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New Legislation Affecting Beverly Hills in 2021

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The State of California has passed a series of high-profile laws meant to address the dangers of COVID-19, gender inequality in the workplace, and the legacy of racial injustice. Locally, Beverly Hills took the lead in quelling the pernicious effects of tobacco products. As of Jan. 1, Beverly Hills is making it much easier for smokers to keep their New Year's resolutions to quit. A ban on the sale

of virtually all tobacco products will go into effect starting in 2021.

The Beverly Hills City Council unanimously approved the ordinance to prohibit the sale of tobacco products in June 2019, the first City Council to do so in the nation. The decision followed public input and recommendations from the City's Health and Safety Commission.

"This week begins an important new chapter in our ongoing effort to promote and protect public health," said Mayor Lester Friedman. "It was over 30 years ago that Beverly Hills became the first City in California to prohibit smoking inside restaurants."

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Beverly Hills goes into 2021 facing COVID-19. Photo by Samuel Braslow

Housing Takes Center Stage in Beverly Hills in 2021

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

With the Beverly Hills City Planning Commission looking ahead at one of its busiest dockets in years, 2021 promises to leave an indelible mark on the City. Perhaps the most consequential matter facing the City is the certification of its Housing Element, a state-mandated document that identifies and plans for housing needs. Over the course of the next year, the Planning Commission will see the City's Housing Element through its drafting, public hearings, City approval, and final submittal for certification. This final step will take place in October.

"I think it will be [a big year], especially because you have the culmination of big policy projects, in terms of the housing element and mixed use," Assistant Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich told the Courier. "Mixed use is done from a zoning standpoint, but we still have to see what projects result from it."

(Housing continues on page 3)

COVID-19 Surges at Year's End

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Los Angeles County continues to make headlines, becoming the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic in the state. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 274 new deaths and 10,392 new cases of COVID-19 as of Dec. 30. In Beverly Hills, there have been 1,575 cases of COVID-19 and 14 deaths. To date, the agency has identified 756,116 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 10,056 deaths. (COVID-19 continues on page 12)



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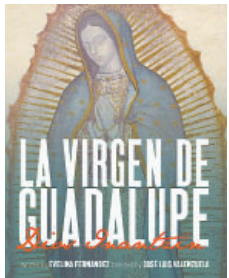
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NOW - DEC. 31

LATINO THEATER COMPANY HOLIDAY PAGEANT "LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE, DIOS INANTZIN"

L.A.'s Latino Theater Company is extending free access to the archival video of its signature holiday pageant, "La Virgen de Guadalupe, Dios Inantzin," through Dec. 31. It stars renowned opera singer Suzanna Guzman, Sal Lopez and over 100 actors, singers and indigenous Aztec dancers as well as children and seniors from the community. <https://www.theladc.org/lavirgen>

NOW - DEC. 31

MET STARS LIVE IN CONCERT

The Met presents "Met Stars Live in Concert," a series of pay-per-view concerts featuring some of the world's greatest singers performing show-stopping arias, filmed in HD and transmitted live via satellite. Each concert remains available for 12 days. Featuring stars such as Renée Fleming, Anna Netrebko and Angel Blue, the performers represent a cross-section of the opera world. <https://metstarslive.brightcove-services.com/>

NOW - JAN. 2

GARRY MARSHALL THEATRE: "HOLIDAZE HARMONY" CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7 p.m.

Garry Marshall Theatre presents encore show dates to their popular Christmas streaming event "Holidaze Harmony," including new bonus material. Recording artists and Broadway stars Terron Brooks and Kamilah Marshall reunite for the virtual concert filmed on stage at the Garry Marshall Theatre. It is part variety show, part intimate concert, and all feel-good. The performance can be viewed on demand through Jan. 2. <https://www.garrymarshalltheatre.org/>



NOW - JAN. 3

WALLIS ANNEBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS - "ESTELLA SCROOGE: A CHRISTMAS CAROL WITH A TWIST"

"Estella Scrooge: A Christmas Carol with a Twist" features a cast of 24 Broadway notables in a unique take on the Dickens classic brought to life as a lush new Broadway musical. Estella Scrooge is a young Wall Street tycoon with a penchant for foreclosing. A hotelier in her hometown of Pickwick has defaulted on his mortgage loan and Estella fancies the idea of delivering the foreclosure in person on Christmas Eve. Arriving at Harthouse, Estella discovers that the defaulting party is none other than her childhood sweetheart, Pip Nickleby. <https://thewallis.org/Scrooge>



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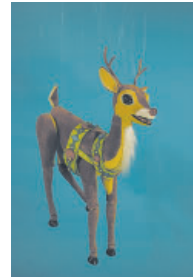
CENTER THEATRE GROUP: "THE HIP HOP NUTCRACKER"

The Center Theatre Group presents the livestream performance of "The Hip Hop Nutcracker." Recorded live at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, "The Hip Hop Nutcracker" is a holiday mash-up for the entire family. Directed and choreographed by Olivier nominee Jennifer Weber, it is a contemporary dance set to Tchaikovsky's timeless music. Performers include a dozen all-star dancers, a DJ, a violinist, and MC Kurtis Blow, one of hip hop's founding fathers. <https://www.centertheatregroup.org/digitalstage/premium-events/the-hip-hop-nutcracker/>

NOW - JAN. 3

GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE: "CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Geffen Playhouse's hit 2018 production "Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol" was filmed for on-demand viewing. The timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge comes to new life as Tony Award winner Jefferson Mays plays over 50 roles. Directed by Michael Arden, this streaming event conjures the powerful spirits of Christmas and brings all the magic of live theatre home for the holidays. Streaming is available for 24 hours after activating the link. <https://www.geffenplayhouse.org/shows/charles-dickens-a-christmas-carol-2020/>



NOW - JAN. 3

PASADENA PLAYHOUSE: BOB BAKER MARIONETTE THEATER'S "HOLIDAY ON STRINGS!"

Pasadena Playhouse presents holiday programming on Playhouse Live with an exclusive streaming of Bob Baker Marionette Theater's "Holiday on Strings!" brought directly into the home for the first time. Filmed in front of a live audience, this holiday tradition is part of the line-up of pay-per-view streaming theatrical events. <https://playouselive.org/>

NOW - JAN. 3

THE ELF ON THE SHELF'S MAGICAL HOLIDAY DRIVE-THRU JOURNEY 5-11 p.m.

The Elf on the Shelf's Magical Holiday Journey provides a magical wonderland from the comfort and safety of your car. The hour-long adventure to help save Christmas after Santa Claus takes visitors to a series of larger-than-life, holiday dream worlds to help find the magic Santa needs to fly again. Along the way, see a Toy Repair Workshop, Gingerbread Village covered in decadent candy, Arctic Winter Wonderland, Santa's Magical Grotto, and more. The event takes place at 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona. <https://elfontheshelfjourney.com>

DEC. 31

SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE NEW YEAR'S EVE MUSICAL REVUE 7:30, 10:30 p.m.

The 49th Annual New Year's Eve Musical Revue is a family-friendly livestream that includes singing, dancing and humor from audience favorite productions. Selections include 40s jazz, country rock, Jewish songs, romantic ballads and sing-a-longs. The 10:30 p.m. show features a midnight countdown with the cast. <https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/NYE2020.html>



DEC. 31

GRAND PARK'S NYELA 11 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

The annual flagship West Coast countdown celebration "Grand Park's NYELA" will ring in 2021 with a new format as a special national broadcast and streaming event for the first time. Viewers can tune in or log on to watch on Fuse, or stream on the Fuse YouTube channel, Grand Park's digital channels and on "The Music Center Offstage." The event's signature midnight countdown takes Los Angeles County's New Year's Eve tradition to new heights as 3D animation graphics will highlight community, resiliency and Los Angeles as part of the annual digital countdown show. <https://nyela.grandparkla.org/>



JAN. 1

THE ROSE PARADE'S NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 8-10 a.m.

