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☁ Monday	79°   55°
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☁ Wednesday	70°   52°
☁ Thursday	64°   52°

## Mark Stainbrook Sworn in as Beverly Hills Chief of Police

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

After over 18 months without a permanent police chief, Beverly Hills swore in Mark Stainbrook as the Chief of Police of the Beverly Hills Police Department. He becomes the 11th chief since the formation of the department in 1927, overseeing more than 200 officers and civilian employees. The appointment comes at a time of escalating anxiety in the city over crime.

“I’ve learned very quickly that this is a highly engaged and super supportive community and I’m very excited about that,”

Stainbrook said at a ceremony held on the steps of City Hall to mark the occasion. “I’m sure that the current state of American law enforcement is on the minds of everyone here. Certainly these have been challenging times, but there’s things that remain constant. We want safe neighborhoods, we want our world renowned business districts to be safe and thriving, and we believe in great community and police partnerships and relationships.”

“I have no doubt that Mark will be an

incredible leader to our Police Department and the residents of our community,” said Mayor Robert Wunderlich.

Wunderlich also offered a parting message to former Interim Police Chief Dominick Rivetti, who took the helm of the department after the abrupt departure of Sandra Spagnoli. Rivetti oversaw the department during a tumultuous confluence of events: the COVID-19 pandemic, Black Lives Matter protests, and the 2020 presidential election. (Stainbrook Sworn continues on page 13)



City Clerk Huma Ahmed swears in Police Chief Mark Stainbrook. Photo by Samuel Braslow

## Suspect in Avant Murder Arrested

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Jacqueline and Clarence Avant at The Walls. Photo by Alex Berliner

The Beverly Hills Police Department announced the arrest of a suspect in the murder of long-time Beverly Hills resident Jacqueline Avant, 81, on Dec. 2. Avant was shot and killed at her home in the Trousdale Estates neighborhood in the early morning of Dec. 1. Avant, wife of music executive and producer Clarence Avant, was a prominent

figure and philanthropist in the Beverly Hills art and culture world.

“To the Beverly Hills Community, let me reassure you, this is one of the most protected and patrolled cities in the world. Crime of any kind will not be tolerated here. Let this be a message to anyone thinking of committing a crime in Beverly Hills—you will be caught and brought to justice,” Chief Mark Stainbrook said at a news conference on Dec. 2.

The suspect, 29-year-old Ariel Maynor of Los Angeles, was discovered by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) later the same early morning of the Avant shooting allegedly burglarizing another home in the Hollywood Hills, according to Stainbrook. (Suspect in Avant Murder continues on page 16)

## Priority Access at Frieze Art Fair for BH Residents

BY CARL ROBINETTE

Excitement has been building around Frieze Week in Beverly Hills, an event that is part of a much lauded international art show series that hosts fairs in London, New York, Korea and Los Angeles. The weeklong event includes Frieze’s signature art exhibition under a big top tent and other exhibits throughout the city. The icing on the cake for Beverly Hills residents is priority access.

On Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to noon, Beverly Hills residents will have exclusive priority booking for early bird tickets. (Frieze Art Fair continues on page 11)

# Courier Calendar

**NOW - DEC. 31**

**WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS:**

**“LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE”**

“LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE” returns to the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. With the state-of-the-art video design, exceptional staging and award-winning production, “LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE” intertwines film and live action while bringing together family and friends. The live orchestra and all-star cast of singers reimagine the film’s hit soundtrack, including “Christmas is All Around” and “Trouble with Love.”

<https://thewallis.org/Love>

**DEC. 3 - 4**

**LATINO THEATER COMPANY:**

**“LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE, DIOS INANTZIN”**

**7:30 P.M.**

Latino Theater Company returns to in-person performances with “La Virgen de Guadalupe, Dios Inantzin,” a signature holiday pageant and tradition since 2002. There will be two performances, and they will take place at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Downtown Los Angeles. The performances are in Spanish with English supertitles. Reservations required; premium seating is \$45, and general admission is free.

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

**DEC. 4 - 12**

**CLOTHING DRIVE**

Volunteer Collective and partners are holding a warm clothing drive at drop-off collection points (including two in Beverly Hills) to benefit students of LAUSD and their families. Warm clothes are always needed during the winter months, and the drive is looking specifically for new or lightly used sweaters, jackets, blankets, scarves, hats, shoes, socks (new only) and other warm clothing. Unwrapped, new holiday gifts for children will also be accepted and distributed to families for the holiday. Drop off locations can be found at: 509 N. Foothill Drive and 443 S. Robertson Blvd. (alley behind shops).

**DEC. 5**

**THE VAHAGN SETIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: 15TH ANNIVERSARY AND TREE PLANTING CEREMONY**

**9 A.M.**

To commemorate the 15th anniversary of The Vahagn Setian Charitable Foundation, there will be a tree planting ceremony on Dec. 5 at Roxbury Park. Since its inception with the death of Vahagn Setian, the Foundation has worked to raise awareness of and advocate for mindful choices.

<http://vahagnfoundation.org/>

**DEC. 4 - 5**

**WESTSIDE BALLET: “THE NUTCRACKER”**

**SANTA MONICA COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

The longest running production of “The Nutcracker” in the city is back at The Broad Stage. Tchaikovsky’s original score accompanies the magical landscapes and discoveries of Clara’s journey through the Land of Snow. To keep all parties safe, all patrons above the age of 12 are required to be vaccinated, those below 12 or with a medical exemption from the vaccine may present a negative test taken within 72 hours of the performance. Tickets are \$50.

[westsideballet.com/nutcracker](http://westsideballet.com/nutcracker)

**DEC. 4 - 5**

**SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER HANNUKAH HAPPY HOUR**

**6 P.M. ON YOUTUBE**

**HANNUKAH FESTIVAL**

**2-6 P.M. (DOORS AT 1:30 P.M.)**

National Editor of the Forward Rob Eshman will lead the Hannukah Happy Hour, an event streamed online on YouTube. On Dec. 5, the Hannukah Festival will feature cultural events including storytelling, music, art-making and more. Classic Hannukah drinks and treats will also be served. Tickets are \$18 and require advance reservations.

[skirball.org](http://skirball.org)

**DEC. 4 - 26**

**LOS ANGELES BALLET: “THE NUTCRACKER”**

The Los Angeles Ballet returns with a timeless holiday tradition, featuring Tchaikovsky’s iconic score. This time the two-act production is updated to be set in 1912 Los Angeles, with all the characteristic elements one expects from a Southern California setting. Tickets are \$39-114 for performances at Alex Theatre, Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, Royce Hall, UCLA, and Dolby Theater.

