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THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

☁	Friday	61° 41°
☀	Saturday	62° 42°
☁	Sunday	58° 46°
☀	Monday	53° 50°
☁	Tuesday	53° 40°
☀	Wednesday	53° 40°
☀	Thursday	55° 44°

City Council Hears Concerns from Residents about Safety in Beverly Hills

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

In the waning and tumultuous days of 2021, the Beverly Hills City Council heard from residents over safety concerns following a spate of high-profile crimes in the city. At the Council's Dec. 7 Regular Session, Beverly

Hills Police Department (BHPD) Chief Mark Stainbrook gave an update on the state of security in the city in the wake of the Dec. 1 killing of long-time resident and philanthropist Jacqueline Avant. Stainbrook reported

that police made an arrest of a suspect, Ariel Maynor, one day after the "horrific tragedy." (Council Hears Concerns continues on page 15)



Chief Mark Stainbrook at a press conference on Dec. 2. He updated the City Council at a meeting on Dec. 7. Photo by Samuel Braslow

Beverly Hills Charity Food Truck Feeds Homeless

BY CARL ROBINETTE



Father Ed Benioff (left) poses with three-time NBA champion Byron Scott (middle) and Scott's wife Cecilia (right) at a Feed My Poor fundraiser Dec. 5. Photo by Carl Robinette

Soaking wet and shivering, Father Ed Benioff of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills climbed out of a dunk tank after spending two hours in the cold during a Dec. 5 charity

fundraising event. Smiling and greeting parishioners, the chilly Benioff told the Courier the discomfort was a small price to pay for a good cause.

The cause in question is Feed My Poor, a charity that provides meals for homeless residents founded by Benioff at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. What started as a few volunteers making sandwiches in March 2020 has turned into an interfaith, community-driven organization that uses a food truck to deliver food to people in need. They have served more than 300,000 meals so far.

"We started at the very beginning of the pandemic when there were people hoarding food and food shortages, and I just noticed that there was a need," Benioff told the Courier. (Charity Food continues on page 13)

Virginia Robinson Gardens Proposal Stirs Controversy

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

At the Dec. 7 Study Session, the Beverly Hills City Council addressed a brewing controversy over changes proposed by the County of Los Angeles to the operation of the Virginia Robinson Gardens. Then, the Council set the city's default energy rate to 100% renewable energy sources, up from its previous default of 50%.

(Virginia Robinson Gardens continues on page 16)

Courier Calendar

NOW - DEC. 15

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA: "PASSPORTS FOR LIFE"

"Passports for Life" comes to Holocaust Museum LA for its only appearance in the United States. It was previously displayed in different countries in Europe. Curated by the Pilecki Institute and presented in conjunction with Polic Consulate of Los Angeles, the new exhibit chronicles Polish diplomats' heroic efforts to save Jews from Nazi extermination. Employing documents and photographs, "Passports for Life" archives the efforts of the Switzerland-based Lados Group, which issued thousands of fake passports to Jews to help them escape from death in the Holocaust. Reservations are required, and admission is free to California students and residents.
<https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/passports-for-life>

NOW - DEC. 31

BEVERLY CENTER: "THE IMMERSIVE NUTCRACKER" MAGICAL EXPERIENCE

Beverly Center presents "The Immersive Nutcracker" Magical Experience, the family-friendly, walk-through theater, projection, and virtual reality experience, for the first time from the producers of the Russian Ballet Theatre. This

all-new holiday fairytale experience offers experiences highlighting iconic characters, moments, and settings from beloved stories and ballets from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker score. Guests can journey through four rooms, including Tannenbaum's Grand ballroom, the mysterious Drosselmeyer's chest, the glittering magical Christmas tree room and the magnificent Kingdom of Sweets. Tickets are \$30 for children and \$42 for adults.

<https://feverup.com/m/103800>

NOW - JAN. 1

CENTER THEATRE GROUP: "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Performances of five-time Tony Award-winning production of "A Christmas Carol" will take place at the Ahmanson Theatre. Starring Emmy Award-winning Bradley Whitford, Tony and Emmy Award nominee Kate Burton and Grammy and SAG Award nominee Alex Newell, "A Christmas Carol" went through critically acclaimed runs at The Old Vic, London and opened on Broadway in 2019. The new interpretation of Charles Dickens' timeless story was adapted by Tony Award winner Jack Thorne and originally conceived and directed by Tony Award winner Matthew Warchus. It is a holiday masterpiece for all ages, and it won a

Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Adaptation as well as breaking many box office records at the Lyceum Theatre as it took home five 2020 Tony Awards: Best Original Score (Christopher Nightingale), Best Scenic Design of a Play (Rob Howell), Best Costume Design of a Play (Rob Howell), Best Lighting Design of a Play (Hugh Vanstone) and Best Sound Design of a Play (Simon Baker).

<https://www.centertheatregroup.org/>

NOW - JAN. 9

KIDSPACE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: WINTER FROLIC

Kidspace Children's Museum showcases the first annual Winter Frolic. Transforming into a land of wonder and delight, the museum offers a seven-week celebration to design a magical space for children and families to spend the holidays together. Children can explore, create, and celebrate with families and friends. The exhibit includes many programs, including "Got socks?," "Imagination on Ice," and "Snowflakes as Unique as Your Child." Kidspace offers flexible family memberships, which guests can gift to friends, grandparents, and family, which includes free daily admission, discounts and early access to special events.

<https://secure.kidspacemuseum.org/events/ebcd3d75-4988-f93a-5208-a1b5f442359f>

DEC. 11

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM'S "HOLIDAY FAMILY FAIRE": HARRY NILSSON'S "THE POINT" 12-6 P.M.

As part of the "Holiday Family Faire," Will Greer's Theatricum Botanicum presents Harry Nilsson's 1970 "The Point" performed by his son, Kiefo, and a 14-piece band and narrated by John C. Reilly. Lexi Pearl, curator of Theatricum's annual Momentum Place, as well as carolers and singing madrigals will perform and roam the grounds. There will be opportunities to take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, to hear Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas stories, and to attend an artisan market with gifts and crafts. All the proceeds will support Theatricum Botanicum's educational and artistic programming. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$10 for children (ages 5-10), \$50 for a family 4-pack (two adults and two kids), and free for children under four years of age. To view "The Point," guests must purchase an add-on of \$25 with Holiday Faire admission.

<https://theatricum.com/holidayfamilyfaire/>

DEC. 11 - 12

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF LOS ANGELES: "A HOLIDAY HOMECOMING"

8 P.M. DEC. 11
2 P.M. DEC. 12

Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles (GMCLA) showcases "A Holiday Homecoming" at UCLA's Royce Hall. GMCLA Music Director

and Conductor Ernest H. Harrison will make his long-awaited main series debut. Curated from the choral, classical, pop, and Broadway canons, the Chorus will perform holiday classics regarding the joy of coming home. Filled with love and heart, "A Holiday Homecoming" will feature guest stars Telly Leung and Nikki Crawford. Leung has appeared on Broadway in Disney's "Aladdin," "Allegiance," "Wicked," and more. He also performed as Angel in "Rent." Crawford has received an NAACP Theatre Award for Best Actress in a Musical for her role as Young Lena Horne, and she has also starred in the premiere of "Stormy Weather" at the Pasadena Playhouse.
https://gmcla.org/gmcla-concerts-and-events/season-43-a-holiday-homecoming/?mc_cid=c9324ac59d&mc_eid=6b591b7e79

DEC. 12

ANGEL CITY CHRISTMAS 4 P.M., 7 P.M. REGULAR PERFORMANCE

3:30-5:30 P.M., 6:30-8:30 P.M. KID'S
PERFORMANCE

Angel City Christmas returns to Los Angeles on Dec. 12. The Christmas concert extravaganza will take place at the Bel Air Church, which glitters and sparkles with acres of trees with twinkles lights. The Los Angeles-based landmark church has brought holiday hymns and angelic songs to families, friends, and followers of Christ for over 60 years. The purpose of the joyful and artistic celebration of Jesus' birth is to address the crisis of homelessness in Los Angeles and Baja, Mexico. The 35-piece professional orchestra will perform music as well as performances by the Bel Air Chancel Choir, Worship Choir, Kids' Choir, and Bel Air Worship Band. Tickets are \$10 per person and available online. Children can attend Angel City Christmas - Kids! while their parents enjoy this performance.
<https://www.belair.org/christmas>

DEC. 16

CURE 4 THE KIDS CANCER CENTER: "HOME 4 THE HOLIDAYS" 5 P.M.

"Home 4 The Holidays" is presented by Cure 4 The Kids Cancer Center. The virtual experience includes Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys and Celebrity Chef Nyesha Arrington. There will be a sing-along as well as a cook-along. Mixologist Gillian Murphy and TV personality Billy Harris will also be in attendance as well as other surprise special guests. "Home 4 The Holidays" is in support of Cure 4 The Kids Foundation. The organization asks to please consider Cure 4 The Kids Foundation in year-end giving. They do not turn any children away because of donations and giving from others.
https://cure4thekids.org/?mc_cid=60ccb75e6e&mc_eid=1a064e378f

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OUTDOOR EVENT		

This meeting can be viewed at BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable or
www.beverlyhills.org/live

If you would like to submit your questions ahead of time, please email
BHPDTownHall@beverlyhills.org



DEC. 16
BEVERLY HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
10:30 A.M. SHOPPING
12:00 P.M. LUNCHEON
 The Beverly Hills Women's Club is hosting its annual Holiday Luncheon this coming Thursday, Dec. 16. The non-profit club is a multigenerational assembly of women and men that has supported several charities for its more than 100 year existence. The Club is hosting this event within their historic clubhouse, with shopping opportunities preceding the meal. This luncheon is just one of the several events the Club hosts monthly, but unlike other events, this one is open to non-members as well. Tickets for members are \$175 and \$200 for non-members/guests.
<https://www.thebhwc.org/>



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M Menorah Display
RD Rodeo Drive Holiday Helpers Décor
S Santa with Reindeer & Sleigh
VC Visitor Center
W The Wallis
P Parking

Beverly Hills City Council Acknowledges Two Tragedies

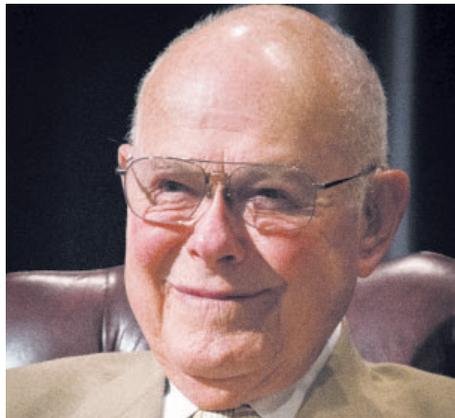
BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Jacqueline Avant

The City Council dedicated time during its Dec. 7 Regular Meeting to two tragedies, one historic and the other still raw. The Council honored the 2,335 American service members killed in the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor by inviting retired Captain Robert Wolff, an alumnus of Beverly Hills High School who served in World War II. The Council awarded Wolff with a proclamation on behalf of the city.

