispelling rumors and inaccurate messaging while also training our community to be self-reliant,” reads the staff report compiled for the meeting.

As Barton explained in the meeting: “It gets the neighborhood to know who’s trained in what and what they can do to help each other out. And then, even more importantly is, it’s a communication tree, kind of like a phone tree or knocking on each other’s door. So, when the messages get out and there is a disaster and cell phones are down, power is down, you can go block by block, neighbor by neighbor, to get the message out and get it delivered as best as possible to remove some of the confusion that can happen with messaging or other issues that could show up.”

The program also seeks to train residents through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program, which offers instructions in disaster preparedness, triage, first aid, search and rescue, and other essential disaster-related skills. Additionally, Just in Case BH will launch a website that will provide resources and up-to-date information in the case of an emergency. Finally, the Advisory Committee will put out a free manual with disaster preparedness information relevant to the community. The manual will be available for download on the program’s website but will also be distributed to the city’s 17,000 residents in hard copy form.

Barton encouraged residents to visit the program’s website, justincasebh.org, to learn more and to register as a volunteer. People can also email to justincasebh@beverlyhills.org or call 310-281-2754 with questions or comments.

“We need help from everybody to make this whole program come together,” said Barton. ●



Outdoor dining is returning to Beverly Hills

(Outdoor Dining continued from page 1)

On July 1, Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered the immediate closure of all indoor dining in Los Angeles. For the over 70 establishments in Beverly Hills already offering outdoor seating and dining, moving all operations outside in line with the Governor’s newest order was relatively easy. For others without the luxury of outdoor dining space, the City’s OpenBH initiative allowed businesses to temporarily expand their services to adjacent areas such as parking lots and the public right of way. On Nov. 25, in an effort to curb the county’s surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) announced another round of dining restrictions, prohibiting all in-person dining out at restaurants, breweries, wineries and bars.

The most recent closures were met with resistance, prompting local officials, legislators and businessowners to speak out. Legal action was attempted in the hopes of repealing the ban, citing hundreds of thousands of jobs at stake and a lack of scientific evidence to support and justify the move. The Beverly Hills City Council went as far as exploring the possibility of creating a City Public Health Department.

The new County-wide Health Officer Order is expected to contain requirements similar to the previous one, with occupancy limits and masking mandates for all staff and patrons. “This won’t be the end all and the save all, but it’s sure a heck of a lot more than what they’ve been getting now. So, it’s a step in the right direction,” said Johnson. Public Health has also rescinded the hours of operation restrictions for non-essential businesses.

“We are, of course, ecstatic,” Barbara Lazaroff, Co-Owner and Co-Founder of SPAGO Beverly Hills told the Courier. “I think after being restrained for so long, the public is excited to dine out again. Since our phone lines opened up on Wednesday, they’ve been ringing non-stop. We’re completely booked. We turned away a lot of requests for reservations because we are starting a little bit slower than we normally would have. We’re starting up again and we’re bringing in staff and we want to make sure the kitchen is geared up. Because we don’t want to overwhelm the kitchen, we actually turned away a couple of hundred reservations.” When ordered to close in November, SPAGO had to let go of over 160 staff.

Lazaroff underscored that caring for the health and safety of the public is more than a priority, it’s “engrained in the DNA of all

hospitality workers.”

“Another reason we’re waiting till Saturday to open is because everybody was tested for COVID-19,” Lazaroff said. “We are continuing our practice of testing every single employee, from people answering the phone to the valets, to people washing the dishes, the frontline, the waste staff, the bus boys.”

“We are cautiously optimistic, as any restaurant owner would be, in this uncertain time,” Adam Rubin, co-owner of Croft Alley on Brighton Way, told the Courier. “I know many restaurant owners are frustrated given the ups and downs but, ultimately, we just couldn’t be more excited to serve the community that has supported us throughout this entire year. Our patio is here to stay, and we hope everyone enjoys it.”

Since the launch of OpenBH, the City has allowed restaurants to expand their outdoor operations via parklets. Johnson is recommending that the City extend the permits for these parklets to at least the end of the year, if not permanently. The matter is expected to go before the City Council next month.