[losangelesballet.org/the-nutcracker](http://losangelesballet.org/the-nutcracker)

**DEC. 4 - SEPT. 22, 2022**

**PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM: “HYPERCARS: THE ALLURE OF THE EXTREME”**

The Petersen Automotive Museum launches a new exhibit of the fastest and most exclusive cars. “Hypercars: The Allure of the Extreme” rotates up to 30 vehicles that showcase hypercars and how they captivate the global automotive community. Vehicles include the Aria FXE concept, Bugatti Veyron 16.4, Caparo T1, Devel Sixteen, Koenigsegg Agera RS Final Edition, McLaren Speedtail, NIO EP9 and Delage D12. The exhibit will be split into two parts; the first is from Dec. 4 - Sept. 22, 2022, and the second is from Sept. 17, 2022 - May 14, 2023.

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

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## Smash-and-Grabs, Stickups and Hate Flyers: BHPD Responds

BY CARL ROBINETTE



In a city known worldwide for its quiet streets and luxury shopping, the last two weeks have been busy for the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD). A recent spate of crime has included smash-and-grab retail burglaries, armed robberies and the distribution of antisemitic flyers. The BHPD told the Courier it is responding with increased patrols and heightened awareness.

“We monitor whatever is going on around us and we react appropriately from a preparation stance,” BHPD Lt. Giovanni Trejo told the Courier. “We will always make sure our business district is safe and protected and we react to those threats as they happen, and also trends. As [incidents] increase,

we increase patrolling and we have also increased private security patrols as well.”

When it was discovered that shop windows had been smashed overnight Nov. 20-21 at Louis Vuitton and Saks Fifth Avenue, the crimes appeared to mirror a statewide trend. Similar actions occurred in smash-and-grabs that same weekend in the San Francisco Bay Area and elsewhere in California. Since then a wave of similar incidents have swept the country with smash-and-grabs in Chicago, Minnesota and even Canada.

For its part, the BHPD made arrests in connection with a “flash-mob” robbery committed at a Lakewood Home Depot on Nov. 26. A group of six suspicious vehicles driving through the Beverly Hills Business Triangle was reported on Nov. 27. BHPD responded, stopping two of the vehicles, one of which matched a description of a suspect vehicle connected to the Home Depot robbery.

**(BHPD Responds continues on page 8)**

## LA City Council Map On Hold for BH Neighbors

BY CARL ROBINETTE

A new Los Angeles City Council district boundary map that would impact many LA residents near Beverly Hills has been delayed. LA City Council was slated to vote whether to approve the map at a Dec. 1 meeting, but the final vote was tabled until a future meeting due to a needed technical change.

A slight correction is needed to the proposed boundary between LA Council Districts 1 and 10 near Koreatown after an error was made in the publicly posted draft map. The corrected map has to be publicly posted for a minimum of three days by law. The final vote is expected next week, LA City staff told the Courier.

Bel Air, Beverly Crest, the Bird Streets and Los Angeles neighborhoods along the southern Beverly Hills border would all be affected by the proposed map which is expected to be finalized and take effect by Jan 1. Some LA residents will see changes, but the latest map creates much less change for Beverly Hills neighbors compared to previous map drafts considered during the redistricting process.

If approved, the current proposed draft map would split the area represented by the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council into two districts at Briarcrest Road—District 5 west of Briarcrest and District 4 to the east. District 5 is represented by City Councilmember Paul Koretz and District 4 is represented by Councilmember Nithya Raman.

“We recognized that there could be a need for our neighborhood council to be represented by two councilmembers,” Bel Air-Beverly Crest Council President Travis Longcore told the Courier. “So we made very specific recommendations about where that split should be based on knowing the neighborhoods and the residents.”

Longcore said that his neighborhood council and residents have lobbied against a previous draft of the map which he said would have put the border between District 4 and 5 too far west at San Ysidro Drive close to where it is on the current active map. **(LA City Council continues on page 16)**

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# Beverly Hills to Test Outdoor Warning Siren

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

In times of crisis, the city of Beverly Hills sends out push notifications via voice message, SMS/text message, email and more to alert residents about a potential safety hazard or concern. In April, the City Council advised staff to move forward with plans to establish an additional emergency notification system: a citywide outdoor warning siren (OWS). The sirens are placed strategically around the city to ensure maximum coverage if activated, and add another layer of emergency notification redundancy, especially for those who are outdoors. The intent of the system is to provide mass warning in the event of natural and manmade disasters, including wildfires, earthquakes, floods, civil disturbance, crowd control and more. To test the new OWS and inform the community about wildfire evacuation planning, the City of Beverly Hills' Office of Emergency Management is hosting two virtual community meetings on Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. and Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

To demonstrate the siren for residents who are interested in hearing the new OWS firsthand, the city has planned in-person

meetings on Dec. 13 at Roxbury Park at 4 p.m. and Dec. 15 at Greystone Mansion at 10 a.m. The siren will be activated as a test for no more than 30 seconds, and no action will be required.

In an April 20 report, staff estimated a total of 12 pole mounted sirens would be required to reach all residents. The estimated cost associated with the installation of a 12-siren system is between \$700,000 to \$1,200,000, depending on the final locations, siren options, and other external costs. The siren system features voice and tone notification options, which allows for voice commands to be transmitted over the sirens as well as tones.

**(Outdoor Warning continues on page 10)**

# Applications Open for Community Assistance Grants

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

The City of Beverly Hills has begun accepting applications for its Community Assistance Grant Fund (CAGF) to be awarded for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Through CAGF, the city partners with local organizations that provide services for the community's most vulnerable populations, such as seniors, disabled and homeless, to maintain a social service safety net—a priority outlined in the city's General Plan. Agencies that are crucial to the health and welfare of the community are encouraged to apply by the Feb. 1, 2022 deadline.

The grants are administered by the Human Services Division, and all applicants are reviewed by the Human Relations Commission and the Charitable Solicitations Commission. The City Council determines the final allocation of funding.

"The Commission is looking forward to continuing the mission of the CAGF and reviewing applicants who provide such important services that benefit our immediate community and beyond," Human Relations Commission Chair Ori Blumenfeld told the Courier. "This past year we received

the most applications ever, and I expect that next year we will surpass that record and be blessed with even more applications to review for funding. The Commission is grateful to the city for its unwavering support and continuous funding year after year of these worthwhile causes."