Wolff served in the U.S. Army Air Corps



Capt. Bob Wolff. USAF Photograph by Donna L. Burnett/Released

and flew eight bombing missions from his base in Scotland. On his last mission, his aircraft lost three engines and crashed into the English Channel. He and his crew survived, but were subsequently captured and interned by German forces until the end of the war.

(Council Acknowledges continues on page 15)

Council Passes Urgency Ordinance in Response to SB9

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



The Beverly Hills City Council passed an urgency ordinance that brings the city into compliance of the new state law Senate Bill 9, which goes into effect on Jan. 1 of next year.

Senate Bill 9 allows property owners to divide a single-family lot in two, either adding a second home on the property or

a duplex. In effect, the law opens up single-family lots to as many as four housing units. Currently, California only allows the addition of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on properties zoned for single-family homes. (Urgency Ordinance continues on page 12)

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BEVERLY HILLS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS | Due February 1, 2022

The City of Beverly Hills is now accepting applications for Community Assistance Grant Funding (CAGF) for FY 2022-23 through February 1, 2022.

Applicants must return a fully completed application no later than Monday, February 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Providers of services that are vital to the health and welfare of the local and regional community are invited to apply. The City will be accepting applications for cultural grants again this year.

To obtain an application and for the complete application criteria, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/cagf or call 310-288-2220.

Rent Stabilization Commission Recommends Updating Relocation Fees

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Over the course of several meetings, the Beverly Hills Rent Stabilization Commission has made a sweeping set of recommendations to the City Council for changes to the relocation fees granted to displaced tenants of rent stabilized apartments. If approved by the City Council, the changes would raise the amount of compensation granted to tenants in most cases, but would also reduce the level of compensation required of small landlords.

Under the city's current regimen passed in 2017, the Rent Stabilization Ordinance requires owners of rent stabilized units to provide relocation fees to evicted tenants if the landlord or his family (including spouse, children or parents) plan to live in the unit; if a landlord seeks to move a new building manager into a unit occupied by a previous building manager; when a landlord intends to demolish or move the building, or convert the unit into condominiums, stock cooperatives, or community apartments; or if

a landlord wishes to do major remodeling.

In those situations, the landlord must pay the tenant a relocation fee that scales with the number of bedrooms of the unit. Disabled, elderly, or minor tenants receive additional support. Landlords must pay tenants approximately \$7,000 for a studio, \$10,300 for a one bedroom, and \$14,000 for a two or three bedroom. Landlords must pay an extra \$2,000 for disabled, elderly, or minor tenants.

Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich offered some context to the Commission, saying that these types of evictions happen with vanishing frequency. "We have a very, very low number of relocation fees that get paid out annually when we're not in the middle of a moratorium," he said. "I think that number of relocation fees actually represents less than one quarter of 1% of our total RSO inventory."

(Rent Stabilization continues on page 16)

Visions of the Future Showcases Artist Kevin HEES

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



The second Visions of the Future pop-up exhibit at 445 N. Canon Drive featuring work by American artist Kevin HEES.

The once vacant storefront windows at 445 N. Canon Drive debuted a new art exhibit on Dec. 2 with seven paintings hanging by American contemporary artist Kevin HEES. The windows display works from his latest MUSIC! series, which pays homage to musical genres, tempos, and rhythms. HEES'

work is known for his use of colorful circles, geometric shapes, and his signature circle and three lines of marks that represent the number seven, symbolic of the ingredients for life and art.

(Kevin HEES continues on page 14)




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Beverly Hills High School Music Center Hits a High Note

BY CARL ROBINETTE



Beverly Hills philanthropist and real estate agent Michael J. Libow cuts the ribbon on the newly updated Music Industry Center at Beverly Hills High School with City Councilmember Lester Friedman and BHUSD Superintendent of Schools Michael Bregy.

Photo by Carl Robinette

A longstanding vision to bring a professional music production lab to Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) was realized Dec. 8 with a

ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly dedicated Michael J. Libow Music Industry Center. Instructors Rodney Mitchell and Alex

Breitman started the journey of bringing a recording studio to the school's students several years ago. Since then, they have been working with colleagues to piece that studio together through state and federal grant funding along with school district contributions. But a recent \$50,000 donation made by Beverly Hills philanthropist and real estate agent Michael J. Libow marked the crescendo for Mitchell's and Breitman's vision.

"The primary reason for my support of the arts in education within schools is to give students the opportunity to exercise the creative part of their brains which I feel is important to their development," Libow told the Courier.

Libow's donation paid for the latest equipment and new instruments, bringing the music center to a higher level of professionalism, school staff told the Courier.

Stepping through the main doors of the music center, it looks like a standard computer lab at first glance—rows of desks and computer monitors. But this lab is stocked with production equipment where students learn how to produce music. Through an interior door to the left is a recording booth

equipped with a professional mixing board and other recording equipment. To the right is a creative studio filled with musical instruments including a piano, drums, guitars, synthesizers and microphones. It was in this creative space where Libow and BHHS students broke into a jam session during the Dec. 8 event. Libow, who is a musician to boot, sang lead vocals in an impromptu performance of The Beatles' "Let It Be" with students backing him up on piano, drums and guitar.

About 40 people attended the event including Beverly Hills City Councilmember Lester Friedman, Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Johnson, Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Superintendent of Schools Michael Bregy and other stakeholders.

"It's the kind of program that is symbolic of what Beverly Hills is all about," Friedman told the Courier, saying it aligns with the city's commitment to arts and to the youth who will become the future Beverly Hills community. ●

Community Foundations Offer Tangible Benefits and the Means to Repair the World *By Dan Rothblatt*

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In 1954, Judge Isaac Pacht assembled a group of prominent local leaders to take a long-term view of the Los Angeles Jewish community. Post-World War II L.A. was evolving rapidly, the State of Israel had been established a few years prior, and this visionary group foresaw the need for a permanent source of charitable funds to support causes here and half a world away alike.

What resulted is the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles (The Foundation), which ranks among the nation's largest Jewish charitable institutions and today manages more than \$1.4 billion in charitable assets for L.A.'s Jewish philanthropists. In 2020, The Foundation distributed \$116 million—going to several thousand causes and programs locally, nationally

and around the globe—and awarded \$1 billion in grants over the past dozen years.

The Foundation was conceived precisely for a time like the pandemic, where the world has shifted beneath our feet, and we confronted the resulting healthcare crisis, an economic downturn, record levels of unemployment and civil unrest. The Foundation and its donors stepped up, committing millions of dollars in grants for COVID-19 relief since the pandemic began. Our ability to serve communities in such turbulent times is precisely why The Foundation was established: to help the afflicted and to heal the world.

Serving the community and donors alike

Organized as a grantmaking public charity, The Foundation exists to address the needs of the communities it serves—making a positive, lasting impact now and in the future. We help donors develop flexible, efficient and tax-effective giving strategies enabling them to fulfill their charitable ambitions. One of our primary roles is to make it easy to become a philanthropist by offering charitable products and insights on how to leave a lasting legacy and strengthen the causes people care deeply about.

Partnering with The Foundation

Through charitable funds established with us, donors can support a

countless number of Jewish causes, and the full range of societal needs, like healthcare, arts and culture, education, homelessness, domestic violence, at-risk youth, the elderly, and many others. The Foundation's mission is *tikkun olam*—Hebrew for healing the world—exemplified by the broad continuum of causes donors elect to support.

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- **Collaborative approach to solving pressing social issues.** We work cooperatively with other funders and segments of the community which can provide leverage in addressing our most complex social challenges.
- **Engage multiple generations in thoughtful, effective philanthropy.**

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About the author: Dan Rothblatt is executive vice president of the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles, which manages more than \$1.4 billion in charitable assets and distributed \$116 million in grants in 2020 to causes locally, nationally and around the world.

Holiday Shopping Guide

Hostess Gifts for the Home

BY CAROLE DIXON

From Tesora to Tiffany and TASCHEN, this is where to find the perfect last-minute gifts for your host or hostess in Beverly Hills.

It's been dubbed the city's best gift shop – and with good reason. Tesoro means 'treasure' in Spanish and Italian and that is exactly what you will find here – a treasure trove of unique items for every age group. Owner Tara Riceberg has curated a celebration of function and beauty in her small shop next door to Umberto on Canon Drive. The diverse bounty ranges from ANNA New York gilded crystal agate serving platters to Ron Robinson's Apothia line, eucalyptus shower tables and almond foot balm.