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses presents a two-hour TV entertainment special on New Year's Day that will air on ABC, NBC, KTLA, Hallmark Channel and RFD-TV on 8 a.m., and on Univision at 7 a.m. The show features musical performances by Sheryl Crow, Mickey Guyton, Tori Kelly, Lady A, Rascal Flatts, and The War and Treaty, and celebrity guest appearances. Also included are marching band performances, Rose Bowl Game highlights, equestrians, spectacular floats from years past, and a behind-the-scenes look into the making of a float. <https://tournamentofroses.com/>

JAN. 1

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 episodes curated by Latin GRAMMY-nominated composer Juan Pablo Contreras, premiering on Jan. 1. Episode 5, "López, Montgomery + Contreras," celebrates composers from around the Americas while their musical influences and flavors originate from their native countries. <https://www.laco.org/laco-at-home/>

(Housing continued from page 1)

Every eight years, cities and jurisdictions in California draw up a new Housing Element, a part of the City's General Plan that considers the housing needs of the community and anticipates how that need will change. At the center of the Housing Element is the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA, pronounced "ree-na") number, an evaluation of the number of housing units needed in the state in the next eight years.

This figure is determined by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which examines population data, economic and demographic trends, overcrowding, and overpayment of rents and mortgages. The number that HCD calculates gets passed to a local regional planning agency—the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), in the case of Beverly Hills—that looks at more local data and distributes the total among its jurisdictions.

In this latest round of the Housing Elements cycle, as cities across California grappled with soaring rents and a homelessness crisis, HCD announced an ambitious goal of about 3.5 million new units. Southern California's share of the load came out to 1.3 million units. The number that trickled down to Beverly Hills is 3,096 units.

The City Council has bristled at the RHNA allocation, viewing it as unrealistic for a city with high property value and no vacant land. But as City staff and consultants have made clear, HCD has wide discretion to decide the RHNA numbers and local jurisdictions have little recourse to challenge them.

As Gohlich said, "RHNA really is a planning and zoning tool, it's not a production requirement." Put another way, the state is not mandating that Beverly Hills construct 3,000 units of housing. "Under RHNA, you just have to make sure that you are properly planning and zoning for the units required under RHNA. You don't actually have to build those units."

One reason for the City's anxiety surrounding the RHNA numbers is the limited options it has for adding housing. "There's basically three primary ways of increasing housing stock," Gohlich explained. "It's the mixed use, it's up-zoning to create more housing opportunities than you have today, and then it's also the Accessory Dwelling Unit. Beyond that, there's not a whole lot of tools in the toolbox to try to tackle it."

The City Council has also begun to explore the idea of becoming a developer of affordable housing itself using City-owned property—a prospect the Council discussed at the Dec. 8 Study Session. "That would be one way of trying to put a potentially significant dent in the RHNA number, and something where we have pretty full control over it and we're not reliant on outside forces that affect private development," Gohlich said.

The mixed-use ordinance was one of 2020's marquee items. The ordinance, which the City Council passed on Nov. 10, allows for mixed use development in certain commercial areas of the City. Developments within the new overlay zone can include both residential and commercial uses. The ordinance elicited strong feelings in the community, with some residents worrying that it would fundamentally alter the character of the community. But without passing the ordinance, the City would have little chance at reaching its RHNA numbers.

With the ordinance passed, Gohlich doesn't expect to see a rush of developers eager to convert commercial space into mixed use in

2021. "We're starting to get inquiries about what people might be able to do with properties, but I think we're probably at least a handful of months off from seeing any actual applications just because of the time involved in getting the whole package put together," he said.

But the slow rollout will not impact the number of units the City gets credited for as a result of the ordinance, Gohlich says. "Because of that timing, I don't think that HCD will really look at that. What they're going to be looking at is, what's the existing use of the property, is it underdeveloped, is it ripe for redevelopment, and then how many units could we expect to see there."

In addition to mixed use, the City will consider incentivizing the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on both single-family and multi-family zoned properties. "The concept has been around for decades and it's allowed people to build an extra unit on their single-family property," Gohlich said, though now they are permitted on multi-family zoned properties as well. "That is an area where we've got thousands and thousands of single-family properties in Beverly Hills and all of those are potential properties where ADUs can be constructed to help get us some additional RHNA credit."

Gohlich says that in the coming year, the Planning Commission may bring forward an ordinance dealing with ADUs. "Something that we can look at through that ordinance process is potentially trying to make it even easier for ADUs to be constructed and that might get us some extra credit with respect to RHNA," he said. This could involve relaxing development standards or even engaging an architectural firm to draw up pre-approved plans for ADUs. "We could, in theory, have pre-prepared and pre-reviewed plans that people can just use and say, this is the ADU that I want to build on my property, and that could be a significant time and cost savings to people that want to build an ADU."

Much depends on how much credit HCD gives the City for mixed use, which the City will not know until negotiations begin with HCD later in the year. "As we do our available sites inventory, looking at all of the properties in the City and what the built environment looks like and where we've got room for additional housing units, that's really going to inform whether and to what degree we need to rezone elsewhere," Gohlich said. "I'm hopeful that we will get a significant amount of credit for mixed use, and then also credit for Accessory Dwelling Units."

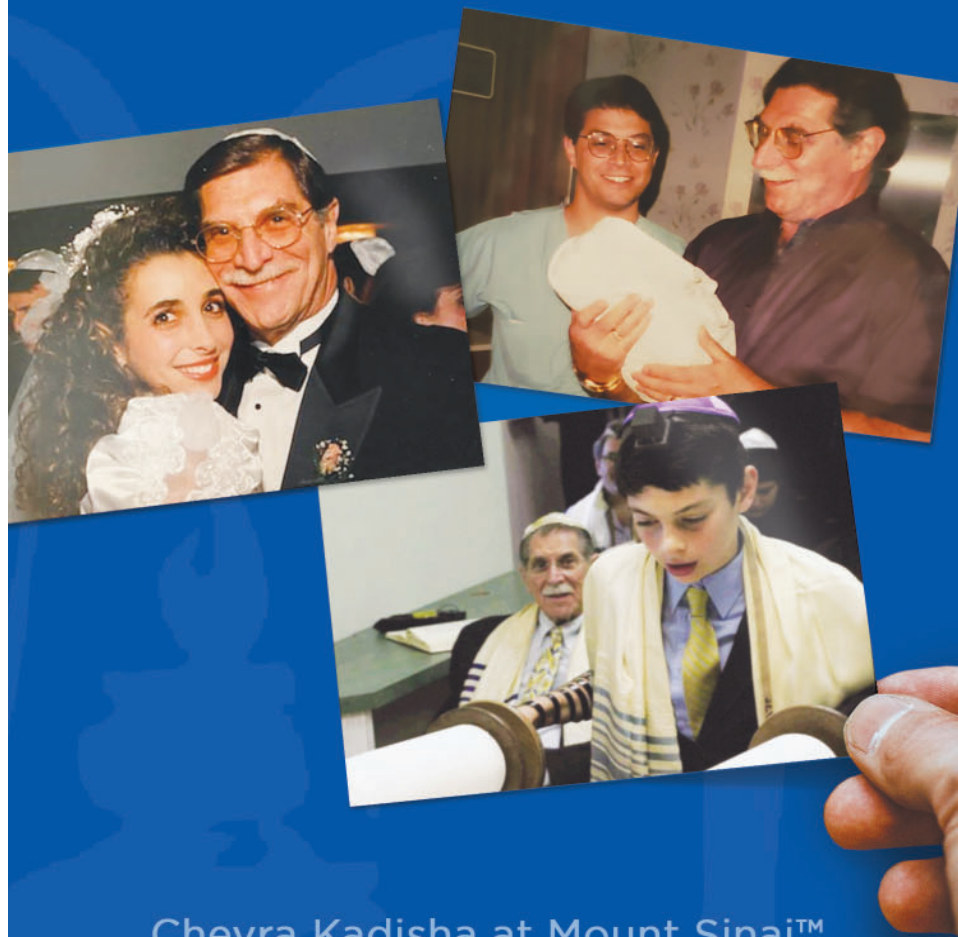
Gohlich is optimistic that the process will not require seismic changes to the City, saying, "My hope is that [mixed use and ADUs] will put us in a good position where we don't need to necessarily do any drastic changes elsewhere in the City."