For 2021-22, 22 organizations received grant funding for services helping seniors, homelessness, physical and mental health, culture and more. The 22 existing grant recipients include the Collins and Katz Family YMCA, OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center, Safe Parking LA, Affordable Living for the Aging, All Saints' Homeless Assistance Program, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Beverly Hills Active Adult Club, Beverly Hills Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Beverly Hills Education Foundation, Chiron Center, Inc., ETTA, Jewish Family Service - Los Angeles, Jewish Free Loan Association, The Miracle Project, The Maple Counseling Center, People Assisting The Homeless, **(Community Assistance continues on page 10)**



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# Holiday Gift Guide

## Hostess Goodies for Foodies

BY CAROLE DIXON



Orange and gianduja panettone. Photo by Gabriele Stabile

No matter where you are heading for the holidays, it's always nice to give and receive a special indulgence. We've done the legwork and rounded up eight tasty treats from Beverly Hills that might get you a top seat at the table or even a promotion.

### Gucci

If the friend you're gifting is a serious foodie, the newly Michelin-starred Gucci Osteria da Massimo Bottura Beverly Hills, has partnered with one of the pastry world's most distinguished and creative minds, Roy Shvartzapel, to create two limited-edition Panettone for the Holiday Season. Both sweetened breads (one with orange and gianduja, the other with candied orange and raisin) are packed in a beautiful limited-edition collectible tin designed by Gucci. (It is available at the store for \$150 each.)

Like everyone in business during the past few years, Christian Navarro at Wally's was searching for new products due to logistical issues. "We are always looking for unique high-quality products," he told the Courier. Or, in some cases, it's best just to go back to a tried-and-true old favorite."

To that end, Navarro has rediscovered and recommends Henriot Champagne,

which has been around for 100 years and is a great quality bottle for a fair price (NV Henriot Blanc De Blancs Brut, \$70). For a new rosé, the Lady A hits the top of the mark this season with a label designed by Damian Hirst for \$20 a bottle. "It's the best, least expensive you will find," said Navarro. Finally, for red wine drinkers, no holiday table is complete without a Pinot Noir from Oregon such as the Nicholas J. for \$60.

First Light is a small New Zealand company that produces some of the world's best grass-fed Wagyu cattle. This environmentally conscious cooperative of family farmers is responsible for naturally marbled beef with Omega 3's that is Certified Humane, Halal and sustainably raised with zero antibiotics, hormones or GMOs. This beef is also served at matū on South Beverly Drive and can be ordered individually via Thrive Market starting at \$8.99, but you might want to look into the meat lover's box for \$209.99, or check out [steakclub.firstlight.farm](http://steakclub.firstlight.farm) for monthly deliveries.

For a sumptuous gift basket, Eataly at the Westfield in Century City has an array of condiment baskets for any cook or Italian food lover. Two great finds for bringing to



First Light Steak Club



### Truffle Feast from Eataly

sold in a self-contained wooded round box for \$55. This special fromage from France is only available seasonally. This is also the time of year to buy white truffles from Alba, which start at \$400 per ounce. The store has them available, and you can even buy one fresh truffle and place it in a festive small box. In addition, they are the main retailer in Beverly Hills for Chocolates from Coco Suisse, priced from \$6 to \$20.

Gourmet food distributor La Megara, specializes in a variety of food and home wholesale products made from the finest quality ingredients imported from Tunisia and the Mediterranean. The best-sellers include organic olive oil (\$11.99 for 750ml), sardine tins, jars with harissa or tapenade, plus you can also order a set of their 3 small olive wood bows, salad hands or cutting boards to go with the gift starting at just \$10. These are all finished with wax for a longer lifetime and treated with olive oil. You can order online at [lamegara.com](http://lamegara.com) or if you are a local, please call 310-887-7044 to arrange for a pick-up at the Canon Drive office.

Celebrity favorite for special occasion cakes, Sweet Lady Jane, opened on South Beverly Drive over the summer. Known widely for the triple berry cake, the "Beverly" cake was created specifically for the 90210-location. This confection is a yellow butter cake with layers of chocolate mousse and vanilla cream, frosted in chocolate ganache and covered in a chocolate glaze with delicate flowers and leaves of 24-carat gold leaf. The six-inch is sold for \$60, eight-inch for \$80. They also have an assortment of Hanukkah and Christmas cookies and other specialty holiday cakes that would be a welcome treat.

For coffee aficionados, long-time favorite European spot, ORO Caffé on Santa Monica Boulevard is under new management. They

are currently selling Columbine ground coffee from Africa (\$7.95 per 200 grams). Or, drip coffee from Costa Rica, Columbia, Brazil and Ethiopia by Mondo. The medium roast, 100 percent Arabica coffee is creatively packaged in 10 individual servings per box with its own pop-up filter that you can place in a cup and just add water (\$14.99), which makes a great gift for home or even the office. ●



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**(BHPD Responds continued from page 4)**

Tools suspected by police to have been stolen from the big-box hardware store were found in the vehicles. Four arrests were made and suspects were taken into custody by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

A string of back-to-back armed robberies was also reported in Beverly Hills Nov. 22-23. A double-robbery was reported on the night of Nov. 22 near Charleville Boulevard. BHPD later tracked an SUV matching a description of the vehicle driven by the suspects in both of the Charleville robberies. Police arrested the two vehicle occupants with help from the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office told the Courier it has filed charges of second degree robbery and brandishing an imitation firearm against an LA resident in connection with the Nov. 22 robbery.

On Nov. 23 a robbery was reported around 4 p.m. on Beverly Boulevard near Doheny Drive. The suspects were reported to have fled the scene on foot, but BHPD set up a containment operation and made three arrests later that day. Two of the suspects were found in possession of loaded handguns. The District Attorney has filed charges in that case for attempted second degree robbery and unlawful possession of a firearm.

In a separate incident, a strong arm robbery against a 13 year old boy and his friend on Oakhurst Drive was reported Nov. 30. The boy's mother Joanne Gruber told the

Courier that the robbers threatened to kill the two boys if they did not hand over their eclectic skateboard and bicycle. The boys complied and were not physically harmed. The suspects fled on foot, according to the victim.

"The one guy said something like, 'Give me your skateboard and if you don't give it to me I'm gonna kill you and if you call the police I'm gonna kill you,'" Gruber said, relaying the story her son told her. "I think it was just bad timing. They just happened to be walking by, you know?"

BHPD arrived at the scene in less than five minutes after she reported the robbery, Gruber said.