Yet some of her go-to favorites for hostess gifts are Christian Lacroix stationary or a puzzle. "Maybe I've never been to your house, and I don't know if you are vegan or drink," she told the Courier. "These are amazing gifts for a 90-year-old to a 30-year-old." For a kitchen favorite, she recommends the Gastro Obscura with salt from Sweden. "You hand grate the salt and pepper over the food. This is for someone who lives North of Sunset," she added. Riceberg also recommended something unique for unwinding: Lavender dryer sachets. "You pop your PJs in the dryer with these before bed and the scent aids sleep. It's \$20, and great for a girlfriend."

Every gift over \$20 can be packaged in hand-painted custom gift-wrapping paper on request. "It elevates the gift-giving experience," she said. "All hostess gifts are pre-wrapped for grab and go." And, you can't beat the valet parking right in front during this hectic last-minute shopping season.

We know that Gearys is a local staple for high-quality gifting and you can find lovely candles and diffusers past the jewelry cases,

but for something with a little more flair, look no further than the Georg Jensen collection. This brand is loaded with sleek and stylish hostess gift ideas, such as stainless steel Champagne stoppers for \$39, a fancy deck of cards in a silver case, \$59, and simple photo frames starting at \$69. Another great gift find upstairs at Gearys is a Baccarat Biseau Budvase for \$170, which would look lovely in any home.

For great gifts for your host or hostess to enjoy after the party, The Beverly Hills Hotel carries branded sleep masks, pillowcases, coffee mugs and PJ's with a pink and white stripe. This is also a gift for friends and family that you might be traveling to visit around the holidays. Who wouldn't want to receive a little piece of Beverly Hills that you can only get from the famed "Pink Palace." Prices start at just \$36.

If you know the person you are visiting is planning a trip soon themselves, head to Scandia on Beverly Drive for a Down Travel Attaché. This gift looks like a pillow but unfolds into a plush, throw-sized comforter filled with European white down and finished in a cotton sateen that's available in seven colors for \$270 each. The brand also offers Scandia Home 100% cashmere blankets and throws produced in one of Italy's finest family-operated mills. Each is beautifully gift-boxed ranging from \$598-\$1,785. Hand towels for the powder room are also a wonderful gift idea, and Scandia carries an array of 100% linen versions with hand embroidery for \$48 each.

If you know your host or hostess likes to use name cards for dinner guests, Paper Source on Brighton Way is the place to find packages of up to 50 in all the popular colors for \$7.95. They also stock Sugarfina



Jo Malone Candles, Neiman Marcus



Tesoro on Canon Drive



Scandia Decorative Throws



Tiffany Ornaments

candy cubes with gummy bears from rose to Champagne flavors for \$9.95 and small votive candles including the popular Roland Pine, which also make great table setting gifts. You can also go whimsical and bring a small stocking stuffed with holiday sunglasses adorned with antlers or trees, along with novelty ornaments that have the likeness of RBG (Ruth Bader Ginsburg) to Betty White for \$22.95.

Conceived by celebrated French designer Philippe Starck, TASCHEN in Beverly Hills is the store's first outpost in the U.S. It continues to thrill with showstopping coffee table books. Current bestselling tomes include

"Portrait of a City," a tribute to Los Angeles with photos going back to the 1800s; "The James Bond Archives" – a historic look at all the films – or the Pucci book wrapped in vintage fabric. And, depending on your hosts' interests, there are books on everything from fine arts to architecture and sneakers to car collecting. A standout is "The Library of Esoterica, which covers the history of witchcraft, and before you give this one the side-eye, the store manager told us they can't keep it on the shelves. Prices range from \$40 to \$250 and up.

Although they are known for jewelry and trinkets, tried and true Tiffany gifts include

the Elsa Peretti Bone candlesticks and cake plate (\$3,000 and \$500, respectively). New this year are simple, yet elegant crystal ornaments that evoke a tree or bell shape for \$375 per set, along with Modern Bamboo single old-fashioned glasses for a whiskey on the rocks by the fire.

One of the perennial holiday joys is browsing through the Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog for over-the-top purchases, but you

can also pick-up a few last-minute hostess gifts at the Wilshire Boulevard store. Best-sellers included the Jonathan Adler Botanist Backgammon game (\$395), which is exclusive to the store; Versace Kitchen Apron (\$395); a Jo Malone Dining Candles Collection, \$70 for a set of four; or Nest Fragrances Holiday Classic Candle & Diffuser sets start at just \$7. ●



Backgammon set by Jonathan Adler, Neiman Marcus



Wildfire Evacuation & Outdoor Warning System Community Meeting

Please Join Us Virtually

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 10 a.m. & Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6 p.m.

(Agenda will be the same for both meetings)

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BHPD Provides Holiday Safety Tips

BY CARL ROBINETTE



The winter “season of giving” is the season of taking for many lawbreakers. Amid a recent rash of smash-and-grab flash mobs and robberies, the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) has offered a flurry of safety tips to the public this week.

“You can do a lot to help,” BHPD’s new Chief of Police Mark Stainbrook said at the Beverly Hills City Council meeting on Dec. 7. “Please talk about personal security with your family. Follow basic security procedures, lock your doors, windows, gates. Do not keep valuables in your car and lock your cars and be aware of your surroundings. Please report suspicious activity to the police department. You are our best source of information and you know your neighborhoods the best.”

The key to staying safe this holiday season is “situational awareness,” BHPD said in a Dec.

8 public notice. They offered these basic tips:

- Walk or travel with a purpose: Project an assertive image that conveys you know where you are going.

- Keep a safe distance by not allowing individuals to get too close, even if they give a reason, like asking for the time.

- Remember, listening to music or talking on your cell phone can significantly limit your awareness which may make it easier for a potential suspect to catch you off guard.

- When traveling home in your vehicle, lock your doors and pay attention to your surroundings for possible threats like vehicles that may appear to be following you. If you suspect this is occurring, immediately notify the Police Department and change your direction of travel. Drive to your local law enforcement station.

- When arriving home, visually assess your property before stopping and exiting your vehicle. If you sense or see something out of the ordinary, remain in your vehicle and drive away. Report this to your local law enforcement agency.

- Report suspicious activity by calling 911 or the non-emergency dispatch number, 310-550-4951.

“While money is often the motivation, these are crimes of violence because they involve the threat or actual use of physical violence,” said BHPD in a statement.

“The basic rules of prevention are to be sensible and to be alert. Always trust your instincts: Trusting your own instincts that a situation seems ‘wrong’ can be the best personal safety tool you have.”

In recent social media posts, police offered a number of specific tips to protect shopping purchases, homes and businesses.

For holiday shoppers, BHPD reminds residents of the following best practices:

- Always lock your car, even if you will only be away a few minutes.

- Park in well-lit areas or valet your car.

- Do not become distracted by your shopping: always stay alert.

- Avoid wearing jewelry or clothing that may cause undue attention.

- Use well-lit ATMs.

- Monitor the activity on your credit cards and report any unauthorized transactions immediately. **For Homes:**

- Always lock your doors and windows.

- Ensure your home security is working properly.

- Set your alarm while you are gone, even for a few minutes.

- Install video surveillance and make its existence known with signage.

- Ensure your video surveillance system is set to the correct date and time and set to record.

For travelers’ home security:

- Register for a “vacation watch” on the BHPD website if you plan to be out of town.

- Have your packages delivered to your business or a neighbor’s home while you are away.

For businesses:

- Install video surveillance and make its existence known with signage.

- Greet customers with eye contact and be attentive.

- Be alert to customers without a clear purpose.

- Keep non-public doors closed and locked.

- Ensure your alarm system is functioning properly.

- Ensure your video surveillance system is set to the correct date and time and set to record.

- Establish safety protocols for employees to follow in case of an emergency.

- Communicate information with all employees and surrounding businesses.

For their part, police said BHPD is increasing patrols with both police officers and private security. To wit, BHPD swore in 5 new officers Dec. 6 and are continuing to actively recruit more officers. ●



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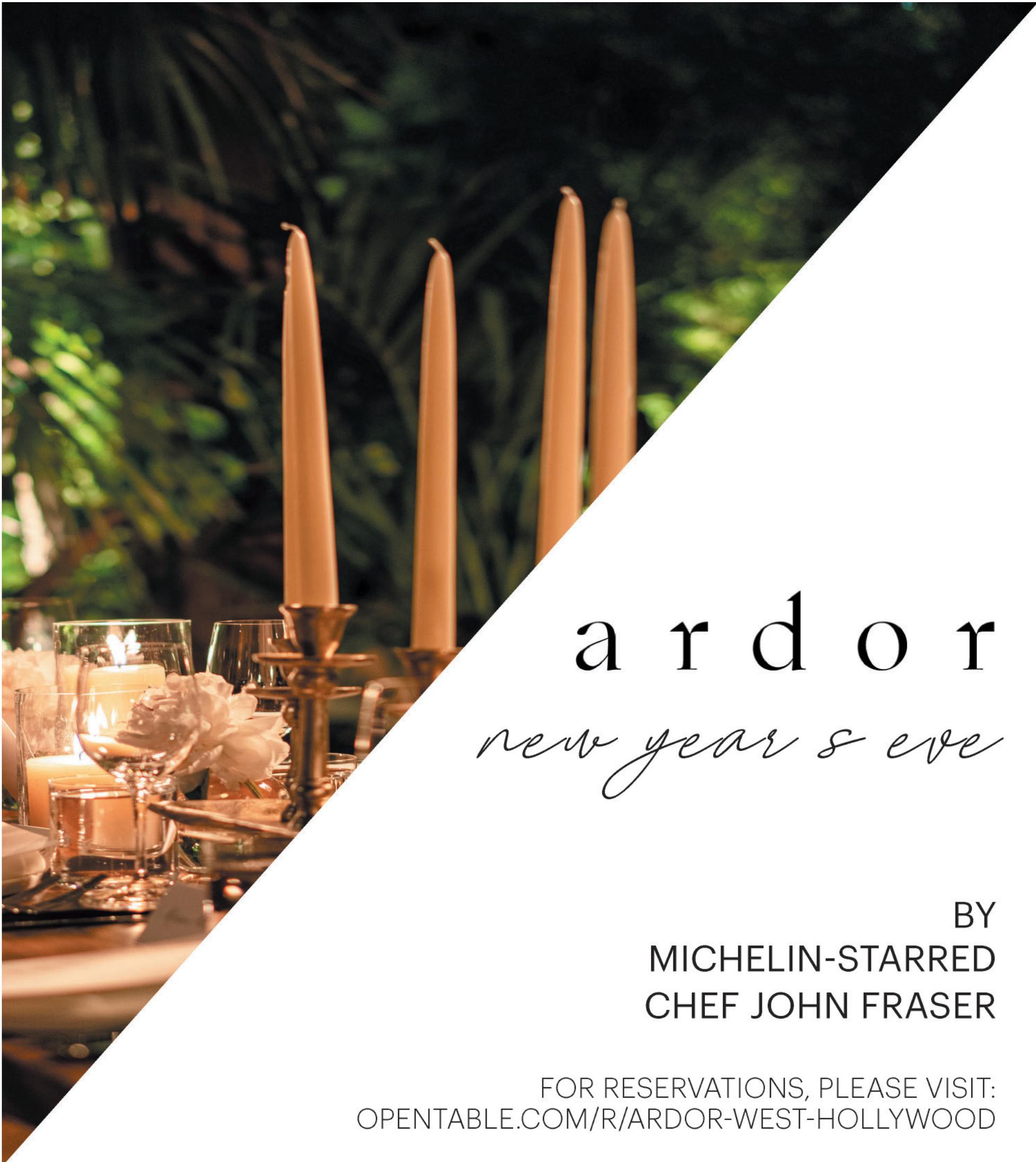
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The law requires jurisdictions to approve proposals that fall within specified size and design guidelines.