The process for preparing the new Housing Element officially began back in March 2020, when the City enlisted a consultant to begin work with the Planning Commission in reviewing the previous 2014 Housing Element. From September 2020 until March 2021, the City will perform outreach to the community to elicit input. Gohlich estimates that the Planning Commission will have a Draft Housing Element prepared between April and June, with public hearings following in July and August. By September, the City Council will either approve or reject the draft.

"The hope is that we finalize the Housing Element and are able to get it certified by HCD around October," Gohlich said. ●



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Metro to Reclose Constellation Boulevard Through April

BY ANA FIGUEROA

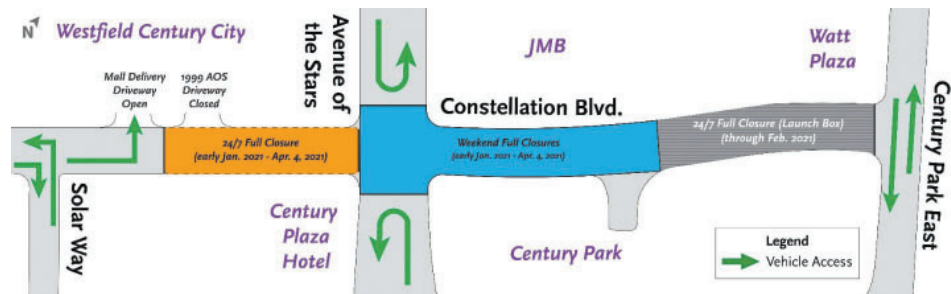


Diagram of upcoming closures

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has announced plans to reimplement closures of Constellation Boulevard beginning Jan. 8. The closures are needed to complete the piling and decking during low-traffic conditions due to state and county stay-at-home restrictions. Transportation projects such as the Metro Purple Line Extension are considered an “essential critical infrastructure,” and are not subject to those health orders.

The projected date for reopening traffic on Constellation Boulevard is April 5.

Closures include a 24 hour a day, 7 day a

week full closure of Constellation Boulevard west of Avenue of the Stars, full weekend closures of the intersection at Constellation Boulevard and Avenue of the Stars, a partial lane closure east of Avenue of the Stars on weekdays, and full closures east of Avenue of the Stars on weekends.

During the closures, no vehicle access will be permitted on Constellation Boulevard west of Avenue of the Stars up to Solar Way. Local access west of Solar Way will be maintained. Driveways into Westfield Mall and Constellation Place will remain accessible.

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WeHo Approves Scooters and E-Bikes

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



West Hollywood will start seeing more micromobility transportation like scooters. Photo by Samuel Braslow

On Dec. 21, the West Hollywood City Council unanimously approved a pilot program to introduce e-bikes and e-scooters onto its streets. Three dockless vehicle companies will participate in the pilot, including Wheels, Lime, and Bird. The Council cited the pandemic as a reason for starting the program now. Beverly Hills cited the pandemic in November as a reason to further extend the city’s ban on ride-sharing services.

“Amongst things that I heard on the campaign trail, almost every other person was, ‘And please, for the love of God, stop the ban on scooters,’” said newly elected Councilmember John Erickson. “I, myself, who was once at one point really vehemently against a lot of these items, because I saw a lot of the impairments that it would bring about, started using them because my car broke down last year at this time and I had no way to get to work.”

The move comes just over two years after the city shuttered its own dockless bike share program, WeHo Pedals. The city then turned to the private marketplace for a solution, putting out a call for applications for a dockless electric bike share program in May 2019. Due to the “restrictive nature of the proposed program,” it received no contenders. Undaunted, the city put out a revised call in August 2019 and received applications from Jump, Bird, Lime and Wheels. By the time the city had vetted the applicants and was nearing a decision in January of 2020, COVID-19 began to spread through China, interrupting international supply chains.

The two top contenders for the program, Jump and Bird, both reported to West Hollywood that they would not be able to participate given the disruptions. The final nail in the coffin came when Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) prohibited use of micromobility services during the pandemic—a ban that Public Health lifted in October.

At the Dec. 21 meeting, the Council decided to begin the pilot program with the existing three applicants. The program will last 18 months, with the Council evaluating its progress every six months. The agenda

item elicited considerable public comment, including from representatives from the companies vying for the pilot program.

“Ever since our founding in 2018, we have called West Hollywood home. I can promise you that no one would be more excited than us to follow the guidelines and make sure we make this community of West Hollywood proud,” said Wheels Chief Development Officer Paul Vizcaino.

In contrast to West Hollywood, Beverly Hills opted to continue its ban on shared-use transportation services at its Nov. 17 Regular Meeting. Beverly Hills first banned the devices after they began multiplying across the City in 2018. “The reason was complaints about riding on the sidewalk, the storage of the devices, leaving them on sidewalks, and then the public right of way,” explained Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz at the meeting.

The Beverly Hills City Council weighed multiple pilot programs during the six month ban, but found that none of them adequately addressed the issues. The Council then put in place a prohibition lasting until January 2021. In light of the pandemic, the Council extended the moratorium until one year after either the State of California or the City of Beverly Hills lifted its declaration of emergency—whichever comes first.

West Hollywood, however, saw the pandemic as a compelling reason to implement the program. As one caller pointed out, COVID-19 has complicated other forms of transportation. “More people are looking for ways to get around and not get in the car with someone. I’ve used Uber once in the last 10 months because I don’t feel comfortable with getting in the car with a stranger,” one commenter said.

“Micromobility will help our community deal with gridlock and existential climate crisis by providing locals and visitors with alternative modes to move around the city that’s not only more sustainable than driving but also a great deal of fun,” said West Hollywood Transportation Commissioner Alexander Bazley, who commented as a resident ●

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With No End In Sight, Restaurants Flout COVID Restrictions

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



La Scala has come under fire for planned NYE dinner. Photo by Samuel Braslow

As COVID-19 restrictions have hardened over recent months, a growing number of restaurants have begun to push back in frustration, defying Los Angeles County, and state orders. Across the county, with both indoor and outdoor dining prohibited, some have made vocal displays of opposition, while others have attempted more covert operations. The conflict has spotlighted the tension between businesses and public health objectives at a time when federal aid has taken months to clear through Congress. With California's Regional Stay At Home Orders extended on Dec. 28, restaurants see no end in sight to the prohibitions, leaving some to ask: what now?

While restaurants have faced restrictions since the first days of the pandemic, for months, officials allowed them to offer outside dining. But amidst the most recent third wave of the pandemic, which has filled ICUs to capacity and forced hospitals to ration care, state and county officials reacted with more stringent guidelines. On Nov. 25, after logging a five-day average of more than 4,000 new cases a day, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) instituted new rules that banned outdoor dining.