“I believe that these outside parklets are going to be here for some time,” Johnson told the Courier. “Everyone that lives in California pays that one big weather tax because we have the best weather, and we should be taking advantage of this. And we’ve always been trying to get nightlife into our city, and I think this will bring that. With more outdoor dining, the streets will be packed and that’d be great.”

With the promise of more vaccines on the horizon, restaurateurs are optimistic. “I think by shutting down restaurants two months ago, it certainly didn’t stop or slow down the pandemic,” Johnson said. “If anything, that increased it. I don’t think at this point these guys are worried thinking, ‘Oh, we’re going to be shut down again,’ because I think we’re in a different state than we were 30 or 60 days ago.”

“The whole hospitality industry, we’re a family,” Lazaroff told the Courier. “So as a whole group, we worked together to try to reopen outdoor dining, we are in this together and now we’re in together with combined joy.”

On Jan. 28, the City Council approved a proposal from SPAGO to construct a temporary outdoor dining tent in the cul-de-sac area on North Canon Drive. The tent would be at the turnaround of the roundabout, located in the intersection itself of Canon Drive and Clifton Way.

“The City Council has been so gracious and extraordinary with meeting the needs of businesses and the residents,” Lazaroff told the Courier. “Before moving forward, we are of course first reviewing this with the stakeholders, and we want to be respectful of everyone in the neighborhood. There are still some contingencies to work out, but we are tentatively moving forward.”

The proposal was first presented during a Jan. 6 Beverly Hills City Council Liaison Meeting for the Rodeo Drive Special Events Holiday Program Committee. ●

(Reopen Schools continued from page 1)

Under new guidance from Governor Gavin Newsom, K-6 schools in counties with a seven-day average of 25 or fewer cases per 100,000 residents would be eligible to begin reopening. The number is down from the 28 cases per 100,000 announced in December. However, BHUSD has created its own reopening standard of an average daily rate of 10 cases per 100,000 people.

During the board meeting, Bregy shared his current thinking. "When we look at vaccinations, this is not an either/or situation. This is not, 'do we open schools,' or 'do we open a vaccination site?' debate. This is not something that is going to get in the way of our opening. We are ready. We've worked very hard to be ready, and I'm very confident that our schools are ready to open when it's safe."

While the district is working in partnership with the city to help improve public health conditions by exploring the use of school property as vaccination sites, no contract has been signed yet.

Earlier this week, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Superintendent Austin Beutner called on health officials to approve the District's over 1,400 schools' sites as distribution sites for COVID-19 vaccines. On Jan. 26, the Los Angeles County supervisors endorsed the use of schools—trusted central hubs—as vaccine sites.

"To have a temporary place to help vaccinate our employees and also our community

members is a responsibility that we have," Bregy said. "To sit back and just hope for the best and hope that people are able to get vaccinations, including our staff, would not be doing justice on our part. We really need to be actively involved in helping our community. Most of our staff do not live in Beverly Hills, so having a site in the district would allow an opportunity for our staff to get these vaccinations. I have offered the support to the city and the city is working with myself to help come up with a plan."

Teachers are included in the state's Phase 1B vaccine phase, along with public safety personnel and food and agriculture workers. The state is expected to begin Phase 1B in the beginning of February.

"There are places in California and throughout the rest of the country where teachers have already had their vaccinations," Bregy said. "And you can see the conditions in their community is improving at a faster rate than ours. Getting our educators vaccinations is something that is critical to improve the conditions in the community. And so, that is first and foremost on our mind."

Parents, students and staff are encouraged to participate in a Town Hall hosted by BHUSD on Feb. 2, where the community is invited to ask questions and learn what a hybrid model looks like when it's time to return. To register visit bhUSD.org/townhall/.

Police Blotter

The following incidents of assault, burglary, petty and grand theft and vandalism have been reported. Streets are usually indicated by block numbers.