“This is effectively the removal of single-family zoning in the state,” said Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich.

“What we have here is a misguided attempt by the state legislature to have a one-size-fits-all [approach] regarding housing issues, and it just doesn’t work in a fully built out city such as ours,” said Councilmember Lester Friedman.

Gohlich explained that the law does include some “limited development standards.” Properties can only be divided in half if the two resulting lots are at least 1,200 square feet. The lots created in the split also cannot be a minimum of 40% of the original lot size. Additionally, the units built on the divided lots must be at least 800 square feet. Lastly, units constructed under SB 9 cannot be used for short term rentals and owners must sign an affidavit attesting that they will live in one of the units for at least three years.

The law has some exceptions. To prevent the loss of affordable housing, proposed developments cannot replace rent controlled units or market rate units that a tenant, as opposed to an owner, has occupied within the last three years. Historic properties and properties residing in historic districts are also protected. And the law also exempts properties located in high risk areas for fires or earthquakes, such as the properties

located north of Sunset Boulevard.

“The law does, however, leave open the possibility for jurisdictions to adopt objective standards on subdivisions or developments that result from SB 9,” Gohlich said.

As such, the Council approved an urgency ordinance that establishes standards on any projects constructed under SB 9. The ordinance introduces a covenant that SB 9 applicants must sign that prohibits short term rentals and non-residential uses, prohibits the subsequent splitting of an already-divided lot, and requires the owner to sign an affidavit promising to inhabit one unit on the property as a primary residence for at least three years following the lot division.

Council members expressed disappointment with the limitations of the affidavit, which serves a largely symbolic role and cannot be enforced.

“What’s the consequence to somebody lying?” Vice Mayor Lili Bosse asked. “It’s like Monopoly money, it means nothing. [Do] we have anything we can do to have it mean something? If not, it’s somewhat insulting.”

“Nothing. Really, nothing,” said City Attorney Laurence Wiener. “Normally, I am all for coming up with some kind of creative idea—we came up with the covenant—some kind of creative idea to enforce these sorts of things, but it specifically says the affidavit is all you can require.”

The covenant also requires that if more than one unit is developed on a lot and put up for rent, one unit “shall be rented at a maximum rate affordable to

low income tenants.” Landlords will be required to provide the city with a copy of a lease for “any unit that is rented and has resulted from an SB 9 project.”

The ordinance also introduces a series of standards to make it so that lot divisions under SB 9 would create a “front” and a “back” lot, as opposed to two side-by-side lots. Split lots would have to be roughly equal in size. Any new unit created under the law would be limited to a maximum of 800 square feet, including the basement, and to 14 feet or one story for the foremost unit.

The purpose of these standards, Gohlich said, is to maintain “the garden quality of the city and some of the look and feel of our existing residential zones.”

Even while SB 9 excludes the properties located north of Sunset, the urgency ordinance proactively establishes standards to maintain the “existing topography of the

hillside and Trousdale areas,” Gohlich said.

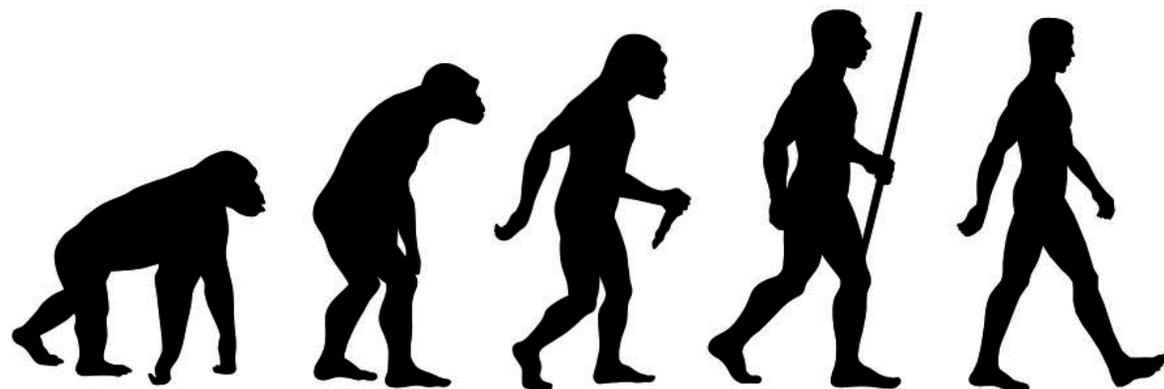
The urgency ordinance will remain in place while city staff work with the Planning Commission on developing an ordinance to establish permanent regulations.

The City Council also heard an update on construction on the Burton Way Median Green Street and Water Efficient Landscape Project. The city granted a \$10 million contract in the summer to install drainage and infiltration systems and make landscape and irrigation improvements. The project, slated for completion in late 2022 or early 2023, will transform the median into a sustainable garden.

Derek Nguyen, Project Manager in the Public Works Department, told the Council that construction will begin in January 2022.

“This project will help us capture approximately 20 million gallons of runoff per year that will be reused at the median for multi beneficial uses,” Nguyen said. ●

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The Massry prize this year is awarded to three outstanding scientists who made discoveries that have shed new light on the origins of humans and how we cope with disease. Drs. Svante Pääbo (Germany), David Riech (USA) and Liran Carmel (Israel) were fascinated by hominins, our direct cousins, and what they might tell us not only about our history but also our biology. Instead of looking at the bones, they looked within the bones at the remaining ancient DNA – the string of nucleotides contained in every cell that, along with our environment, determines who we are.

Although you might think “ancient” DNA has no relevance today – one of the prize winners discovered that some neanderthal genes can make us less susceptible to COVID and has led to new ideas about how to treat infections!



Dr. David Riech



Dr. Liren Carmel



Dr. Svante Pääbo

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“It was a tourniquet on the bleeding. There was a need, but we realized it was an increasing problem that had gotten worse with the pandemic.”

Now Benioff plans to keep Feed My Poor going long term.

The Dec. 5 event was the organization's first fundraiser and included carnival games, karaoke, a rock climbing wall, raffles, a magician performance and, of course, food from the organization's food truck. Three-time NBA champion and former Laker shooting guard and Head Coach Byron Scott attended the event.

“It really humbles you. No matter what achievements you've made, no matter what success you've had, it really humbles you to see that there are people out there who need this,” Scott told the Courier about his volunteer experience making sandwiches and serving the homeless. “I think we all recognize the situation we are experiencing in Los Angeles and around the world—we have too many people that are homeless, and the Good Shepherd and Father Ed have done an unbelievable job trying to do their part, and I've just really piggybacked off them and joined the crusade.”

Feed My Poor serves 700 meals per day, seven days a week and is completely funded through donations, which can be made at www.FeedMyPoor.com. The organization includes volunteers from All Saints' Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church and Sinai Temple Los Angeles.

“We're both making our communities

better and the communities outside our walls better on a day-by-day basis,” Rabbi Erez Sherman of the Sinai Temple told the Courier about collaborating with the Church of the Good Shepherd. “We live in a community where more and more we see people hungry on the streets, and Sinai Temple and Good Shepherd are literally 1.5 miles away, door-to-door. And I think the world needs healing in a very powerful way and this is the way that our faith neighbors can come together and see the similarities of what we do.”

Sinai Temple joined the Feed My Poor community for Thanksgiving with 20 volunteers who helped chop 600 bags of fruit and will continue to work with the organization on a monthly basis, Sherman said.

Feed My Poor provides meals in Beverly Hills and throughout Los Angeles. In addition to food truck deliveries, volunteers also box up pre-made meals to be delivered by car to homeless residents throughout the LA area.

Los Angeles County saw a 12.7% annual increase in its homeless population, according to the most recent count by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) in January 2020. LAHSA's 2021 homeless count was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns, but the organization estimates the population grows by about 20 people per day for a growth of 7,320 people in 2020.

While Beverly Hills is home to fewer than 20 homeless individuals, it lies within Los Angeles County Service Planning Area 5, which has about 5,042 unsheltered homeless



Community members gather at the Feed My Poor food truck which the organization uses to deliver meals to people in need. Photo by Carl Robinette

residents. In Planning Area 4, immediately to the east of Beverly Hills, there are 12,454.