"The persistent high number of cases requires additional safety measures that limit mixing in settings where people are not wearing masks," said Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer. "We hope individuals continue to support restaurants, breweries and wineries by ordering for take-out or delivery."

The rules quickly came under fire by critics for lacking a specific scientific backing. Multiple cities, including Beverly Hills,

bristled against the restrictions and floated the idea of starting their own health departments. The California Restaurant Association soon challenged the ban in court. But even when a judge ruled in favor of ending the ban, finding that the county had acted "arbitrarily" and without sufficient justification, the victory was short lived. On Dec. 5, after ICU capacity in Southern California fell below 15 percent, a new Regional Stay At Home Order went into effect that also prohibited outdoor dining.

On Dec. 29, the California Department of Public Health released the latest set of numbers for ICU capacity across the state, which showed Southern California at zero percent capacity. Dr. Mark Ghaly, secretary of California Health and Human Services Agency, announced an extension to the restrictions at a press briefing on Dec. 29. He did not provide a timetable about when the state would ease the restrictions.

"Regions must remain under the order for at least three weeks and shall continue in that order until the ICU projections are above or equal to 15 percent," Ghaly said.

While the majority of dining establishments appear to be complying with the state guidelines, restaurants across the county have started to go their own way, including in places like Venice, Malibu, and Huntington Beach. In Beverly Hills, local Italian eatery La Scala was caught planning a tentative New Years Eve dinner. Customers who ordered delivery found a note included in their order advertising a "Speak Easy" event.

"We are considering taking reservations for New Year's Eve Dinner. Inside," the note read. "Please keep this discreet, but tell your friends."

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BHPD Suspects Rodeo Robberies are Connected

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Fendi on Rodeo Drive Photo by Scott Downie/Celebrity Photos

In the span of four days, two prominent stores on Rodeo Drive were struck by coordinated robberies that carried away tens of thousands of dollars worth in merchandise. Yves Saint Laurent on Rodeo and South Santa Monica Boulevard was struck on Dec. 27 and Fendi was robbed on Dec. 29. The incidents, both filmed and widely shared on social media, involved multiple suspects who entered the stores, quickly grabbed merchandise,

and fled. In the most recent heist, Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) patrol units intercepted a suspect's vehicle shortly after the event and made four arrests. The two crimes share many of the same details, and according to BHPD, officials suspect a link.

"Due to the on-scene investigation and immediate crime follow up, we believe the arrest [on Dec. 27] is connected to the Saint Laurent crime earlier in the week," BHPD Spokesperson Lt. Max Subin told the Courier. He could not elaborate on the connection between the arrests and the other crimes, citing the ongoing investigation.

The Yves Saint Laurent robbery occurred around 5:35 p.m. when about eight suspects walked into the luxury store and seized "items including purses, and fled," Subin said. According to initial estimates of the haul, the suspects made off with \$50,000 of merchandise. "As they were fleeing, the security guard was sprayed in the face with a substance believed to be pepper-spray." (Rodeo Robberies continues on page 11)

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Hope and Resilience in 2021

BY EVA RITVO, M.D.



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New Year's 2021! We made it here. On New Year's Day last year, very few of us had any inkling of what lay ahead. It has been an incredibly challenging year for most of the 7.6 billion people on the planet. It felt like being in a slow-motion train wreck. Experiences ranged widely depending on where you sat on the train. Uncertainty and fear were almost universal. Yet, as the 19th century German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said, "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger." So how do we face 2021 and what lies ahead?

The news will continue to focus on the negatives to scare us and raise our cortisol levels. Cortisol narrows our focus, which makes us watch more news. As Randolph Hearst discovered in the late 1800's, "If it bleeds, it leads." This year has been a stunning example of this phenomenon as it has been hard to think, talk or feel much about anything else.

And indeed "the darkest hour is just before the dawn." We are currently in the riskiest part of the pandemic and we must remain vigilant! We cannot lose focus. Don't give in to COVID-19 complacency. Remain cautious. As we enter 2021, we know so much more about the virus than we did mere months ago. We can begin to see our way out of the darkness as 2021 is taking shape.

In March, I wrote to you that we needed to stay inside, follow the advice of the CDC and wait for our scientists and medical professionals to find a way out of this pandemic. Two vaccines making their way through development to distribution this rapidly is a miracle of modern medicine. The enthusiasm amongst the medical community is palpable, and it is so heartening that the heroes of this pandemic are already being vaccinated. Two million of the four million doses given worldwide were to healthcare

providers in the U.S. We can now track the hopeful number of people vaccinated alongside those who have become infected or died. <https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations>

Think about what you will do when you receive your vaccine. The 1918 pandemic gave rise to the Roaring Twenties. What is next for our civilization? Can we emerge from our cocoons after months of struggle like beautiful butterflies? Reflect on how you matured this year. What have you learned to value more? What have you been able to let go? What can you do better now? Actively focusing on the positives while not denying the negatives will allow for a better transition to 2021.

We are innately wired to adapt to adversity and therefore resilient. The key is to be able to tap into this wiring by developing behaviors, habits and strategies that support us.

Post traumatic growth (PTG) is a theory in mental health that explains a kind of transformation following trauma. It was developed by psychologists Richard Tedeschi, Ph.D. and Lawrence Calhoun, Ph.D. in the mid-1990s. They have studied how people experience positive growth following adversity. "People develop new understandings of themselves, the world they live in, how to relate to other people, the kind of future they might have and a better understanding of how to live life," said Tedeschi. One half to two thirds of individuals experiencing trauma will experience PTG. Given that the whole world has gone through this collective trauma, far better times may indeed be ahead.

Resilience experts such as Eva Selhub, M.D. (<https://www.amazon.com/Resilience-Dummies-TA-TK/dp/1119773415>) suggest cultivating the six pillars of resilience:

Physical Vitality: Our health has most certainly been at the forefront of our minds throughout most of 2020. Optimal physical and mental health allows us to deal with stress more effectively. Eating at home has improved the level of nutrition for many and made it easier to limit dessert and alcohol. Exercise is often easier to do in groups or classes (thanks to our mirror neurons) so for many, their fitness level may have declined. It is vital to move more as we emerge from our confinement. We must continue to focus on optimizing our health: 2020 brought into sharp focus the importance of health. Without it, little else matters.

Mental Toughness: If on last New Year's Day, I told you that you would spend the year alone or with very few people, inside your house and unable to shop, travel or go to a restaurant you would have thought I lost my mind. Most of us would feel that would have been impossible. Yet, we did it. Many of us have learned to clean our own houses, cook our own food and do our own laundry. One friend even learned to play the cello over Zoom. We have adapted to living with far fewer pleasures. We have cultivated multiple ways to tame our anxieties. Of course, it is always a work in progress, but we have come a long way in a short time.

Emotional Balance: Anxiety and depression were easy to fall into in 2020. But as we emerge, the pendulum will swing the other way. We must actively focus on positive emotions such as joy, gratitude, and optimism.

What are you hopeful for? I can't wait to get my vaccine and get on a plane to see my family. I am incredibly grateful for our medical community who has tolled to keep us safe and restore our health in countless ways. Vaccines offer the brightest hope for our future and the countless people behind the scenes working on distribution will be

the heroes of 2021. I am also grateful that after months of hearing about the possibility of a civil war, it appears we are rapidly approaching a successful transfer of power.