"I literally don't know what to say," she added about the robbery. "I just have a feeling in my gut that they were never going to hurt the boys."

Police did not immediately respond to Courier requests for information on the Oakhurst Drive robbery.

In another incident, a routine traffic stop turned into an hours-long manhunt on Nov. 30 after a suspect allegedly reversed his car into a BHPD cruiser. According to Trejo, a BHPD officer pulled over a silver Kia near the intersection of South Santa Monica Boulevard and Rodeo Drive for a vehicle code violation.

"While the officer was standing with one foot on the ground and the other foot inside the police vehicle, the silver Kia reversed and struck the police cruiser, and fled westbound on South Santa Monica Boulevard at a high rate of speed with the officer giving chase,"

Trejo said.

While Trejo did not specify the violation that precipitated the stop, business-owner and resident Tara Riceberg had a front row view to the incident, she told the Courier, which she described as a "routine traffic stop." Riceberg said she was at the intersection when a silver Kia attempted to make a left turn as soon as the light turned green.

"The oncoming southbound traffic thankfully stopped before hitting him," she said. "The driver then reversed out of the way to let southbound traffic pass before making the left onto little Santa Monica."

A BHPD patrol car with a view of the maneuver then pulled the vehicle over before striking the police cruiser.

The driver led police on a "short vehicle pursuit" before abandoning his car in an alley west of Linden Drive and north of Charleville Boulevard. For hours afterwards, police formed a containment perimeter and searched for the suspect. As helicopters hovered overhead, nearby residents were instructed to shelter in place.

Police discovered the suspect and also found two handguns within the containment, although Trejo did not state whether the handguns are believed to belong to the suspect.

"It is unknown at this time if this suspect is connected to any other crimes in Beverly Hills. Beverly Hills Police detectives will be conducting follow-up investigation," Trejo said.

Although not involving violence, an equally disturbing incident took place last

weekend. Some Beverly Hills residents were alarmed to find antisemitic flyers in their yards on the first day of Hanukkah, Nov. 28. Fliers inside plastic bags weighted with rice were reportedly thrown into the yards of several homes in the northern part of the city. The message included antisemitic conspiracy theories about COVID-19. BHPD and Beverly Hills Public Works staff canvassed the area and collected many of the fliers before they were discovered by more residents, police said.

BHPD told the Courier that no suspects have been identified and the investigation into the incident is ongoing.

"Police are continuing to investigate and attempt to identify the persons responsible for this disturbing act," said BHPD in a statement on social media.

President Joe Biden mentioned the hate fliers in a speech during a White House menorah lighting ceremony Dec. 1 in which he discussed the rise in antisemitism.

"All it takes is an opening, a sliver, a crack, or the briefest nod of acceptance or legitimacy for ancient evils that have long plagued our society to come rushing in," said Biden. "We just saw an incident of some horribly antisemitic fliers being left at people's homes in Los Angeles. We have to stand against the resurgence and this tide of antisemitism and other forms of intolerance and hate here at home and around the world."

Additional reporting by Samuel Braslow

## Helpful Tips to Make Year-End Charitable Giving Easier

By Dan Rothblatt

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With the end of the year fast approaching, it's the time that many begin to think about making their charitable gifts. My colleagues at the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles (The Foundation) and I created this list of eight helpful tips to make your 2021 year-end giving a little easier and smarter.

### Talk to your advisor.

To keep up with fast-changing tax laws, reach out to your professional advisors earlier this year. Certain changes made in 2020 to address COVID continue this year. Furthermore, anticipated changes to the income tax code beginning in 2022 make the need for advance planning even more important.

### Give now—decide later.

If you are planning for a charitable tax deduction this year but are undecided about which nonprofits to support, consider opening a donor advised fund (DAF) at The Foundation. DAFs have become an increasingly popular giving vehicle favored by many charitably minded people. You can claim a deduction for contributions made to your fund now even if recommended distributions to charities from the fund are not made until future years. With just a \$5,000 minimum opening balance in cash, appreciated assets like stock, or more complex assets like real estate, a donor advised fund can be set up quickly and bring focus and efficiency to your giving.

### Create a giving plan.

Establishing a charitable fund at The Foundation provides you access to the expertise of professionals at our Center for Designed Philanthropy who can guide you in making the greatest impact on the causes you care about most. For example, our Center team can help you create a giving plan to support your favorite charities more strategically versus making "one-off" donations. Plus, they can assist you in identifying philanthropic fields of interest that resonate with your charitable passions, and vet those causes you elect to support. And, since the Center team is highly

knowledgeable in multigenerational philanthropy, they can work with you to develop a plan to involve your entire family in the giving process, creating a more meaningful philanthropic experience. Or if you have no heirs, we can help you create a meaningful plan for your legacy.

### Establish a fund through your estate plans to provide ongoing support to charities most meaningful to you.

We can work with you and your advisors to set up a fund through your estate that maximizes your charitable giving and minimizes your tax impact.

### Let The Foundation do the legwork.

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### Plan the timing of your 2021 gift.

December 31 is coming fast. A gift by check is complete when mailed

(postmarked) to the charitable recipient, even if not cashed until the following year. Gifts by credit card are complete when your credit card account is charged.

### Consider a gift of appreciated stock.

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### Think about making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA.