“You know, it's the ongoing story right, but you still have to be humane,” Feed My Poor's Marketing and Special Projects Director Christine Redlin told the Courier. “I think it's a good inspiring story for our community to show people that we're not just getting our nails done, driving Rolls Royces and having lunch with the Kardashians. We actually do good humanitarian work in the

city and we do have an upper, middle and lower class among our 35,000 residents.”

About 750 people attended the Dec. 5 fundraiser, and all proceeds from the event will go back into Feed My Poor programs. Sponsors and partners of the fundraiser included Mercedes Beverly Hills, Gearys Beverly Hills, Wally's Beverly Hills, Tom's Toys, Big Events Photo Booths, LT Generators, Zachor Holocaust Remembrance Foundation and more. ●

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The temporary installation is part of the “Visions of the Future” program, a collaborative effort between the Next Beverly Hills Committee and the city’s Arts and Culture and Human Relations Commissions that is intended to activate public spaces with vibrant, visual pop-up art experiences. This is the second installment of the pop-up, which is expected to be on display to the public for one month. In 2020, his work appeared in shows at the Wynn Fine Art Gallery in Palm Beach and he contributed to the Norton Museum of Art’s 80th anniversary art auction with Sotheby’s. This is the artist’s first public showing on the West Coast.

“I believe that music has the power to guide you home,” HEES told the Courier. “Not your home on the outside, but your home on the inside, what I refer to as the silence center. That is the place where you hold your energy, your clarity, your growth, your insight, your freedom, your power, and your creativity. No matter where I am in the world or what’s going on in my life, good or bad, if I put my headset on and listen to my music, I can always find my way home. And that’s actually what this show is about.”

Each piece has its own color scheme, incorporating words like “Opera,” “House,” or “Pop,” with quotes that inspired HEES like Shakespeare’s “If music be the food of love, play on.”

“So, there’s lots of quotes and lots of thoughts and lots of ideas about music and how music effects the human experience,”

he told the Courier. “I’m inspired by all kinds of music. You’ll see on these paintings they say gospel, disco, rock, country—it’s a celebration of all music. Even the universe has a hum.”

HEES came to his career as a painter by way of photography. HEES began his career as a painter, makeup artist, photographer, brand consultant, and producer working with brands like Ralph Lauren, BELK, STILA, Kevyn Aucoin Beauty and E! Entertainment. He has photographed household names such as Justin Timberlake, Kelly Clarkson, Annie Lennox, and Christina Aguilera. After being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2013, painting became the centerpiece of his life. However, it wasn’t until the end of 2019 that it became his professional focus and personal outlet.

The two artists who inspired the body of work MUSIC! were American singer-songwriter, Stevie Nicks, known for her work on Fleetwood Mac and American actor and singer, Steve Kazee, known for his Tony Award winning role as Guy in the musical “Once.”

While HEES doesn’t play the guitar, his guitar, named Stevie, features prominently in his paintings. The guitar was purchased as a gift for Kazee, who HEES was planning to photograph a few years ago. “Then the shoot didn’t happen, and so I brought the guitar to Palm Springs and then I photographed the guitar,” HEES told the Courier. “And it became the beginning of what is now the music project.”

“I took the guitar and I put it in the paintings as a way to join the two projects together: my photography and my painting,” he said.

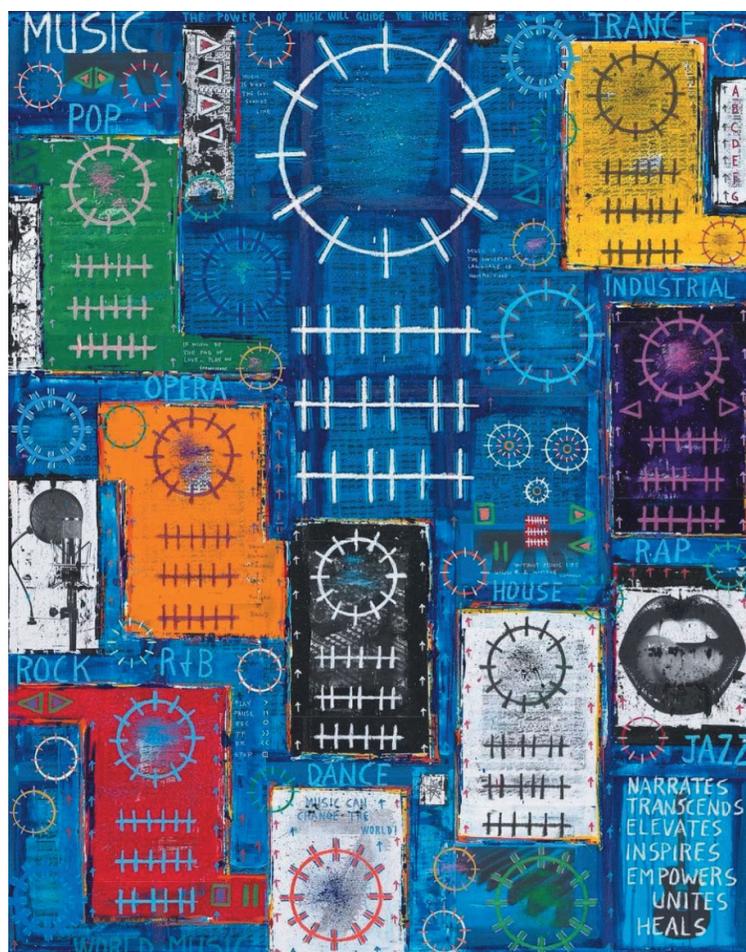
His next exhibit, titled the Cage, will be, in part, a performance art piece with seven paintings. The cage features a 60-foot-long wall of fencing with three paintings hung on both sides, and a 10-foot high and 12-foot wide cage coming out in the center, forming a T. HEES himself will be inside the cage, painting the seventh 6x7 foot piece of the series, on an already primed, prepped, and painted canvas.

“The Cage is about the situation that

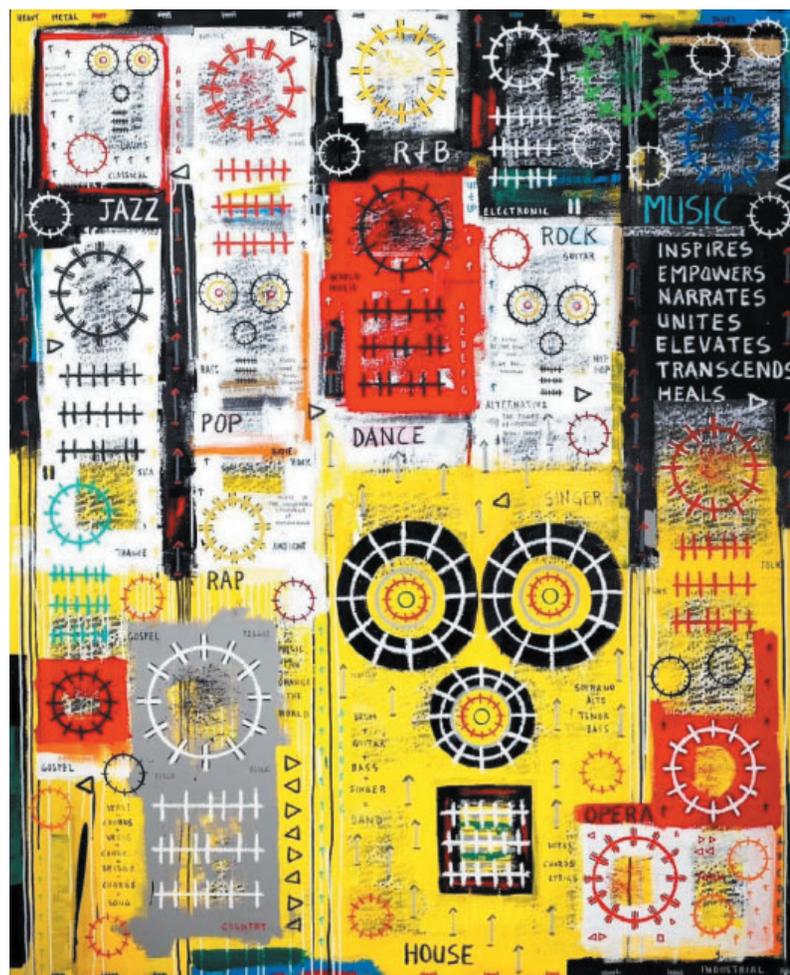
caused me to stop shooting as a photographer,” HEES told the Courier. “I went through a really bad lawsuit where it became very clear to me, based on this experience, that I had no rights over my work. So, I have tried to try to turn that dark experience into a positive statement about standing up, stepping forward, and speaking out.”

“The only thing that I’ll do in the cage is the writing. and all the pastel work where I can write I don’t have to have water,” he added. “Turn your pain into power, that’s the kind of messaging.”

To learn more about HEES, visit <https://heesart.com/>.



HEES is known for his colorful artwork.



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Chief Mark Stainbrook updates the City Council on security measures in the city following a number of high-profile crimes.

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Additionally, BHPD “made five other significant arrests this week in relation to ongoing criminal cases.”

“I am very proud of our police officers and civilian staff who have been working tirelessly,” Stainbrook said. “For the time that I have been here, I have been impressed with the level of interdepartmental teamwork, our excellent access to technology and the amazing level of community support.”

Stainbrook told the Council that the department had tripled the number of armed private security. A BHPD detective will join the Los Angeles Police Department Follow Home Task Force to “ensure real time information sharing,” he said. The department has also deployed three camera trailers to “high visibility locations” and is in the

process of buying a fourth trailer. Stainbrook also assured the Council that they would see “foot beat and bike patrol units within the business districts.”

While the city already has a thorough network of CCTV cameras, Stainbrook told the Council that the department was working with the Public Works Department “to increase and ensure proper camera coverage for the city.” Stainbrook also said that the department would purchase 20 new license plate readers with the goal of covering every entrance into the city.