Loving and Strong Connections: The pandemic has dramatically altered with whom and how we interact. For many this has brought welcome change. Introverts have ruled this year as social obligations have all but disappeared. Extroverts have found very creative ways to connect using technology. Many of my patients have found renewed happiness in their primary relationships as they have the opportunity to spend far more time together. The dating scene, which was spiraling out of control, has vastly improved for many as the options have narrowed to more realistic levels. People are coupling again, which bring hope for a more stable future.

Spiritual Connection: Facing death helps us look at our life from a very different perspective. Why are we here? What really matters? What we can live without? We have forgone so much of what we took for granted in the past. How can we reintegrate with life with a deeper appreciation recognizing that every day is a gift?

Become an Inspiring Leader: Once again, I am asking Beverly Hills Courier readers to be the light. We can grow from trauma, not succumb to depression, self-destruction or divisiveness. We must continue to care for ourselves, our families and our community. We must work together to ensure a brighter and safer future for all.

Wishing you a safe, happy and healthy 2021.

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Carl Jung, Ph.D. ●





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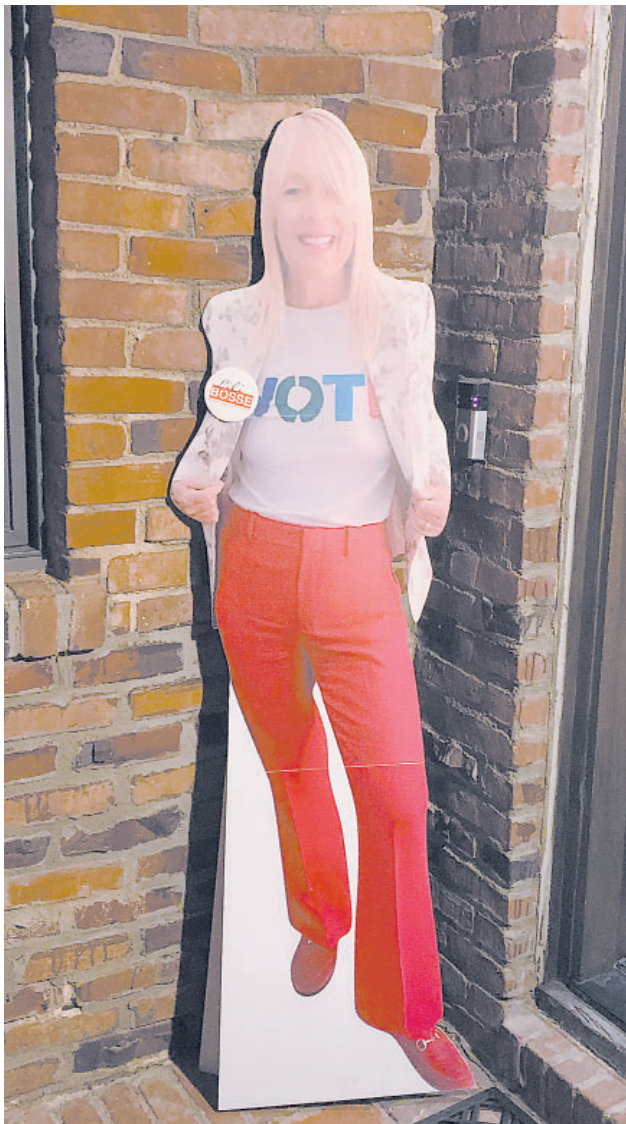
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Beverly Hills 2020 in Review

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

It began auspiciously enough, a double-digit year of “perfect vision.” In the early months of 2020, artists unveiled public murals, candidates sparred spiritedly, and busloads of tourists posed for photos beside the palm trees of Beverly Hills. It would change, almost overnight, before spring. Health care workers became heroes, masks became mandatory and homes became schoolrooms. Summer brought Black Lives Matter protests, the National Guard, Freedom Rallies, civil unrest and EDD fraud. In 2020, the City excelled at conducting business virtually. Restaurants, salons, retailers and more struggled to conduct any business at all as health orders stretched into fall and winter. But Rodeo Drive still glimmered for the holidays. In this most unusual, difficult year, Beverly Hills never lost its luster and the belief in brighter days ahead.

Below are some images that defined 2020:



Councilmember Lili Bosse cutout at campaign party March 3



Socially-distanced shoppers waiting outside Dior on Rodeo Drive. Photo by Samuel Braslow.



National Guard at the Beverly Hills Civic Center June 6.



BHPD Officer Chase takes a knee with protestors June 2.



BHUSD School Board Members at BHHS graduation June 4.



BHUSD parents protest school closures on July 9.



One of many City safeguards against Covid-19, on Aug. 3.



Personal care workers protest salon closures Aug. 24.



Supporters of President Trump at Beverly Gardens Park Freedom Rally in October.



Trump supporters take to the streets Oct. 31.



Stores on Rodeo Drive place a hold on accepting EDD cards as payment on Sept. 18.



Nate n' Al's serving takeout and delivery on Sept. 23.



Beverly Hills in-person voting center Nov. 3.



Decorations at 2Rodeo.



Holiday Display on Rodeo Drive Photo by Samuel Braslow.

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January 2



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January 3



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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What happens all of the sudden is exciting for several reasons, the foremost being that you don't have time to think. Your animal self takes over, and you do what you were designed to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When the student is ready, the master appears. You feel ready, and yet there is still a piece you haven't committed to yet. You'll read it, work it or do whatever needs doing. Then your teacher will arrive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Make a decision and stick with it for three days. There is no such thing as a perfect choice. Don't waste energy trying to find it. You don't know who is watching your bravery, but later, this will be significant.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Add heat or time and you'll notice that the reduction of things is unique to the object. Some things become more concentrated, some less, the universal principal being that everything changes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). They love

you, but they don't know how to show you. This is a bittersweet theme that you can make all sweet by telling them what you want and need and making it easy for them to give it to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Asking for help when you need it isn't a sign of weakness; rather, it's the picture of effectiveness. Strength is the result of a willful force coming up against a worthy adversary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Different forums have different structures. Sports favor the one with the most points. Entertainment favors the ones with the most followers. In the forum you're navigating today, charm wins, so you have the home-team advantage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are so few people in the world who are actually funny. You discount the gift because you were born with it and it is common to you. You won't discount it today. Your humor helps people, and you'll share it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't need to reinvent the wheel here. Figure out what you did right back there, and just do more of that. It's not hard to spot. What's harder is taking the time to be with yourself, recognize and note it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your

people are coming out of the woodwork. When you think about it, that is a slightly creepy concept, and yet it is the most fitting image. You're an organic creature calling to the same.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You thought you had the time to work things out, and maybe you misjudged that. It's a common problem. Things can be worked out. Just know that everything you do is being counted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Test it. Go there. Something is going to happen -- something uncomfortable, maybe even painful for a moment.

But what if this is your one and only life? Whatcha got?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 8). How are you putting your skills out there? This is the year that amplifies what you are good at, lifts your effervescent spirit into the ether and calls into the beauty of your kindreds. Together, you will be like a wave, providing a voyage, a ride, a mix-up of energies and processes. You're a proud pulse in the beautiful swell. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 22, 19 and 38.



Tabby is a 13-year-old Maltipoo who weighs 10 pounds. Her parents are sick in the hospital with COVID-19. If you can provide this sweet girl with a new home, please call Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538.

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(Rodeo Robberies continued from page 5)

A few nights later around 6 p.m., a woman who had witnessed the suspects running out of Yves Saint Laurent noticed a crowd congregating near Fendi. She snapped a picture on her phone, and then moments later, filmed as 10 suspects bolted out of Fendi with products in hand and ran into three cars idling outside.

"It was like in the span of a couple minutes," Josh Lekach, a relative of the woman who posted the video told the Courier. The woman wished to remain anonymous. "They

were congregating and then they went in and then grabbed stuff and then left."