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MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

1/23/2021, 400 Block of FOOTHILL RD

THEFT - PETTY (FROM VEHICLE)

1/21/2021, ALPINE DR / BURTON WAY

VANDALISM

1/22/2021, 200 Block of S BEVERLY DR

THEFT - PETTY

1/21/2021, 400 Block of N CANON DR

1/23/2021, 300 Block of N RODEO DR

1/23/2021, 800 Block of CINTHIA ST

1/26/2021, 400 Block of N REXFORD DR

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING

1/24/2021, 300 Block of N CANON DR

1/24/2021, 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD

1/25/2021, 400 Block of N CAMDEN DR

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

1/22/2021, 100 Block of N ALMONT DR

1/27/2021, 500 Block of ARDEN DR

BURGLARY - FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

1/22/2021, 8300 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD

1/23/2021, 100 Block of N HAMILTON DR

1/23/2021, 9800 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD

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LA County phone assistance is available for those without a computer:

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January 29



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February 1



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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To learn fast, first forget what you know. Clean the slate and begin anew. You'll absorb your environment better once you lose all preexisting ideas about the place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've made efforts to fit in with people and now those are starting to pay off. They feel like they know, like and trust you. For these reasons, you'll have influence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Time has one job -- to march forward. When done well, this tends to keep everything from happening at once. Today, it's like time got distracted, stood still, and now there's a cluster of events vying for the same slot.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're often inspired to contribute, and sometimes you feel driven to contribute even when uninspired. But when the situation stirs neither inspiration nor drive, that's a message, too. Maybe it's just not a match.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The lunar position has you quite literally

moonning, heart full of love, body swept into the swoon and your mind a bright projection into the fog of possible next moves and an array of potential futures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's so much within your control that it would be a terrible waste to worry about anything that is not. Dive in and play hard with the multitude of resources you have.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It will enliven you to connect with your environment. Where you are doesn't have to be particularly appealing either, but it helps if it's new or if for some reason you are now noticing new things about it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is a buffet, and you're a pro. You know better than to start loading up your plate at the start of the display. Give it a walk through first. You won't be able to eat it all. What's the delicious priority?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The same pursuit that should, theoretically, be avoided at all costs is also too seductive to resist. Consider how you might be able to use this very human response to the forbidden.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What keeps you from mixing it up

right now? Do you think eventually this imperfection will get fixed and all will be different? What if this is it? You may as well tussle and play in this imperfect moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Challenging scenarios and novel victories have their place, but that is a strategy for a different time. Right now, focus on the battle you know you can win.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The seasoned sailor tests the water, not out of fear but intelligence. The information-gathering makes for

better decisions and smoother sailing. It's also a sign of respect to the sea.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan.29). You'll give up three things to gain one crucial ingredient to your success. The year is still young when you succeed at your purpose with loving eyes on you -- what could be better. Even as you cross the finish line on your own, you know you the truth -- that you sail on the invisible wings of your team. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 10, 5, 33 and 48.



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The Beverly Hills City Council took up the issue of term limits

(Term Limits continued from page 1)

The staff report compiled for the Jan. 26 Study Session notes that, as of October 2019, 123 of California's 482 cities had voter established term limits. Voters in Santa Monica passed a ballot initiative in 2018 restricting city council members to three terms.

The issue came before the Beverly Hills City Council at a Study Session in July 2020. At that time, former mayors Bob Tannenbaum and Nancy Krasne requested that the Council consider adopting term limits.

"The real nature of the idea of having term limits, is that it's the politics of opportunity to open up the government to new people to present the community with the opportunity to serve," Tannenbaum said. "Government service, [according to] the founders, was not to be a lifetime career. It was to be something that we volunteered basically, given the comparative nature of what we would earn in the private sector during the years we spent in the government, but we'd go back. We wouldn't stay in government in perpetuity, we would go back to our private lives and into private practice."

At the Jan. 26 Study Session, the Council heard a letter signed by 11 former Beverly Hills Mayors, including Tannenbaum and Krasne, in favor of the limits.

"We are concerned residents repeating a request submitted last year to ask the council to place on the Nov. 2, 2021 ballot a measure to create term limits for elected officials in the city of Beverly Hills. We suggest a lifetime limit of no more than three terms in any one position. This limit should apply to all residents, including current office holders," the letter read.

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"I'm not going to argue the case and take your time on it, but I think, Council, you're making a big mistake here," said Attorney Benjamin Reznik, who represented the applicant. Reznik pushed back against the urgency ordinance, describing it as "illegal" because "there is no immediate threat to the public welfare."