The department hired five new police officers on Dec. 6 and has plans to onboard seven more officers in the next three months.

Beverly Hills residents called in to the meeting to express their anxiety, with the most passionate voices coming from the Trousdale Estates neighborhood where

Avant lived and was killed.

“[The] Trousdale neighborhood is up in arms,” said Sharam Melamad, who spoke on behalf of the Trousdale Estates Neighborhood Association and requested that the Beverly Hills Police Department assign two full time police patrols to the neighborhood. “The challenge we have in Trousdale right now is that we feel our police [are] not as visible as they should be. And although we know they’re there, unfortunately, the criminals do not see it as a deterrent because they cannot see them.”

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“Captain Wolff, on behalf of our entire City Council, I’d like to thank you for your incredible service and heroic acts of patriotism that you’ve dedicated and demonstrated throughout your life. You truly are a hero and a representative of many in your generation,” said Mayor Robert Wunderlich.

“I don’t really feel like a big hero. I just did what I had to do. That’s all,” said Wolff, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

The Council also issued a proclamation in the honor of Jacqueline Avant, the 81-year-old long-time resident and prominent philanthropist who was shot and killed on Dec. 1.

Noting her accomplishments throughout her life, Wunderlich read from the proclamation, “[W]e, the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills, do hereby honor Jacqueline Avant for her positive impact on the community throughout her life that will never

Melamad and other residents also raised concerns that Airbnbs, movie rentals, and house parties—things that draw in people from outside of the community—are “major contributing factors” to crime in the area. Outside visitors “could be easily casing houses, casing the streets,” Melamad said. Airbnbs and short-term rentals are illegal in Beverly Hills.

Melamad said that he was meeting with City Manager George Chavez soon to discuss the concerns around party houses. ●

be forgotten.”

Wunderlich also shared a statement on behalf of the Avant family. “Thank you for the heartfelt condolences over the loss of our beloved Jacquie. We feel incredibly blessed to have received the support kindness and prayers over the last week,” the family said.

According to the statement, the family has arranged the Jacqueline Avant Memorial Fund for the new MLK Children’s Center in Watts as per her wishes. Avant previously invested time into the Watts community in 1975 as the president of the Neighbors of Watts, the support group for the South Central Community Child Care Center.

Bosse, a personal friend of Avant’s daughter Nicole, described Avant as “a guardian angel on this earth.”

“She changed so many lives and there isn’t one human being who didn’t meet her that didn’t say that she was the kindest, most loving, humble, giving human being,” Bosse said. ●



We at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts are stunned and devastated by the tragic and untimely loss of beloved Wallis Board of Directors and Education Committee member, community leader, and distinguished philanthropist
Jacqueline Avant

As a steadfast champion of the arts and a resident of Beverly Hills for more than 50 years, “Jacquie,” as she is affectionately called by family and friends, and her husband Clarence Avant have been vital and intimately-involved supporters of The Wallis since its inception as a nonprofit in 1994 — nearly two decades before The Wallis opened for its inaugural season. A passionate supporter of The Wallis’ arts learning programs, GRoW @ The Wallis, Jacquie was an inspirational, generous and kind woman whose work benefitted innumerable lives. She was a fixture at The Wallis, attending countless performances over the past seven years with her husband and friends. Our hearts go out to Clarence and her children, Alexander and Nicole.

More personally, nearly every single Wallis Board and staff member had a direct connection to and relationship with Jacquie. She is remembered by all of us as a truly considerate person who had kind words and a smile for every person with whom she interacted. She was a woman of great integrity, grace, humility and character; her purposeful work and significant contributions to the community will resonate with all of us for many years to come.

We will remember Jacquie fondly and mourn her loss deeply even as we seek to honor her — both today and as we look to the future.

-The Wallis Board of Directors & Staff

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The Mediterranean-inspired Great Lawn at the Virginia Robinson Gardens.

Courtesy of the Virginia Robinson Gardens

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Finally, the city renewed its commitment with Vanity Fair to allow its lavish annual Oscar party on the 400 block of North Crescent Drive for the next three years.

The Virginia Robinson Gardens, the six-acre property that abuts the Beverly Hills Hotel and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, has become the focal point for a controversy pitting Beverly Hills against the county. In early November, the county announced a proposal to expand public access to the facilities, immediately raising concerns among neighbors about the impact the changes could have on the area.

The Virginia Robinson Gardens are currently open to up to 100 members of the public a day from Monday to Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The county can host four special events per year on the grounds. The gardens have 35 parking spaces on site.

Under the county's proposal, the gardens would be open to 200 visitors a day from 9:30 a.m. to sunset. In a notice of the proposal, the county's Department of Park and Recreation promises that the guests would be "spread throughout the day for either tours, meetings seminars/classes, events or commercial filming (video only, no motion picture) or a combination of any of these activities." Additionally, the grounds would be opened up to family ceremonies, such as weddings.

"I understand that there is a desire to give more people access to the beauty and the history of Virginia Robinson Gardens and a house which is a treasure," said Councilmember John Mirisch. "But parties, events, commercial uses – that's really going overboard."

Dozens of community members called into the meeting to express similar sentiment. (As a neighbor of the gardens herself, Vice Mayor Lili Bosse recused herself from the discussion.)

One neighbor, Anthony Spencer, explained that he and his wife purchased their house near the gardens for the quiet neighborhood. "I believe that I'm entitled to quiet enjoyment of my home," he said. Spencer listed concerns about the noise and the number of cars that would come into the area.

The 1911 mansion and grounds that comprise the Virginia Robinson Gardens once belonged to retail magnates Virginia and Harry Robinson of department store fame.

Prior to the death of Ms. Robinson 1977, she bequeathed the property to the county for its continued enjoyment by the public.

The City Council voiced universal concern over the changes. Council members requested that City Attorney Laurence Wiener review the condition of Ms. Robinson's original bequest to ensure that the proposal does not violate the terms.

"A sixfold increase in the number of events just seems way out of line," said Councilmember Lester Friedman, who supported drafting a position letter to the county in opposition to the project.

Councilmember Julian Gold described the proposal as "outrageous" and suggested a series of measures to protect the neighborhood if the county moves ahead with the proposal.

"We need to restrict parking on every one of the streets that's around there," Gold said. "I don't care if we post somebody from [the Department of Transportation] to stand there and ticket everybody as they leave their car."

The county is accepting public comments on the proposed changes for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) through Dec. 16. A Draft SEIR will be available in April 2022.

The city will continue to monitor the project and staff will report back to the Council with possible avenues of recourse as the county moves forward with the EIR process.

The Council also moved the city closer to its sustainability goals by setting its default energy rate to 100% renewable energy sources starting Oct. 1, 2022. Previously, members of the community were automatically set to receive 50% of their energy from sustainable sources.

The city is a member of the Clean Power Alliance, a cooperative of 30 cities and Los Angeles and Ventura counties that buys power generated by renewable sources. As a member of the group, the city can select the default level of how much of its energy comes from renewables, with different costs associated with each level. Residents or businesses can select higher or lower levels, or opt out altogether and purchase energy from Southern California Edison—otherwise, they will receive the default amount chosen by the city.

The city formerly opted to set 50% as the default level. Starting on Oct. 1, 2022, the city will join the ranks of Santa Monica,

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In a motion offered by Commissioner Neal Baseman at the Nov. 3 meeting, the Commission voted to recommend to the City Council "that the relocation fees be adjusted based on the formula of three times median rent for the same size unit [based on number of bedrooms], based on the city's rent registry each July 1, commencing July 1, 2022, plus an additional \$1,000 for moving expenses, plus an additional \$2,000 for a household with a qualifying member, which would be a senior, a disabled member or a minor child."

Commissioner Frances Miller, who sits on the Commission as an alternate, pushed back against the use of median rent as the metric for calculating the fees. She said that people paying lower than median rent would receive a "bump up," while people paying higher than the median would be getting cheated. Baseman disputed this idea, saying that "a person who is paying higher rent probably could better afford to relocate than somebody who's paying a lower rent."

The Commission weighed whether or not the moving expense stipend should scale with the size of the unit. While a majority of commissioners opted to maintain a flat rate, commissioners Kathy Bronte and Zachary Sokoloff held that the fee should rise with the number of bedrooms.

"I'm sorry to disagree with you," said Bronte to Gohlich, "but I know that living expenses for a two or three bedroom or even a four bedroom apartment [are] not even close to \$1,000."

Chairman Lou Milkowski suggested that the "increased dollar amount by the number of bedrooms" could be seen as going toward moving expenses "because we're upping the

ante at each level based upon the number of bedrooms."

The motion passed four to two, with Bronte and Sokoloff voting no.

The Commission also considered at its Dec. 1 meeting whether to recommend a reduction in relocation fees for so-called "mom and pop" landlords, or landlords who own a smaller number of units.

Both Los Angeles and Culver City grant smaller landlords reductions in relocation fees, though each city defines mom and pop landlords differently. Culver City defines small landlords as those who own no more than three rental units both inside and outside the city and are not corporations or real estate trusts. Los Angeles, in contrast, sets the limit at no more than four units within the city and does not take into consideration properties owned outside of Los Angeles.

Before the Commission could consider the degree of reduction offered to mom and pop landlords, they first had to pick a definition. For this, Miller, a landlord herself, had to recuse herself to avoid a conflict of interest. In a motion made by Commissioner Donna Tryfman, the Commission defined mom and pop landlords as those owning four units or fewer plus a single family residence, all in Beverly Hills.

Under the recommendations, qualifying landlords would receive a reduction of 25% in fees, which would go down to a 15% reduction in the case of tenants who have lived at a property for 10 years or more. The recommendations received a five to one vote, with Bronte voting no out of an objection to the 15% long-term tenant reduction, which she viewed as insufficient.