Initial reports calculated the loss at \$67,000 in goods.

According to Subin, BHPD patrol units located one of the vehicles from the scene, found items from Fendi inside, and arrested the four occupants inside. "The suspects arrested last night for robbery were all juveniles and released to their parents," he said.

The BHPD Detectives Bureau and Crime Impact Team (CIT) are currently investigating both crimes and working to locate the other two vehicles that got away. ●

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The Constellation Boulevard driveway into 1999 Avenue of the Stars (SunAmerica) will be closed. Access will be maintained on Avenue of the Stars only.

Weekday access on Constellation Boulevard east of Avenue of the Stars to the Century Park driveway will be permitted. However, there will be no access on weekends from 8 p.m. Fridays through 6 a.m. Mondays. Avenue of the Stars will remain accessible for northbound/southbound

traffic on weekdays only.

The intersection at Constellation Boulevard and Avenue of the Stars will be closed each weekend. Vehicle detours will be in place to direct traffic around the closure via Olympic Boulevard, Century Park West, Santa Monica Boulevard and Century Park East. Pedestrian access will be maintained on Constellation Boulevard from Solar Way to Century Park East.

For additional information, visit <https://www.metro.net/service/advisories/> ●

(New Legislation continued from page 1)

"Since then, we have continued to implement policies that will ultimately save lives. Thank you to all who worked to bring us to this extraordinary day."

The following are key provisions of the new ordinance:

Effective Jan. 1, hotels, existing and future, may only sell to guests;

Effective Jan. 1, all other businesses shall stop selling tobacco products; An exemption/carve out applies for existing cigar lounges;

A limited temporary hardship exemption provision applies for retailers that demonstrate the ban would cause undue hardship; and the City Council will review the impacts of the Ordinance in three years.

In addition to the new Beverly Hills ordinance, several state-wide laws of note are taking effect in the new year.

Assembly Bill 685, or the COVID-19 Infection Prevention Requirements Act, arms the state with a more robust toolset to respond to COVID-19 outbreaks at workplaces. Under the new law, the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) can order an entire worksite or a portion of a worksite to close if it risks exposing workers to COVID-19. Cal/OSHA can also issue citations for serious violations without giving employers a 15-day notice. Both of these provisions of the law go into effect on Jan. 1, and last until Jan. 1, 2023.

AB 685 also requires employers to notify workers of potential exposure to the pathogen within a day of learning of the potential exposure. Companies must also notify local public health agencies of an outbreak within 48 hours of its discovery. In Los Angeles County, an outbreak is defined as three or more cases.

Also citing the pandemic for its justification, California expanded access to family leave protections to employees of small businesses with Senate Bill 1383. Starting Jan. 1, employers with five employees or more must allow employees time to bond with a newborn, care for a seriously sick family member,

or address their own illness. The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce opposed the bill.

"Californians deserve to be able to take time off to care for themselves or a sick family member without fearing they'll lose their job," Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement. "The COVID-19 pandemic has only further revealed the need for a family leave policy that truly serves families and workers, especially those who keep our economy running. This bill will ensure almost all Californians can access the time off they need to keep themselves and their communities healthy."

In addition to these worker protections, the legislature passed a law with the aim of tackling the gender wage gap. Senate Bill 973, which Newsom signed into law on Sept. 30, will require companies with 100 or more employees to report pay data to the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing. The data must be sorted by race, ethnicity and sex. While the information will remain confidential, it could potentially be used in discrimination lawsuits.

In a year that saw the birth of one of the largest and loudest civil rights movements in American history, California responded with legislation to try and meet the moment. California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 979 into law on Sep. 30, mandating that certain publicly held corporations headquartered in California diversify their boardrooms. The law will apply to about 625 corporations, requiring that they have at least one member of an underrepresented community on their boards of directors by the end of 2021. The required number of representatives from such communities will grow in subsequent years. The law, along with a similar law related to inclusion of women in boardrooms, face ongoing legal challenges.

"Corporations have money, power, and influence," Assemblymember Chris Holden (D - Pasadena), who introduced the bill, said in a statement. "If we are going to address racial injustice and inequity in our society, it's imperative that corporate boards reflect the diversity of our State." ●

(Restaurants continued from page 5)

Images of the note soon found their way on social media and in the inbox of city officials.

"The City has made direct contact with representatives of La Scala (on Dec 24) to confirm the conditions of the County's Health Order," Beverly Hills Spokesperson Keith Sterling said in a statement. "We understand this is an incredibly difficult time for all of our businesses, however the County Order does currently prohibit indoor and outdoor dining, including in the City of Beverly Hills."

La Scala released a statement on Dec. 28 that the invitation meant to read "outside," not "inside."

"Unfortunately, the person that wrote it tried to add some levity and said inside instead of outside," the statement said. Under the Regional Stay At Home Orders, outside dining is also prohibited. "We do want to offer our sincerest apologies and our hearts go out to everyone that has lost a loved one to COVID-19, whether it is from the actual disease, suicide, alcohol, domestic violence, drug overdoses or cancer deaths due to lack of treatment."

The statement also took aim at Sterling, saying, "For the Public Information Officer of the City of Beverly Hills to release statements without talking to Management is shameful."

In response, Sterling pointed out that he was doing his job.

"The City received multiple inquiries last week regarding this issue," he told

the Courier. "We have a responsibility to respond with what actions were taken."

Condemnation of the plan has rippled across social media and among former diners at La Scala. In a letter to the Courier, Leif Wellington Haase, who has patronized La Scala and works in the healthcare field, felt personally offended by the New Year's Eve plans. "As someone who has lost five friends to COVID-19, all of them in agonizing and lonely fashion, your apparent decision to flout public health rules and to plan an indoor meal amidst the worst phase of a pandemic appalls me," he wrote, addressing the restaurant directly.

But according to restaurateur Giacomino Drago, chef and owner of Beverly Hills restaurants Il Pastaio, Via Alloro, Piccolo Paradiso, and Il Buco, the cycle of outrage over La Scala and others distracts from the real issue.

"We've been in the middle of the ocean for quite a while now," he told the Courier, describing the extended restrictions as the latest wave in a series of waves. Even in the best circumstances, he said that it is difficult to run a profitable restaurant. During the pandemic, with traffic decimated, his restaurants still pay rent and other expenses. By his own estimates, without additional aid, he warns that a large number of restaurants will begin closing. "A restaurant, it's not only a business. It's also a community asset."

"We understand the problem and the difficulty with ICUs," he said. "There isn't an ICU for restaurants." ●



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(COVID-19 continued from page 1)

“The situation we’re currently facing is very alarming and frankly, the alarm was pulled over a month ago, but people did not heed that warning,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis during a Dec. 28 briefing. “One person is dying of COVID-19 every ten minutes in LA County. These are figures that can’t be normalized.”

On Dec. 30, Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said the county is now averaging about 150 COVID-19 deaths per day, nearly equivalent to the number of people who die of all other causes in the county on a daily basis.

On Dec. 29, the state’s Health and Human Services Secretary, Dr. Mark Ghaly announced that the Regional Stay-at-Home Order was formally extended for the Southern California region. The Order initially took effect at 11:59 p.m. Dec. 6 and was set to expire Dec. 28. The order was not extended for any specific timeframe, but the region can emerge from the stay-at-home order when ICU capacity rises above 15 percent. Southern California region’s current ICU capacity is zero percent, and health officials anticipate case numbers and hospitalizations to continue to rise through Jan., based on gatherings that likely occurred for Christmas and will again for New Year’s Eve. Anticipating the state’s action, Los Angeles County extended its local stay-at-home order on Dec. 27, which mirrors the state’s restrictions. Broadly, the Order prohibits gatherings of people from different households.