In August 2019, the homeowner filed a request to redraw the lines such that one parcel crosses city lines, with the other one in Los Angeles. The Planning Commission held a hearing on the request in the fall and

All five council members indicated support for placing the initiative on the ballot, though some had mixed feelings about the efficacy of term limits in the first place.

"At some point, we will have to allow for new ideas and new leadership. It's also up to us to help mentor and encourage new blood and new leadership as well," Councilmember Lili Bosse said.

Councilmember Robert Wunderlich, although in favor of placing the item on the ballot, expressed a less favorable opinion on term limits. "I'm generally not a fan of term limits, but that's just one person's view and I don't have an objection to people being able to vote on what their preference might be," he said. "I think there's pros and cons of long-standing service. On the one hand, there's fresh blood, new ideas. And on the other hand, there's experience, there's knowledge."

Mayor Friedman agreed with Wunderlich, but said that term limits served a greater purpose at lower levels of government. "Generally, term limits [are] something I'm not in favor of, but the closer you get to the community, I think it makes more and more sense."

Councilmember John Mirisch indicated that the Nov. 2, 2021, date might present issues in terms of voter turnout. "How many people are going to actually show up for an election that nobody even knows what's on the ballot this November?"

Beyond this, Mirisch made a broader call for district-based representation in the city. "If we are going to talk about reform, we should ensure that all parts in town are represented," he said. Mirisch requested that the city agendize a request to consider distinct-based elections. ●

determined that the request did not conform to the city's General Plan "because it would allow a development that could be inconsistent with the scale and character of the Trousdale Estates area," according to the staff report drafted for the meeting.

"This is a distinctive situation...Because the lot line is literally coterminous with the city property boundary, it would change which cities' ordinances would govern the property," said Vice Mayor Robert Wunderlich, who argued that even without the urgency ordinance, the city had grounds to deny the appeal. ●

(Hazard Pay continued from page 4)

It would only apply to chains that are publicly traded or have at least 300 employees nationwide and more than 10 employees per store. Although other cities in Los Angeles and the county itself are considering similar moves, the proposal has been criticized as overreach by the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

"Grocery store employees, I believe, are some of the unsung heroes of this epidemic and they must be compensated for their work," said Councilmember John D'Amico.

"Grocery store workers are essential workers who are needed to ensure the continued functioning of our community. During the COVID-19 crisis, we have seen the significant role grocery stores play in providing access to basic necessities of daily life that we may have previously taken for granted. In addition, these workers have been forced to face new hazards in jobs not previously considered especially dangerous," reads a staff report compiled for the meeting.

In West Hollywood alone, three large grocery stores have seen startling outbreaks recently, according to data compiled by the Los Angeles Department of Public Health (Public Health). Public Health lists 15 confirmed cases at the Whole Foods located at 7871 Santa Monica Blvd., 25 cases at the

Vons at 8969 Santa Monica Blvd., and 49 cases at the Target at 7100 Santa Monica Blvd. Whole Foods, Vons, and Target did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

"As Los Angeles County experiences a record-breaking surge of COVID-19 cases, grocery retailers have experienced an increase in outbreaks. Nearly 500 businesses are currently under investigation in Los Angeles County. At least 854 supermarket workers in Los Angeles County alone have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two months," the staff report notes.

West Hollywood is not the first city to consider granting the additional wages to grocery store employees. The City of Los Angeles introduced a similar motion that would mandate a \$5 boost to hourly wages as long as the city remains in the state's purple, red, or orange designations. Long Beach has introduced a proposal to raise salaries by \$4 an hour. And the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has instructed County Counsel to draft an ordinance that would also pad wages by \$5 an hour.

West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Genevieve Morrill commented on the proposal, describing it as a "gross misuse of government power" and warning that it could increase the cost of food. ●



Beverly Hills Urban Forest Management Plan Community Meeting

The City of Beverly Hills needs your feedback on our Draft Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). The UFMP takes a comprehensive look at the policies, practices, budgets, and goals for how the City maintains, enhances and restores your valuable urban forest. Preparation of the UFMP began in 2019 and incorporates input received through previous community meetings and surveys.