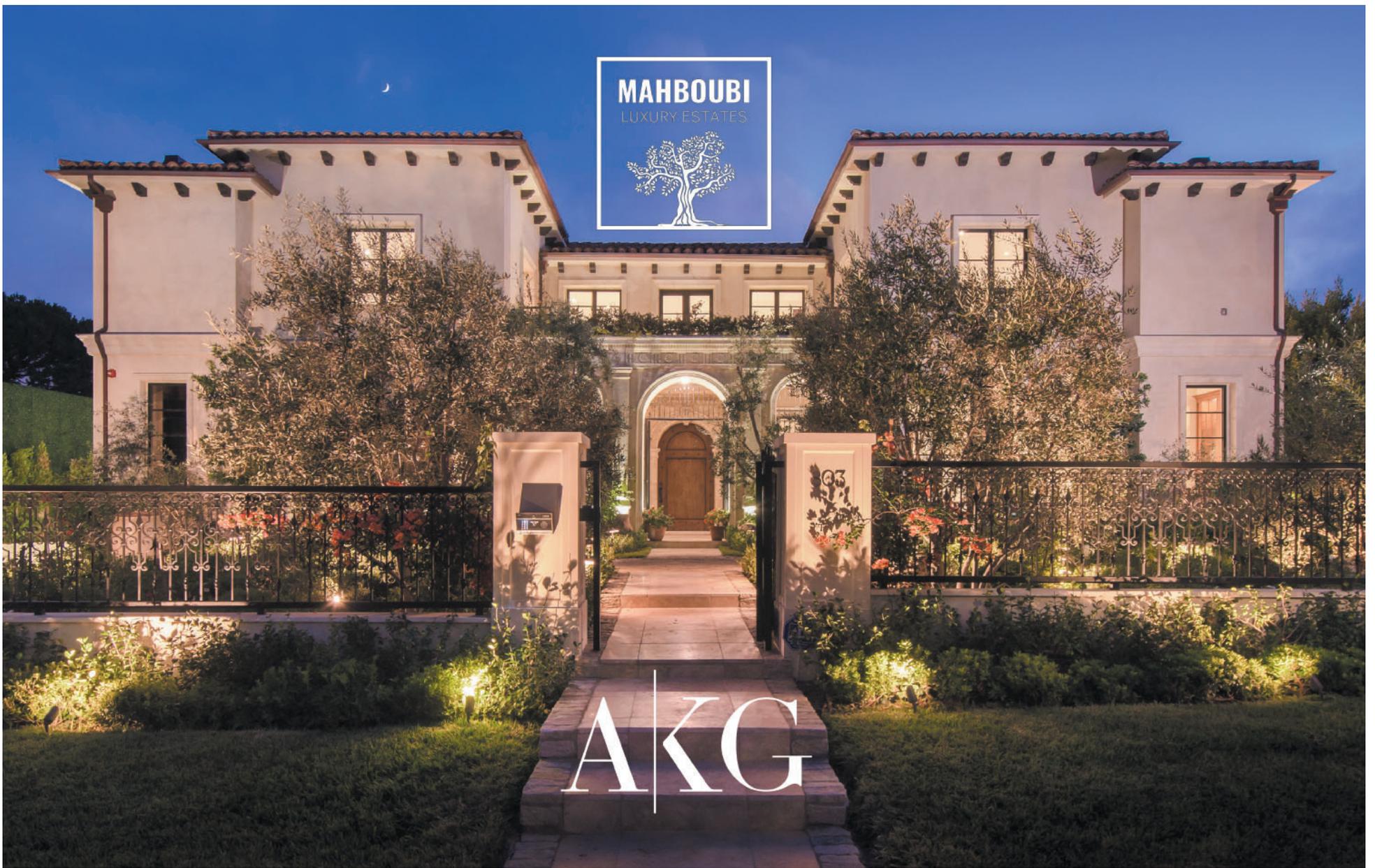
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# Pascal

March 19, 1914 – September 24, 2021

On September 24, 2021, Pascal was carried on wings of angels home to Heaven.

Pascal was born in Miles City, Montana, on March 19, 1914, to Charles Pascal, a French restaurateur and candy maker, and Ann Kenny. Moving to Helena, Montana, Charles opened a candy store and the family lived above the store until he died from the Spanish Flu in 1918. Ann attempted to keep the candy store running, however, between being a woman and the ongoing flu epidemic, she struggled to keep the business afloat.

Ann moved to Spokane with her children, Pascal and Charles. They made their home in Spokane for many years until, eventually, moving to Seattle. As a young girl, Pascal loved art and spent her days drawing and sketching. She'd sit for hours in their garden, painting the flowers, the sky and the people she'd see walking by. Pascal also loved the theater and music, and one day, after a performance at The Paramount Theater, she met Jules Buffano. Jules was a band leader, musical composer and conductor and the two fell madly in love. They were married in 1934 and later welcomed a daughter, Suzanne Jill.

Jules' career took the family to Los Angeles where they settled for a few years, until they amicably divorced. Life would take Pascal on many adventures and down many different paths, including moving back to Seattle where she married Al Rosenberg. After his death, she moved to Beverly Hills where she made her permanent home with Ann and Jill.

When Pascal first moved to Beverly Hills, money was scarce. To help make ends meet, Pascal followed in her father's culinary footsteps and created Susie's Caramel Corn, named after herself and her daughter. She, along with her mother and daughter, made the caramel corn, packaged it and sold it. The business became extremely successful and was eventually purchased by Laura Scudder's.

Pascal loved to sketch and paint, but she was always intrigued by the medium of glass. She discovered an abandoned glass factory in Dunbar, Pennsylvania and taught herself how to turn the enormous chunks of glass into realistic sculptures. Learning to read the striations, finding the art living within the glass that her hammer and chisel could bring to life and falling in love with the fourth dimension she saw within.

Pascal took her sculptures to Europe where she eventually found a gallery that took a chance on an unknown artist and an unknown medium. From that first gallery show Pascal's glass sculptures would be shown in multiple galleries around the world.

When one of her collectors requested a large glass sculpture to be installed outdoors, Pascal added a third art medium, stainless steel. She knew glass would crack over time if displayed outdoors, but stainless steel would be able to survive the elements.

Pascal's collectors grew in number, and she became almost as well known for her festive dinner parties as for her art. She would cook her famous pasta sauce and show her latest works of art while the champagne flowed and music played late into the night.

Pascal went on to marry James Regan and, when she wasn't in her studio sculpting or painting, the two of them traveled the world together. From Paris to London to Ireland, cruising down the Amazon and through the Panama Canal, visiting the pyramids in Egypt and making multiple trips to Japan, Pascal was inspired by the beauty she saw on her travels. And that inspiration was displayed in her paintings and sculptures.

Pascal not only created incredible art that is displayed in museums, private collections and institutions across the Globe, but she created her own unique style. From her tailored men's suits to her inimitable hairstyle inspired on one of her trips to Japan, she was never one to blend in. She loved Oreos and chocolate cake, champagne and caviar, "les girls" lunches, and collecting books on the world's greatest artists.

Over her 107½ years, Pascal was as tough as the glass she carved. As polished as her stainless steel sculptures. As colorful as her paintings. She left a legacy not just of art and family but of what's possible when you live life on your own terms, doing what you love, with the people who inspire and support you.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Regan, and a multitude of dear friends who have kept the champagne on ice waiting for her arrival in Heaven. She is survived by her daughter, Jill Buffano Petty, son-in-law, Stephen Petty, granddaughter, Lisa Petty Seigle and her husband Mark, grandson, Scott Pascal Petty and his wife Jeanne, great-grandchildren, Jack Seigle, Alexandra Seigle, Francesca Petty and Henry Pascal Petty, and nephew, Charles Pascal.