The following sectors remain closed under the Order: indoor and outdoor dining, personal

care services, cardrooms, wineries, breweries, distilleries, museums, zoos, aquariums, movie theaters, amusement parks, live audience sports and family entertainment centers. Retail remains limited to 20 percent capacity.

On Dec. 29, Governor Newsom said 96 percent of Los Angeles County hospitals diverted ambulances to other facilities over the weekend due to overcrowding in emergency rooms. County hospitals are increasingly unable to find room for emergency patients coming in.

On Dec. 30, Public Health confirmed the highest number of hospitalizations reported in a day with 7,181 people currently hospitalized due to COVID-19. Of the 7,181 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19, 20 percent of them are in Intensive Care Units. The number of daily hospitalizations saw an increase of nearly 1,000 percent from just two months ago, when the County had 750 COVID-19 hospitalizations on Oct. 29. For context, the current number of hospitalizations is more than triple of the July surge where 2,232 people were hospitalized with COVID-19.

As the frightening surge in COVID-19 continues, on Dec. 28 Public Health announced that everyone who has traveled out of the county is required to quarantine for 10 days upon returning. According to Public Health, the best way to safely quarantine is to not leave your home or allow visitors, and to find others who can help you buy groceries and other essential necessities.

Health officials continue to stress that it is important if someone thinks they could be positive for COVID-19 and are awaiting testing



results, to stay at home and act as if they are positive. This means self-isolating for 10 days and 24 hours after symptoms and fever subside. 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. Public Health has a dedicated call line for confirmed cases of COVID-19.

If someone is positive for COVID-19 and has not yet connected with a public health specialist or needs more information on services, call toll-free at 1-833-540-0473. Residents who do not have COVID-19 should continue to call 211 for resources or more information. ●

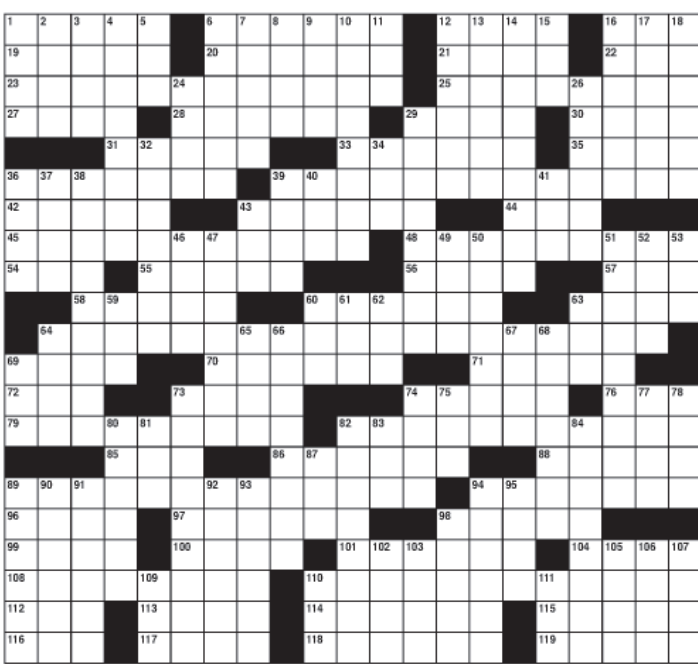
Fun & Games

THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE 01/01/21

PARTNERSHIPS BY DANIEL GRINBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Daniel Grinberg, of Philadelphia, is a researcher and designer in the field of user experience. In 2018, he earned a Ph.D. in film and media studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara. When the pandemic started, Danny had the idea of constructing 30 crosswords in 30 days as a way of coping with lockdown anxiety. He didn't quite make it — more like 28 puzzles in 60 days. That's still quite productive. He thought of this puzzle's theme while brushing his teeth one night (which is not a hint). It's his second appearance in *The Times* and his first Sunday. — WS.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Venomous snake
- 6 “To be honest ...”
- 12 “My goodness!”
- 16 Extinct flightless bird that once grew up to 12 feet
- 19 Like the water in a whistling teakettle
- 20 Puzzled remark
- 21 A student may pass it
- 22 Kid’s refrigerator display
- 23 Law partners
- 25 Booty call?
- 27 How-to manual component
- 28 ___ learning
- 29 Richard of “Chicago”
- 30 Mount ___, workplace of the Cyclopes in Greek myth
- 31 Having a very high body mass index
- 33 Singer with the 2020 album “A Holly Dolly Christmas”
- 35 Problems with streaming
- 36 Puller of strings?
- 39 Silent partners
- 42 Noticeably amazed
- 43 Leigh who played Scarlett
- 44 Train ticket info, for short
- 45 Writing partners
- 48 Spaceman Spiff and Stupendous Man, for Calvin in “Calvin and Hobbes”
- 54 Red ___
- 55 Who “can get in the way of what I feel for you,” in a 2007 No. 1 Alicia Keys hit
- 56 Business suits?
- 57 Famous bed-in participant
- 58 Nest noise
- 60 For example
- 63 Salmon and sturgeon delicacies
- 64 Partners in crime
- 69 Modern meeting method
- 70 Some U.S. space launch rockets
- 71 “See ya”
- 72 Requests at security lines
- 73 Chicago mayor Lightfoot
- 74 Gave up
- 76 First dynasty of imperial China, 221-206 B.C.
- 79 Flier trier?
- 82 Business partners
- 85 Commotion
- 86 Fervent believer
- 88 Walker’s need
- 89 Romantic partners
- 94 Tight-fitting suits
- 96 Apartment, in real estate talk
- 97 Core principles
- 98 Bake, as an egg
- 99 Evil Kermit or Grumpy Cat
- 100 How Phileas Fogg traveled
- 101 Money in coins rather than bills
- 104 Earnest request
- 108 Like some vinaigrette
- 110 Domestic partners
- 112 Sponge off of
- 113 Calendar row
- 114 Magazine bestowing Best of Beauty awards
- 115 Not a big studio film
- 116 Take possession of
- 117 Makes a typo, say
- 118 Gave a boost
- 119 S-shaped moldings
- DOWN**
- 1 Officers above capt.
- 2 What San Diego and Tijuana do
- 3 Airplane ___
- 4 “Notorious” rap nickname
- 5 It may be blond, brown or ginger
- 6 Of the utmost quality
- 7 Snapchatter’s request
- 8 1981 Stephen King thriller
- 9 Certain bolt holder
- 10 Being fixed, as a car at a garage
- 11 Vegan milk source
- 12 Still being debugged
- 13 Turn against
- 14 Event organizer’s count
- 15 ___ to come
- 16 Cocktail with rum, curaçao and fruit juice
- 17 Like monarch butterflies
- 18 Debut album for Etta James
- 24 Apollo’s half brother
- 26 Fool
- 29 Sweet red dessert wine
- 32 Representatives’ term lengths
- 34 A thing in poker?
- 36 Unfortunate events, old-style
- 37 C.I.A. whistle-blower Philip
- 38 Encountered by chance
- 39 Subject of a Magritte work (or not?)
- 40 Simple palindromic reply to “Madam, I’m Adam”
- 41 Fiscal year div.
- 43 Ryder ride
- 46 Dweeb
- 47 Rihanna or Mariah Carey
- 49 Have a preference
- 50 Deep-fried tortilla dish
- 51 Group of heavies
- 52 Universal donor’s blood type, in brief
- 53 Brand of pads
- 59 Sewing 101 assignment
- 60 Didn’t go anywhere
- 61 Spanish article
- 62 Investment options, for short
- 63 Setting for Hitchcock’s “Notorious,” informally
- 64 Portend
- 65 Emperor who ruled for more than 13 years, dying at age 30
- 66 More eye-catching
- 67 Anthony ___, 1950s British P.M.
- 68 Villain with the “real” name Edward Nigma
- 69 Teen’s woe
- 73 Big game changer?
- 74 This is what it sounds like when doves cry
- 75 P.D. or F.D. worker
- 77 Kindergarten comeback
- 78 Indefinite degrees
- 80 Sweetness and sourness
- 81 Canoodling in a crowd, for short
- 82 Prominent feature of the Who’s “My Generation”
- 83 Cheer for Real Madrid
- 84 Drinking game that requires aim
- 87 Winter setting in N.Y.C.
- 89 Deceptive talk
- 90 Perturbation
- 91 Small hole-drilling tool
- 92 Obstinate sort
- 93 Talents
- 94 Really stood out
- 95 Patchy in color
- 98 Close call
- 102 Sport with saddles
- 103 Bevy : quails :: mob : ___
- 105 Fill with freight
- 106 Lake largely fed by the Detroit River
- 107 Lemon or lime drinks, informally
- 109 Wonder
- 110 Piano tune
- 111 Words accompanying a headshot, in brief