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SUGAR, SUGAR

BY LUCY HOWARD AND ROSS TRUDEAU / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Lucy Howard, of Austin, Tex., teaches therapeutic yoga and does internet marketing. She made her first puzzle as an icebreaker for her wedding last year. Ross Trudeau, of Cambridge, Mass., works for a K-12 education nonprofit. They met online last summer. Ross says, "We quickly bonded over our mutual love of crosswords and rock climbing." They spent many hours together on Zoom making this puzzle. This is Ross's 37th puzzle for The Times. It is Lucy's debut. — W.S.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Onetime Sony rival</p> <p>8 Off-color</p> <p>12 Maker of the X6 and Z4</p> <p>15 Doctors Without Borders, e.g.: Abbr.</p> <p>18 Deep secret</p> <p>19 "___ Dead?" (Mark Twain play)</p> <p>20 Quickly learn one's lesson?</p> <p>21 Startling sound</p> <p>22 Bookworms call dad?</p> <p>24 South Beach and Paleo, for two</p> <p>26 Swiss painter Paul</p> <p>27 Company whose business is picking up?</p> <p>28 Seedy area?</p> <p>29 Big Apple media inits.</p> <p>30 Depletes, with "up"</p> <p>31 A young Justice Ginsburg chuckles?</p> <p>36 Signature item</p> <p>37 Singer Watson, a.k.a. Tones and I, with the 2019 hit "Dance Monkey"</p> <p>38 Apt name for a lawyer</p> <p>39 False accusation, informally</p> <p>40 Fancy Feast alternative</p> <p>43 One "R" in R&R</p> <p>46 Hoarse</p> <p>47 Do core exercises all day, every day?</p> | <p>51 "___ Brockovich"</p> <p>52 Quick drive</p> <p>53 Elusive legend</p> <p>54 Business for Sanders supporters?</p> <p>57 Holiday dish served with sour cream or applesauce</p> <p>60 Links grp.</p> <p>62 Hard to handle, in a way</p> <p>64 Hunky-dory</p> <p>66 Response to an order</p> <p>67 Burger King binge-fest?</p> <p>71 Alma mater for Spike Lee and Donald Glover, for short</p> <p>72 Logical connector</p> <p>73 With the greatest of ___</p> <p>74 ___ golf</p> <p>75 Sloped-roof support</p> <p>77 Govt. org. with a forerunner known as the Black Chamber</p> <p>79 Race units</p> <p>81 Dinner-table expander</p> <p>83 Hops-drying oven</p> <p>84 Supernova in our galaxy?</p> <p>90 Follower of word or potato</p> <p>93 "Gimme ___"</p> <p>94 ___-cat</p> <p>95 Numerous</p> <p>97 Symbols in Twitter handles</p> <p>99 Like ___ of sunshine</p> <p>100 Anatomical pouch</p> <p>103 When E.M.T.s bring home the bacon?</p> | <p>108 "I mean ..."</p> <p>109 A/C spec</p> <p>110 Members of the crow family</p> <p>111 Heavier alternative to a foil</p> <p>112 Guthrie who performed at Woodstock</p> <p>113 Cutting edge?</p> <p>115 Some astronomy Ph.D.s?</p> <p>119 Longtime Japanese P.M. who stepped down in 2020</p> <p>120 "Runnin'" team of N.C.A.A. Division I college basketball</p> <p>121 Comparable (to)</p> <p>122 Disciple</p> <p>123 Tarnish</p> <p>124 Really good time</p> <p>125 Capital near the North Sea</p> <p>126 Prepares (for)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DOWN</p> <p>1 Prepare for a road trip, perhaps</p> <p>2 End of a threat</p> <p>3 Nora Ephron and Sofia Coppola, for two</p> <p>4 The land down under?</p> <p>5 Walk-___</p> <p>6 Prickly covering of a seed</p> <p>7 "___ the only one?"</p> <p>8 Beatles title woman</p> <p>9 "___ your request ..."</p> <p>10 Feature of a classical Greek drama</p> <p>11 "You betcha!"</p> | <p>12 "The ___ — is wider than the Sky" (start of an Emily Dickinson poem)</p> <p>13 Bit of fill-in-the-blanks fun</p> <p>14 Subject of intl. treaties</p> <p>15 Compliant sorts</p> <p>16 Squalid digs</p> <p>17 Sports team V.I.P.s</p> <p>20 Corporate money managers, for short</p> <p>23 Ancient Egyptians</p> <p>25 Result of a breast pocket mishap, maybe</p> <p>28 Ally of the Brat Pack</p> <p>31 Common baking pear</p> <p>32 Sacred cross in ancient Egypt</p> <p>33 Chance to go</p> <p>34 Preserve, in a way</p> <p>35 Only Stratego piece with a letter on it</p> <p>37 Sardine container</p> <p>41 Studmuffin</p> <p>42 Absorb, as sauce with bread</p> <p>44 Give extra consideration, with "on"</p> <p>45 Idaho, e.g., in dialect</p> <p>47 Color marker</p> <p>48 Got hip, with "up"</p> <p>49 How a door might be slammed</p> <p>50 Subcontractor in a bathroom remodel</p> <p>51 Gusto</p> <p>55 One may be nominated for a Hugo Award</p> <p>56 Least forward</p> |
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| <p>58 Palindromic farm animal</p> <p>59 "We ___ Overcome"</p> <p>61 Stubborn sorts</p> <p>63 It helps in passing</p> <p>65 Rocker Cobain</p> <p>68 Japan's street food mecca</p> <p>69 Diarist who documented the Great Plague of London</p> <p>70 Gets lost</p> | <p>76 Eponym of the Detroit Lions field</p> <p>78 Any Olympian, once</p> <p>80 Drops an f-bomb, say</p> <p>82 False fronts</p> <p>85 Promises, promises!</p> <p>86 Takes steps</p> <p>87 ___ avis</p> <p>88 Coarse farm sound</p> <p>89 Dangerous move on a busy highway</p> <p>90 "Blueberries for ___" (kid-lit classic)</p> | <p>91 Legendary password stealer</p> <p>92 Higher, as ambitions</p> <p>96 Build-your-own Tex-Mex dish</p> <p>98 Does a dog trick</p> <p>101 Declare</p> <p>102 Where hangers hang</p> <p>104 They go wherever the wind blows</p> <p>105 They can be batted and rolled</p> | <p>106 When high school seniors often visit the colleges that accepted them</p> <p>107 Like binary questions</p> <p>108 Volt-amperes</p> <p>113 Attention hog, maybe</p> <p>114 Galoot</p> <p>115 Portrait seen on renminbi bills</p> <p>116 Car-sticker fig.</p> <p>117 "Roses ___ red ..."</p> <p>118 Nonsense</p> |
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ANSWERS FOUND IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...