In honor of Pascal, donations to the Pascal Annex at the Dunbar Historical Society would be greatly appreciated: 42 Bridge Street, Dunbar, PA 15431

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Saban Community Clinic, Step Up on Second, Theatre 40, Tower Cancer Research Foundation, the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts and the Westside Food Bank.

Applications will be considered based on the following criteria: organization provides a unique service that addresses an unmet need of the community and does not duplicate other providers or programs; organization does not rely solely on community assistance funding to remain viable and the services would cost more to the city if the city provided them directly; organization provides services that support the city's commitment to the provision of a social service safety net that addresses the health and welfare of community members; organization provides regional services that

enable the city to meet its regional obligation to help ameliorate social issues.

This year, the city will once again be accepting applications for cultural grants. These applications must still meet the first two above criteria, but they also must be existing Beverly Hills organizations that have demonstrated a history of providing outstanding cultural events that respond to the needs of the community.

The applicant must be, or partner with a 501c.3 organization. The applicant must return a completed application to [humanservices@beverlyhills.org](mailto:humanservices@beverlyhills.org) or by mail postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2022, at 5 p.m. to the Beverly Hills Human Services Division.

For more information or to download an application, visit [www.beverlyhills.org/cagf](http://www.beverlyhills.org/cagf). To learn more about past recipients, visit: [www.beverlyhills.org/humanservices](http://www.beverlyhills.org/humanservices). ●

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During the virtual meetings, the city's Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works and city Manager's Office will offer tips on the ways community members can prepare for the unexpected and share how each department has prepared for and mitigated threats of wildfires and other disasters. Participants will get the chance to learn about how to

organize their own action plan in an emergency and what supplies to pack.

"We hope the community joins us for either a virtual meeting or in-person siren demonstration as an additional resource to further prepare for a wildfire disaster that could impact them or their families," said Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed.

To learn more, visit [beverlyhills.org/firesirenmeeting](http://beverlyhills.org/firesirenmeeting) or call 310-285-1021. ●



## Beverly Hills Rent Stabilization 2021 Workshops and Trainings

These workshops are intended for landlords, property managers, renters, or anyone who assists in property management. They explain landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. They are also useful for anyone contemplating buying or selling rental property in the City of Beverly Hills.

**DECEMBER 8, 2021  
2022 REGISTRATION**

**6:00 – 7:30 PM**

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**Meeting ID:** 833 6823 8147

**Passcode:** 536356

Meeting will also be televised on BHTV Channel 10, and can be streamed online at [www.beverlyhills.org/watchlive](http://www.beverlyhills.org/watchlive)

**For more information about the program:** [www.beverlyhills.org/bhrent](http://www.beverlyhills.org/bhrent)

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The “Peace and Love” sculpture in Beverly Gardens Park will soon be complimented by a temporary sculpture garden as part of Frieze Week in Beverly Hills. Photo by Carl Robinette

**(Frieze Art Fair continued from page 1)**

Frieze is also offering residents a 15% discount and pre-approved applications on “Frieze 91,” an exclusive membership program that offers premiere access to fairs, studio visits, artist foundations and other events around the world. Membership perks for the Beverly Hills event include first VIP access for the Thursday Preview at the fair and access to the Frieze Week VIP program.

“We have previously extended special tickets to groups including students and artists, as well as guests of partner organizations and more,” Frieze’s Vice President

of Communications Belinda Bowring told the Courier in an email. “Frieze aims to reach the broadest possible audience with our events.”

The idea of offering perks to Beverly Hills residents was fielded by Beverly Hills City Councilmember John Mirisch at an Oct. 26 Council Study Session. During that session, Frieze presented event plans to the council ahead of a vote to approve more than \$70,000 in fee waivers for the use of public resources. Resources included the Rodeo Drive median, Beverly Gardens Park, Greystone Mansion and the city trolley. Such

waivers are normally granted to non profit groups like Sing for Hope which had its painted piano series displayed throughout the city in August and September.

“Maybe we look at either free or heavily discounted admission for Beverly Hills residents,” said Mirisch at the October meeting. “As much as I love arts and culture, as much as I think we need it in our city, as much as I actually in many ways take the lead to encourage it, if this is a for-profit enterprise, than I think we need to look at it in a very different way from something along the lines of Sing for Hope or Rachfest or any of these other things that are purely, as MGM would say, art for the sake of art.”

In addition to the priority given to Beverly Hills Residents, the City Council also lobbied Frieze for a name change. Frieze’s original pitch to the council was under the established brand of Frieze Los Angeles which hosted two events prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. With gentle pushback from the City Council, Frieze compromised by moving forward with the name Frieze Los Angeles while agreeing to promote the local events as “Frieze Week in Beverly Hills.”

“The Frieze organization has graciously responded to City Council’s call in providing exclusive opportunities for our residents to participate in Frieze Week in Beverly Hills by offering these generous discounts,” Beverly Hills Community Services Director Jenny Rogers told the Courier in an email statement. “Frieze Week in Beverly Hills will also include community events that are free and open to the public to enjoy with

the West Coast premiere of the Beverly Hills Sculpture Garden, a temporary sculpture installation, and site-specific dance performances at Greystone.”

The international contemporary art fair is expected to land in Beverly Hills Feb. 17-20. This will be the first time the city has worked with Frieze to bring temporary public art projects to Beverly Hills as well as a week-long program of events to celebrate art and culture.

“I am excited that the city’s Arts and Culture Commission as well as our Community Services Department has worked hard to make this collaboration a reality,” said Beverly Hills Mayor Bob Wunderlich in a statement. “Beverly Hills is a City that has a deep history and appreciation of art and we look forward to welcoming everyone to experience exhibits and events in such a beautiful and iconic setting.”

Frieze Week in Beverly Hills will have its main fair take place at 9900 Wilshire Blvd., adjacent to The Beverly Hilton. Previous Frieze Los Angeles events began in 2019 and were hosted at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles. The pandemic forced organizers to cancel the event in 2021. They then had to relocate to Beverly Hills as social distancing guidelines and a filming backlog left outdoor space in short supply at Paramount.

When available, pre-sale tickets to the Beverly Hills event can be purchased by visiting [www.frieze.com/presale](http://www.frieze.com/presale). Frieze 91 memberships can be purchased using code COBH15 at [www.frieze.com](http://www.frieze.com).

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## FRIEZE WEEK IN BEVERLY HILLS FEBRUARY 17-20, 2022

Discover the international contemporary art fair, which will take place at 9900 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills to experience a weeklong program of events, art exhibitions and installations throughout the City.