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 20SMCP00399
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of:
SOLOMAN LEVI GHALCHI
 To all interested person(s):
 Petitioner:
Amanda Hannah Zarabi Ghalchi and Daniel David Ghalchi
 current residence address:
450 N. Palm Dr. #106, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
 filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles,
1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse,
 on **November 06, 2020**
 for a Decree changing names as follows:
 Present Name:
SOLOMAN LEVI GHALCHI
 Proposed Name:
JACOB SOLOMON GHALCHI

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
 Date: **February 05, 2021**
 Time: **8:30am**
 Dept: **K**

The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse.**
 Reason for name change: **"No, he is an infant."**
 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.
 Signed:
Amanda Hannah Zarabi Ghalchi and Daniel David Ghalchi
 Judge of the Superior Court
Laurence H. Cho, Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk,
 By: **Marcos Mariseal, Deputy Clerk**

Dated: **November 06, 2020**
 Published: **December 11, 18, 25, 2020, January 01, 2021**
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020207024
 The following is/are doing business as:
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 11301 W. Olympic Blvd., #552, West Los Angeles, CA 90064;
IFGIT Inc. 11301 W. Olympic Blvd. #552, West Los Angeles, CA 90064; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Seiji Liu, Vice President**; Statement is filed

with the County of Los Angeles: December 04, 2020; Published: December 11, 18, 25, 2020, January 01, 2021 **LACC N/C**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 20SMCP00448
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of:
ARACELY P. PLATEROTI
 To all interested person(s):
 Petitioner:
ARACELY P. PLATEROTI
 current residence address:
310 N. Crescent Dr. #309, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
 filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, **1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse,**
 on **December 22, 2020**
 for a Decree changing names as follows:
 Present Name:
ARACELY AMADEUS PLATEROTI
 Proposed Name:
ARACELY AMADEUS PLATEROTI

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
 Date: **February 11, 2021**
 Time: **8:30am**
 Room: **A-203**

The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse.**
 Reason for name change: **"I want to resume my maiden name."**
 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.
 Signed:
Aracely P. Plateroti
 Judge of the Superior Court
Laurence H. Cho, Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk,
 By: **Stacey Watson, Deputy Clerk**

Dated: **December 22, 2020**
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Parry, President: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 15, 2020; Published: December 25, 2020, January 01, 08, 15, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020213844
 The following is/are doing business as: **MPK FITNESS**
 344 S. Elm Dr. #4, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; **Marie P. Knecht** 344 S. Elm Dr. #4, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed February 2012: **Marie P. Knecht, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 11, 2020; Published: December 25, 2020, January 01, 08, 15, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020213846
 The following is/are doing business as:
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 1008 Larrabee St., West Hollywood, CA 90069; **Kelly Dennis** 1008 Larrabee St., West Hollywood, CA 90069; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed November 2015: **Kelly Dennis, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 11, 2020; Published: December 25, 2020, January 01, 08, 15, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020213848
 The following is/are doing business as:
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 22395 S. Western Ave. #303, Torrance, CA 90501; **Personal Space MB, LLC** 22395 S. Western Ave. #303, Torrance, CA 90501; The business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Julian Chan, Secretary:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 11, 2020; Published: December 25, 2020, January 01, 08, 15, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020213850
 The following is/are doing business as:
OHIO WEST PROPERTIES
 11655 Ohio Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025; **Bennett B. Cohon, Trustee, The Survivors Trust** 3654 Motor Ave. #11, Los Angeles, CA 90034; **Bennett B. Cohon, Trustee, The Marilyn Cohon Bypass Trust** 3654 Motor Ave. #11, Los Angeles, CA 90034; The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed March 1992: **Bennett B. Cohon, Trustee:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 11, 2020; Published: December 25, 2020, January 01, 08, 15, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020213852
 The following is/are doing business as:
MOTOR PROPERTIES
 3654 Motor Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90034; **Bennett B. Cohon, Trustee, The Survivors Trust** 3654 Motor Ave. #11, Los Angeles, CA 90034; **Bennett B. Cohon, Trustee, The Marilyn Cohon Bypass Trust** 3654 Motor Ave. #11, Los Angeles, CA 90034; The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 1989: **Bennett B. Cohon, Trustee:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 11, 2020;

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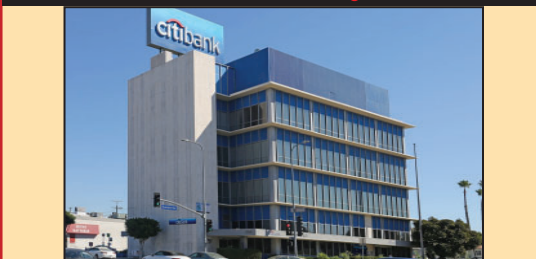
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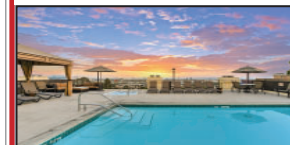
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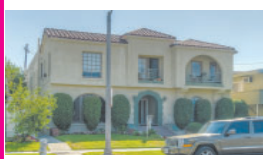
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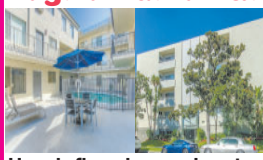
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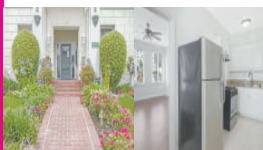
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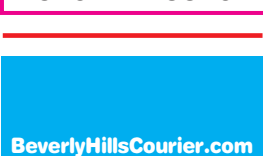


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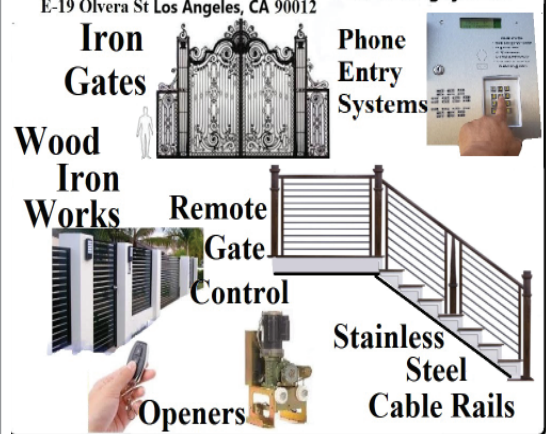
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