Public Notices

Public Notice of Unclaimed Funds Being held by the City of Beverly Hills

The City of Beverly Hills hereby provides notice to owners of record of unclaimed funds in the City's possession that the unclaimed funds will escheat to the City by operation of law if not claimed by the date and time set forth below. Below is a list of unclaimed funds in the City's possession that have not been claimed, along with the owners of record. This publication notice is the final notice to the owners that these moneys will escheat to the City at 12:01 am on March 24, 2021 by operation of law pursuant to Government Code sections 50050 through 50056, if not claimed by the date specified below.

Any claim for these unclaimed funds must be received by the City no later than 5:30 pm on March 23, 2021. Claims should be filed with the City of Beverly Hills, Accounting Division, Attn: Unclaimed Property, 455 N Rexford Dr #350, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. A claim form may be obtained from the Accounting Division or on the City's website at: <http://www.beverlyhills.org/unclaimedfunds>. Proof of identity will be required.

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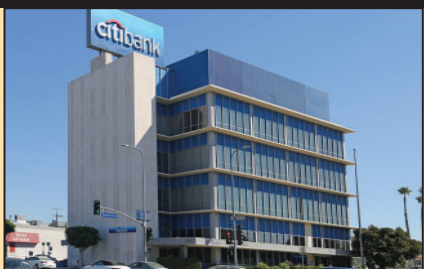
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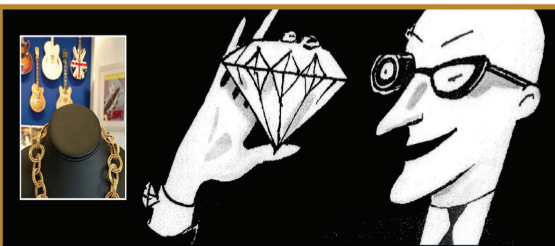
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