On December 8, 2021, Frieze will give Beverly Hills residents exclusive priority booking for early bird tickets to Frieze Art Fair beginning at 8 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. in which residents can save up to \$52 off full-price tickets. For more information and to purchase early bird tickets, visit [frieze.com/presale](http://frieze.com/presale).



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Police Chief Mark Stainbrook stands for the Pledge of Allegiance with former Interim Police Chief Dominick Rivetti. Photo by Samuel Braslow

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“There's no way that you or we could have anticipated the events that have occurred during your time period here and the city is extremely fortunate that you were here to help lead us through these times. The respect that you've engendered throughout our community is a testament to how ably, responsibly and equitably you've carried out your many responsibilities during these often difficult times, always in a manner that made working with you a delight,” Wunderlich said. “You will long be remembered in Beverly Hills as a chief of great distinction.”

Rivetti managed the department during a renewed focus on the role of law enforcement in American society—scrutiny that at times fell on Beverly Hills. Under Rivetti, BHPD fielded criticism for its response to Black Lives Matter protests, including the arrest of 28 protesters in June 2020. The department also faces a proposed class

action lawsuit for allegations of racially biased policing by a task force convened during the summer of 2020.

Stainbrook comes to the city with a background in both law enforcement and the armed services. He most recently served as the Chief of Police and Vice President of Public Safety for the Port of San Diego. He began his public service at 17, when he enlisted in the Navy before switching to the Marines. He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve for 32 years before retiring recently at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Stainbrook served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. In a previous interview with the Courier, he recounted the experience of reconstituting the Baghdad police in the immediate aftermath of Saddam Hussein's fall.

“All basic services were gone—electricity, water, looting everywhere, sniper fire, sporadic fighting still going on. We had nothing to work with. We were trying to get as many

former police that, in one sense, we were just fighting three days earlier,” he said. “It was there where the realization struck me that cops are cops wherever you go. These officers there, they just wanted to see their city return back to a normal, safe environment.”

Before his time in San Diego, he worked for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) beginning in 1995. He served in a variety of units there, including Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums, gang, internal affairs and counterterrorism.

The swearing in ceremony was attended by dozens of community members, BHPD officers, and members of law enforcement and the armed services. Many of those who came to support Stainbrook had history with him going back to the beginning of his career.

David King, Executive Director of the San Diego Imperial High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, first met Stainbrook in 2010 at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He worked closely with Stainbrook over the last five years. “He is a man of high integrity [and] high energy. Beverly Hills is quite fortunate to have a leader of Mark's caliber,” King told the Courier.

Bill Bodner, the Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration Los Angeles Field Division, also voiced high praise for Stainbrook. The two worked together during Stainbrook's time in LAPD's counterterrorism unit.

“We had such an outstanding cooperative task force going after people selling

drugs and using that money to fund terrorism,” Bodner told the Courier. “He's very worldly, understands different cultures, understands diversity, and he was able to really open a lot of doors for us and help us see things that we would not have seen.”

A small contingent from the Culver City Police Department (CCPD) came to the event, including CCPD Chief Manny Cid. “We have a good partnership with Beverly Hills, one that we've leaned on a lot over the last year. We're excited for him, excited for the city and here to support him and the city in any way we can,” Cid told the Courier.

Stainbrook takes the department's reins as tensions in the community mount over a string of high-profile crimes in the city. The city's business district, mere blocks from BHPD headquarters, has seen several armed robberies within the last few months. On Dec. 1, Jacqueline Avant, wife of music executive Clarence Avant, was shot and killed in a home invasion.

Stainbrook made an appeal to the community in his address.

“But this mission can never be successful without the members of the community,” Stainbrook said. “We're going to spend the time to invest in each other, in this department, in the city and the community that we serve. Together, we will maintain the high standards of safety and security expected by the city, we will foster robust relationships within our community, and we will continue to uphold the Beverly Hills community quality of life.” ●



## 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)

Join City Staff for an informative presentation and virtual exercise as part of its Wildfire Evacuation Planning. The meeting will also discuss the City's Outdoor Warning System Project. The Siren Demonstration is **ONLY AN AUDIBLE TEST**. No action necessary.

### IN-PERSON SIREN DEMONSTRATION:

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 4 p.m. | Roxbury Park

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 10 a.m. | Greystone Mansion

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# Birthdays



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December 3



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December 9



## Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). People want to connect with you and if they don't have a practical reason to do so, they may just invent one. The relationship will be more fruitful when you understand deeper motives.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Though "tree-hugger" is a stereotype, the embrace of nature is a primal need. The natural world connects people in a way the digital world cannot. Maybe it's not a tree you want to hug, but hugs will be had today.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). At the very heart of love's nature is an element of risk. You're willing to risk yourself in so many ways for loved ones. You'll risk being disappointed, hurt, feeling foolish and more. Without this risk there is no love.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). For reasons unclear to you, you'll resist your own plan. Consider this might be your inner wisdom telling you something is not quite right.

Take your mind off this for a while and come back later.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). To invest love is to invest hours, attention and money. So, it is always apparent what and whom you love, just follow where those resources flow and that's where your love lies.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel thrown back to an era when eloquence was a symbol of status. Artful conversations will elevate people while dull exchanges will diminish their position. You'll choose your words very carefully.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A noble pursuit is afoot. You will strive to be the one who gives more, knowing you probably won't make it, as your taste in people is excellently skewed to generous souls.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Choosing what looks good on paper is best for people who live on paper. As for those in the breathing, feeling world, the rest of the senses are best employed.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An ongoing argument rears its head in a new way today. The information is nothing that you

don't know already but how it's presented will be a game changer. Pay attention; your next play is important.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't know what you've got till it's gone. That is the way it goes in the song and the way it goes in real life too for the careless. You're not careless and you'll take extra measures today to prove it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Different areas of your life will prove related in ways you

wouldn't have guessed. Strangely, everything doesn't hinge on one element and yet altering one element can still change everything.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Intentions matter, but typically you don't notice them unless they are followed up by action. People earn a more significant role in your life when they show up for you time and again.



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**(Suspect in Avant Murder continued from page 1)**

In a moment of proverbial irony, law enforcement said that Maynor shot himself in the foot in the course of the burglary, incapacitating himself. Stainbrook said that the gun used in both cases was the same caliber. Stainbrook said that Maynor has an extensive criminal record and was currently on parole.

“Multiple surveillance videos, including city cameras, showed the suspect’s vehicle heading eastbound out of Beverly Hills shortly after Mrs. Avant was shot early Wednesday morning,” Stainbrook said.