The recommendations will land before the City Council in the first quarter of next year, Gohlich told the Courier. ●

Culver City, West Hollywood and 12 other municipalities that set a 100% default level. According to a staff report, those 15 municipalities see participation of nearly 95% of customers.

"If this is burdensome for people based on today's numbers, they have the ability to choose the level at which they're comfortable, and that will not change," said Gold, though he added that he expected the cost of energy through the Clean Power Alliance to fall below Edison within the next few years.

"There's nothing else we can do that will have the impact that this decision tonight has," Gold said. "I really do believe that this is a question that only has one answer. It's an obvious answer: Yes."

The city will now educate the Clean Power Alliance of its decision and, in conjunction with the Alliance, will begin an education campaign to notify community

members of the change.

Finally, the City Council voiced unanimous support for another 3-year commitment with Vanity Fair to allow the glossy to host an Academy Awards after party on the 400 block of North Crescent. The commitment is non-binding and the event will come before the City Council each year for approval.

"It's mutually beneficial. It's beneficial for the city and it's beneficial for Vanity Fair," said Mayor Robert Wunderlich. "It adds to and it maintains the position of Beverly Hills as being prominent in the entertainment industry, it being the premier location for truly special, special events. It's an attractor for visitors and support for our businesses."

While dates have not been selected for 2023 and 2024, the party is scheduled to take place next year on March 27. ●

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?

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Community Voices

Dear Courier,

On Sunday I called City Hall. The operator took my name and contact info along with the purpose of my call. I live on Robbins Drive and we had three car alley overnight break ins last week. I asked if someone could come over and cut away the tree around the camera at the end of our alley and install Neighborhood Watch signage. On Monday morning I received a call from Javier Venegas with the BH Department of Public Works with his truck, ladder and two signs letting me know he was at the entry to our alley between Robbins and Lasky installing peace of mind signage.

Another neighbor, Liz was walking her dog and told Javier her alley between Robbins Drive and Durant had two car break ins. What did Javier do? After installing on both ends of our alley he went over to Liz's alley and installed signage at both ends of her alley. Here is a photo of me and Javier installing the signage and documenting how quickly the city responded.

Kathy Aaronson



Kathy Aaronson and Javier Venegas

COMMUNITY



The Beverly Hills home of Josh Flagg and Bobby Boyd is lit up in bright red and green, setting a festive holiday tone.

Police Blotter

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

ASSAULT - SIMPLE

- on 11/27/2021, 8:43 PM at EL CAMINO DRIVE / WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
- on 11/18/2021, 8:39 AM at 200 Block of S. RODEO DRIVE
- on 11/16/2021, 3:20 PM at S. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD / N. CANON DRIVE

ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED

- on 11/18/2021, 7:17 PM at 200 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

BURGLARY - FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

- on 12/6/2021, 9:00 AM at 8700 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
- on 12/5/2021, 11:00 AM at 300 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE
- on 12/5/2021, 3:45 PM at 300 Block of S. ELM DRIVE
- on 12/4/2021, 1:00 PM at 400 Block of N. ROXBURY DRIVE"
- on 11/29/2021, 11:06 PM at 9600 Block of SUNSET BOULEVARD

- on 11/26/2021, 3:00 PM at 9900 Block of YOUNG DRIVE
- on 11/23/2021, 6:00 AM at 500 Block of HILLCREST ROAD

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (HOME OCCUPIED)

- on 12/3/2021, 8:35 PM at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING

- on 12/3/2021, 4:29 PM at 200 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD
- on 11/28/2021, 4:42 PM at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
- on 11/18/2021, 3:05 AM at 9500 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
- on 11/16/2021, 6:23 AM at 200 Block of N. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD

ROBBERY

- on 12/6/2021, 3:28 PM at 9100 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

- on 12/6/2021, 11:15 PM at 200 Block of S. DOHENY DRIVE
- on 12/5/2021, 5:15 PM at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE
- on 11/23/2021, 4:18 PM at BEVERLY BOULEVARD / N. OAKHURST DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND

- on 12/4/2021, 11:30 AM at 1200 Block of LEXINGTON ROAD
- on 11/27/2021, 10:45 PM at 300 Block of N. CAMDEN DRIVE
- on 11/27/2021, 6:00 PM at 300 Block of S. ELM DRIVE
- on 11/23/2021, 2:50 PM at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
- on 11/16/2021, 2:42 PM at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

- on 11/18/2021, 3:18 AM at 9600 Block of SUNSET BOULEVARD

THEFT - PETTY

- on 12/3/2021, 6:04 PM at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
- on 12/1/2021, 4:27 AM at 300 Block of N. CRESCENT DRIVE
- on 11/29/2021, 5:50 PM at 400 Block of S. OAKHURST DRIVE
- on 11/27/2021, 1:02 AM at 200 Block of TOWER DRIVE
- on 11/27/2021, 1:30 AM at 200 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE
- on 11/23/2021, 8:31 AM at 200 Block of N. REXFORD DRIVE
- on 11/18/2021, 1:46 PM at 400 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE
- on 11/12/2021, 12:34 AM at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE
- on 11/12/2021, 4:44 PM at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE
- on 11/12/2021, 7:24 AM at 200 Block of REEVES DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY (FROM VEHICLE)

- on 12/5/2021, 6:32 AM at 1100 Block of SAN YSIDRO DRIVE

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

- on 11/29/2021, 7:08 AM at 400 Block of SMITHWOOD DRIVE
- on 11/18/2021, 2:10 PM at 100 Block of N. HAMILTON DRIVE

DUI ARREST

- on 12/5/2021, 2:24 AM at WILSHIRE BOULEVARD / N. CRESCENT DRIVE
- on 12/4/2021, 12:09 AM at N. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD / CLIFTON WAY
- on 11/27/2021, 3:00 AM at OLYMPIC BOULEVARD / SPALDING DRIVE

VANDALISM

- on 11/29/2021, 6:00 AM at 800 Block of N. ROXBURY DRIVE

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Birthdays



**Belated Birthday
JOHN BENDHEIM
December 9**



**HAILEE STEINFELD
December 11**



**GLEN ROSTER
December 12**



**JAMIE FOXX
December 13**



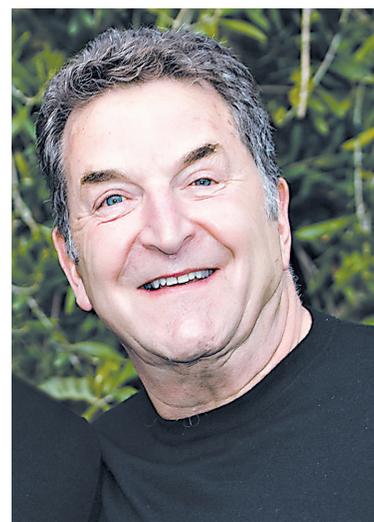
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December 13**



**RANDY JACOBSON
December 14**



**HOWARD GOLDSTEIN
December 15**



**JONATHAN BLOCH
December 15**



Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Anger is not like a drug; it is a drug. It alters a person's chemistry more effectively than a lot of other substances. Keep this in mind while dealing with people who seem to lean on this emotion. Maybe it's not about you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even the self-made have teachers, perhaps in the form of books or role models. Why limit your influences or accept the first instructor to come along? You'll love what happens when you proactively choose your mentors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As character-building as rejection is, there's no reason to get more of it than necessary. Before you put your project or yourself out there, find out what it typically takes to get to yes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Success will seem to take forever and include one near miss after another until you begin to wonder if you're ever going

to get there. Push through the dip. When you hit, you'll hit a jackpot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Small things can have life-changing intensity. One pinch of hot chili pepper changes the dish. One spark lights the fire. One smoldering look can set off a chain affecting generations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love gives more than it takes. You'll feel enlarged by everything you deliver in love, and others will be bigger for everything they give in the same spirit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In today's case, impulsivity will be a minus. Before you make the move you are contemplating, talk it out with someone knowledgeable and reasonable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Old pictures, past social media posts and historic texts will be part of the texture of this day. Some artifacts make you smile. As for the cringeworthy ones, let them represent how far you've come. Celebrate growth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be asked to handle other people's problems. You'd like to. It would be easier. But then

you'll have to do it every time, and when you're not around they'll suffer. The kind way is to help others be self-sufficient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll win. Stay humble and quiet about the victory for now, if not out of modesty, then for strategy. Competition is everywhere. And even when people don't want to compete with you, success changes the social dynamic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The muses will be tardy. Don't

wait on them. Inspiration will start to trickle in after you get working. The principle applies to your social life too. Friends will hop on a train that's already in motion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Adaptability is one of your many gifts. You come across the odd and unexpected, beyond your expertise and outside of your preference. And yet still ... you get used to it, make the most of it, turn it all to your advantage.



This 13-year-old, four-and-a-half pound Chihuahua is named Nina. As a recent mother from Santa Barbara, her puppies were all adopted out, but Nina couldn't find a home herself. She's currently in a foster home locally and loves walks and Netflix. To add this little lady to your household, please contact Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538.

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GARAGE-SALE PITCHES
BY JEFF KREMER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jeff Kremer is a management consultant for KPMG in Chicago. His initial interest in crosswords was sparked by his parents, who were journalists and avid solvers. But it was his wife, he says, who “obsesses over her solving streak and times” and who inspired him to start constructing. Jeff thinks this ad-themed puzzle — his first — is nicely timed for the Sunday between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as we all are flooded with sales pitches for the holidays. — W.S.