Stainbrook previously confirmed that Avant’s husband and a private security guard were present at the time of the shooting, neither of whom were injured. He declined to state a possible motive for the crime.

“I think it’s too early in the investigation to get the motive,” he said. “It may have been targeted. And for what purpose? We don’t know. We’re still looking at that.”

Stainbrook said that evidence suggests that the suspect was working alone and that the department believes “there is no further threat to public safety.”

At another press conference the day before, Stainbrook read a statement from the Avant family. “The entire Avant family wishes to thank everyone for their outpouring of love, support, and condolences for Jacqueline Avant,” the statement said. “Jacqueline was an amazing woman, wife, mother, philanthropist, and a 55-year resident of Beverly Hills, who has made an immeasurable positive contribution and impact on the arts community. She will be missed by her family, friends, and all of the people she has helped throughout her amazing life.”

“The Avant family’s contribution to the world of entertainment and to better communities across Los Angeles are unmatched. There are no words to express our profound sorrow for this immense loss for Jacqueline’s husband, Clarence, their children, and the entire Avant family,” Stainbrook said.

Early in life, Avant modeled for the Ebony Fashion Fair, a traveling fashion event that

exposed Black communities to high-end fashion. She married Clarence in 1967. The couple had two children, Nicole and Alex.

She was an active philanthropist, serving as the president of the Neighbors of Watts, the support group for the South Central Community Child Care Center, in 1975, the entertainment chairman of the NOW benefit auction, and she sat on the board of directors for International Student Center at UCLA in 1980. She sat on the board of The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts.

Clarence, nicknamed the “Black Godfather,” is a titanic figure in the music industry who has worked with artists including Bill Withers, Sarah Vaughan, and Babyface. Their daughter Nicole served as U.S. ambassador to the Bahamas under President Barack Obama and is married to Ted Sarandos, co-chief executive officer and chief content officer for Netflix.

Susan Strauss, a former Design Review commissioner, knew Avant for 40 years, living near her in Trousdale at one point. The two worked together as docents at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and served as board members on The Wallis. She described the news as “devastating.”

“She was generous of spirit and kind and a wonderful friend,” Strauss told the Courier. Strauss remembered her as a devoted mother and wife of over 50 years who preferred to remain behind the scenes. “She was somebody who did her own thing in her own way that helped the community and a lot of people.”

As a Beverly Hills resident for over five decades and a lover of the arts, The Wallis had a special place in Avant’s heart, Strauss said. Strauss recalled that for Avant’s 80th birthday, she requested that friends make donations to The Wallis in her honor. On Dec. 1, The Wallis Executive Director and CEO Rachel Fine and Artistic Director Paul Crewes announced news of Avant’s death at the opening night of “LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE” and held a moment of silence. Fine noted that Avant and her husband would likely have been sitting in the audience and dedicated

**Hanukkah Menorah Lighting**



Beverly Hills marked the third night of Hanukkah with a ceremonial menorah lighting on the front steps of City Hall. The event marked the second time the city held a menorah lighting—an annual tradition established only in 2019 and interrupted last year by the pandemic. ●

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The latest proposed draft of the new map moves the border west to Briarcrest, which Longcore said better aligns with where his neighborhood council constituents identify culturally.

Neighborhoods in the Hollywood Hills like the Bird Streets and Doheny Sunset Plaza will remain part of District 4 which would include parts of the San Fernando Valley and stretch east into Griffith Park. The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council which is mostly in the current District 4 will see no significant change, though some residents in the flats near Hollywood will be switched to District 13.

Hollywood Hills West Council president Anastasia Mann told the Courier that residents affected by this change who have previously been outspoken on the issue seem to be pleased with the current version of the map.

A previously proposed map would have stretched District 4 up into the San Fernando Valley to the 210 Freeway, but that plan was nixed through a City Council vote Nov. 9.

The redistricting process happens every 10 years and is triggered by the U.S. Census, which is also on a 10-year cycle. The commission used 2020 U.S. Census data to ensure each district has about 260,000 residents. ●

that night’s performance in her honor.

“Jacquie was the kindest, most beautiful, humble and generous soul, who loved and appreciated The Wallis. Both she and her remarkable husband, Clarence, have been passionately involved with The Wallis since its earliest days, well before our campus opened to the public,” said Fine.

Outside The Wallis, the American flag and the California state flag flew at half-mast.

As shock rippled across the Beverly Hills community and beyond, people took to social media to express sorrow over the tragedy.

“A heartbreaking day in the history of Beverly Hills,” Vice Mayor Lili Bosse said in

a Facebook post. “Crime of any type will never be tolerated in Beverly Hills. I, as well as our community, send our love and deepest sympathies to the Avant family.”

Stainbrook has sought to reassure the community during a moment of heightened anxiety over crime.

“Beverly Hills remains one of the safest cities in the United States...and we deploy a lot of resources to keep it safe. This type of crime, in general, is extremely rare. This type of crime in Beverly Hills is extremely rare,” he said. ●

**Public Notices**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021241927**

The following is/are doing business as: **LORI FIENBERG INTERIOR DESIGN** 158 N. Le Doux Rd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211; **Lori Fienberg** 158 N. Le Doux Rd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed February 2010: **Lori Fienberg, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 03, 2021; Published: November 12, 19, 26, December 03, 2021 **LACC N/C BEVERLY HILLS COURIER**

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021241931**

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021241933**

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**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**

**NOTICE —** Fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14400, et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**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 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**  
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**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. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: YELENA FILONSKAYA, an individual**  
**NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web Site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court’s lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.  
The name and address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 312 N. Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012**  
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**  
DATE: December 26, 2019  
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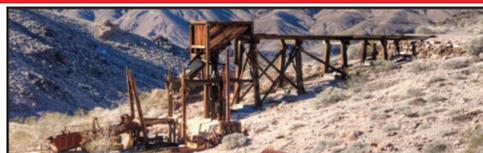
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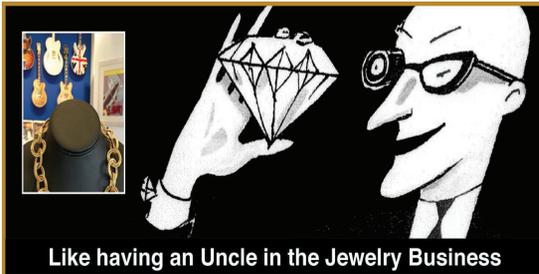
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