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Evidence of disorderly conduct?</p> <p>5 Animated greetings</p> <p>11 Threads</p> <p>15 Some words of Wordsworth</p> <p>19 Mötley ____</p> <p>20 Fiend</p> <p>21 Instrument with a solo in Seal's “Kiss From a Rose”</p> <p>22 “There's no place like ____” (Alaskan's quip)</p> <p>23 TV, volume knob broken, only \$10!</p> <p>26 A bit</p> <p>27 “Me too”</p> <p>28 Food Network host Brown</p> <p>29 Sandal variety</p> <p>31 Barbecue side dish</p> <p>35 Tried one's hand</p> <p>38 Before, once</p> <p>39 In large supply</p> <p>41 What may cover some ground</p> <p>43 Baseball mitt, has a small hole, just \$1!</p> <p>47 Casual greeting</p> <p>49 Model featured on many romance novel covers</p> <p>52 Split personalities?</p> <p>53 Stretch of time</p> <p>54 Wipe out</p>	<p>56 “Predictably ...”</p> <p>58 Much of Italy's north</p> <p>60 What the universe may or may not be</p> <p>62 Huey, Dewey and Louie, e.g.</p> <p>63 ____ colada</p> <p>65 She can act as a D.J., nowadays</p> <p>67 Raised</p> <p>68 Guitar, never used, \$15!</p> <p>72 Baseball's Matty or Felipe</p> <p>74 After-tax investment account, informally</p> <p>75 Award achievement for Audrey Hepburn and Andrew Lloyd Webber</p> <p>76 Ones coming on board</p> <p>79 Classic mower brand</p> <p>81 Loosen</p> <p>83 Raiser of team spirit</p> <p>84 Ready for a refill, say</p> <p>85 Sucker</p> <p>86 “Voilà!”</p> <p>89 Running figure</p> <p>90 Nautilus's locale</p> <p>91 Textbook, a few pages torn out, \$2!</p> <p>96 Extremely energetic people</p> <p>98 “Ain't that the truth!”</p> <p>99 Or rather</p> <p>102 Least enjoyable parts</p> <p>105 Super wrong identification?</p> <p>108 Words that might elicit the response “Prove it!”</p>	<p>110 Goldfinger's first name</p> <p>112 Blood line</p> <p>113 Final check?</p> <p>114 Two fish tanks, accessories included, \$5!</p> <p>120 Started a turn, perhaps</p> <p>121 Like a tautology, by its nature</p> <p>122 Name for zinc sulfide that is one letter short of a kitchen appliance</p> <p>123 Demolish</p> <p>124 Ingots</p> <p>125 Source</p> <p>126 Heir to the throne, as a rule</p> <p>127 Catch a glimpse of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DOWN</p> <p>1 Andrew who became the acting F.B.I. director after James Comey was fired</p> <p>2 It gets the lead out</p> <p>3 A good dessert to split?</p> <p>4 Having made up one's mind about</p> <p>5 Outback sight</p> <p>6 Stingray or Barracuda, e.g.</p> <p>7 Taylor of fashion</p> <p>8 U.S. poet laureate with a 1987 Pulitzer</p> <p>9 “The BFG” author</p> <p>10 Disperse</p> <p>11 “Heaven forbid!”</p> <p>12 Blood-typing letters</p>	<p>13 Word that can come before or after home</p> <p>14 Lloyd ____, Dukakis's veep pick in 1988</p> <p>15 Amenity in G.M. vehicles</p> <p>16 Prop ax used in “The Shining,” a valuable collectors' item, \$200!</p> <p>17 Actress and gender equality activist Watson</p> <p>18 Trickle</p> <p>24 “____ but a scratch”: Monty Python</p> <p>25 As well</p> <p>30 Set up</p> <p>32 Back</p> <p>33 Pin point?</p> <p>34 “A Clockwork Orange” narrator</p> <p>36 Actress Madeline of “Blazing Saddles”</p> <p>37 Horror director Aster</p> <p>40 Started again, as “99 Bottles of Beer”</p> <p>42 False front</p> <p>43 Get off one's high horse?</p> <p>44 Libertines</p> <p>45 “Sure is”</p> <p>46 Target with a pass</p> <p>48 Concern for veterans, for short</p> <p>49 Not even close</p> <p>50 Incense residue</p> <p>51 Wallet, in good condition, plenty of card slots, \$5!</p> <p>55 Person from Calgary or Edmonton</p>
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ANSWERS FOUND IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...

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<p>57 Brave's opponent in the 2021 World Series</p> <p>59 Removes, as a tattoo</p> <p>60 Stretch of time</p> <p>61 Special-interest, e.g.</p> <p>63 Fruit detritus</p> <p>64 Like a wailing cat</p> <p>66 TV's Cousin ____</p> <p>69 Pam's former partner on “The Office”</p> <p>70 When you're about as smart as a fifth grader</p>	<p>71 Aware of</p> <p>72 Some beers</p> <p>73 This Hebrew letter: כ</p> <p>77 90° bend</p> <p>78 Kind of blue akin to cerulean</p> <p>80 Concerns for a homeowners' association</p> <p>82 Bonobo, e.g.</p> <p>83 Banh mi toppings</p> <p>85 Not a “no no”</p> <p>87 Hooked</p> <p>88 Regular intake</p>	<p>92 Some beers</p> <p>93 Cattle call</p> <p>94 Strip</p> <p>95 Wash. neighbor</p> <p>97 It's good, in a saying</p> <p>99 Netflix crime drama starring Pedro Pascal</p> <p>100 Take a pot shot?</p> <p>101 Like the smell of rising dough</p> <p>103 Bare</p> <p>104 Ice-cream container</p> <p>106 Course standard</p>	<p>107 Tours can be found on it</p> <p>108 Website with star ratings</p> <p>109 ____ mia (Italian term of endearment)</p> <p>111 “____ all be fine”</p> <p>115 Wash. neighbor</p> <p>116 Stick on a table?</p> <p>117 Only's partner</p> <p>118 Ward workers, for short</p> <p>119 Term of endearment</p>
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Public Notices

OBITUARIES

Cynthia Jeanett Leonard

October 18, 1948 - November 18, 2021



Cynthia Jeanett Leonard, came into this life on October 18, 1948 and passed peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, onto an eternal life with our Lord Jesus Christ on November 18, 2021.

Cynthia, the daughter of Roger Kallman Leonard and Blanca Rosa Villegas Leonard, was an amazing force in the lives of anyone she touched. She was devoted to her children. They were her life and her passion. She tirelessly raised 4 children as a single parent while building a multimillion-dollar international business (Beverly Hills/New York/Mexico City). She was the perfect recipe...strength, faith, passion, exquisite taste and profound love.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a multitude of relatives and friends who have kept the champagne on ice awaiting her arrival in Heaven.

She is survived by her children, Cynthia Farrell, Blanca Farrell (Simón), Beau Moriki (Nicole), and Audrey Moriki, grandchildren, Maude, Violet, Mateo, Julian, Noah and Anna. She is survived by her siblings, Rocio Fortunat (Hector), Roger Leonard (Diane), Patty Leonard Garrigus (Kevin), and Gerri Leonard (Lou), and her nieces and nephews Roger Jude Leonard, Mia Ciminella, Marisa Lawlor, Sara LeConte, Hector Fortunat, Mark Fortunat, Monique McCartney, Michael Leonard and Hayley Garrigus. Her great nieces and nephews, Phillip, Chiara, Isabella, Paloma, Blanca, Sasha, Angelica, Joseph, Luca, James, Julianne, Leo, Sienna, Kingston, Tristan and Rowan.

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address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 10/8/2021 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 Briana Young, Trustee Sale Officer

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021244156

The following is/are doing business as: **DEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY JV** 1900 Ave. of The Stars 7th Flr., Los Angeles, CA 90067-4308; **Timothy Lappen** 1900 Ave. of The Stars 7th Flr., Los Angeles, CA 90067-4308; **Andrea Lappen** 1225 Walnut St., Berkeley, CA 94709-1406; **Sally Lappen** 1449 Oxford St., Berkeley, CA 94709-1423; The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Timothy Lappen, General Partner**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 05, 2021; Published: November 19, 26, December 03, 10, 2021 **LACC N/C BEVERLY HILLS COURIER**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE NO: 21STCP03383 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of: **Michael Thomas Morris** To all interested person(s): Petitioner: **Michael Thomas Morris** filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse**, on **October 12, 2021** for a Decree changing names as follows: Present Name: **MICHAEL THOMAS MORRIS** Proposed Name: **MICHAEL THOMAS AURELIUS MORRIATTI** 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

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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: **January 10, 2022** Time: **10:00am** Dept: **74** The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse.** 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: **Michael Thomas Morris** Judge of the Superior Court **Michelle Williams Court, Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk,** **By: Nick Miramontes, Deputy Clerk** Dated: **October 12, 2021** Published: **December 03, 10, 17, 24, 2021** Beverly Hills Courier

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021255273

The following is/are doing business as: **MOORE ESSENCE** 8549 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211; **Roszonna Brown** 8549 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed October 2020: **Roszonna Brown, Owner**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 21, 2021; Published: December 10, 17, 24, 31, 2021 **LACC N/C BEVERLY HILLS COURIER**

SUMMONS (CITATION JUDICIAL) CASE NO: 19STCV46585

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: **WESTSIDE MULTI-SPECIALTY MEDICAL GROUP, INC., unknown entity; SOUSANNA LACHTCHOUK, NP, an individual; and Does 1 to 25, inclusive.**

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: **DOWNTOWN LAW GROUP 601 N. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90004**

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remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Fannie Indrokusumo, An Unmarried Woman Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 1/23/1992 as Instrument No. 92-118768 The subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded as Instrument 20171172504 and recorded on 10/12/2017 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 12/9/2021 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: behind fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$87,028.25 Street Address or other

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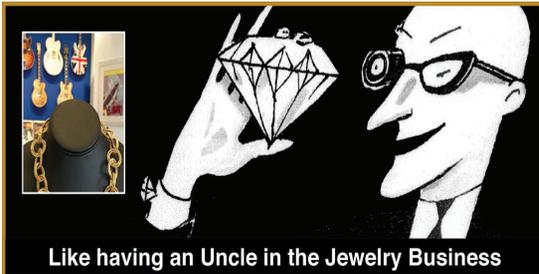
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