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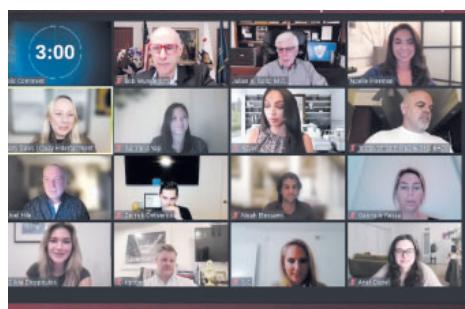
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THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

Cloud	Friday	77° 49°
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Sun	Sunday	76° 52°
Sun	Monday	76° 54°
Sun	Tuesday	75° 56°
Cloud	Wednesday	80° 57°
Cloud	Thursday	76° 56°

SINCE 1965

Holiday Lights Dazzle Large Crowd on Rodeo Drive

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Rodeo Drive shut itself off to the usual parade of exotic cars and opened its arms to thousands of holiday revelers for the annual Rodeo Drive Holiday Lighting Celebration on Nov. 18. The event, which the city canceled last year due to the coronavirus, saw the street come to life with song, dance, a visit from Santa Claus, and a fireworks show.

"Are you ready to add even more glow

to our evening?" Mayor Robert Wunderlich called out to the throngs of people before he and the City Council ceremonially "turned on" the lights along the street.

Sounding a cautious note, the city incorporated safety precautions into the event. Organizers set up two main stages on either ends of Rodeo Drive between Santa Monica and Wilshire Boulevards to prevent guests

from congregating exclusively at one stage, as had been the case in former years.

Additionally, signs posted along the street instructed visitors to wear masks when not actively eating or drinking. That request was not universally observed, however.

(*Holiday Lights* continues on page 15)



Beverly Hills City Councilmember Julian Gold, M.D., Vice Mayor Lili Bosse, Mayor Robert Wunderlich, Councilmembers John Mirisch and Lester Friedman presided over the Holiday Lighting Ceremony Nov. 18.

Sunshine Task Force Discusses Two Potential Ordinances

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Sunshine Task Force met with its City Council liaisons on Nov. 22 to discuss two potential ordinances involving limits on political contributions and revocation of permits for buildings.

The task force examined a possible ordinance that would prohibit developers and contractors who conduct business with the city from contributing to local races. Councilmember John Mirisch, who asked to discuss the matter, suggested that the prohibition would apply to entities for up to five years from the time of doing business with the city.

The City of Los Angeles passed an ordinance limiting contributions to political campaigns by developers or contractors with the city in 2019. The task force is

examining the 2019 ordinance for guidance in drafting the city's own version.

The Sunshine Task Force, established in 2013 under then-Mayor Mirisch, studies and advances matters of "transparency and public involvement in local government operations." Mirisch and Mayor Robert Wunderlich sit on the task force as City Council liaisons, with City Clerk Huma Ahmed and Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey serving as staff liaisons. Along with the liaisons, the task force also consists of interested residents.

(*Sunshine Task Force* continues on page 3)

Charities Overcome the Pandemic

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

While the holiday season typically brings a wave of giving, charitable organizations face a heightened moment of need exacerbated by the pandemic this year.

For Thanksgiving, around 200 volunteers with Project Angel Food gave out 2,000 hot turkey dinners to critically ill patients and their caregivers throughout the county. Around 10% of Project Angel Food's clients live on the Westside of Los Angeles in and around Beverly Hills.

(*Charities* continues on page 9)

Courier Calendar

NOW - NOV. 28

THE J. PAUL GETTY MUSEUM: “LIZA STRATA”

The Troubadour Theater Company's humorous retelling of Aristophanes' "Lysistrata," "LIZA STRATA," is presented by The J. Paul Getty Museum. Set to Liza Minnelli's hits, the performance is available to be streamed online as tickets for the in-person production quickly sold out. It is directed and adapted by Matt Walker and available until Nov. 28. In the performance, Liza Strata storms the Acropolis, takes on the establishment, and holds the treasury hostage until the men of Sparta and Athens declare peace. The running time is about 90 minutes, and it is not recommended for guests under the age of 15 due to sexual situations, imagery, and language.

https://www.getty.edu/museum/programs/performances/lizastrata_online.html

NOW - DEC. 5

EL CAPITAN THEATRE: DISNEY'S “ENCANTO”

10 A.M., 1 P.M., 4 P.M., 7 P.M., 9:55 P.M. Hollywood's El Capitan Theatre presents Disney's "Encanto" until Dec. 5. Guests will have the opportunity to see Mirabel live on the stage prior to the show. They can also take a picture at a themed photo op and purchase "Encanto"-themed concession items. On Dec. 5 at 4 p.m., El Capitan Theatre will show a Spanish language screening of "Encanto." If guests are D23 Gold Members and show their D23 Gold Member Card, they will receive a complimentary 64-ounce popcorn tub, a 20-ounce bottled beverage and one Encanto Tote. Tickets are on sale now.

<https://elcapitantheatre.com/>
<https://www.fandango.com/el-capitan-theatre-aacon/theater-page>

NOW - JAN. 8, 2022

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA: “VIOLINS OF HOPE”

An exhibit of restored Holocaust-era violins, "Violins of Hope," will be featured at Holocaust Museum LA. As part of Violins of Hope Los Angeles County, the exhibit employs special violins, violas, and cellos to educate guests about the Holocaust. Each violin has a unique story and was restored in Tel Aviv by Amnon and Avshalom Weinstein, two violin makers. The exhibit features 13 of over 60 instruments restored since the end of World War II. GROW @ Annenberg supported "Violins of Hope" with a generous grant. Guests must make reservations to visit the museum.

<https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/post/violins-of-hope>
<https://holocaustmuseumla.ticketleap.com/violins-of-hope/details>

NOW - APRIL 17, 2022

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUMS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY: “BECOMING JANE: THE EVOLUTION OF DR. JANE GOODALL”

Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County presents "Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall." The exhibition features unique experimental activities to celebrate Goodall's life and career as a primatologist. Making its West Coast debut, some activities at the multimedia exhibition include visiting a replica of her research tent and an immersive projection of Tanzania's Gombe Stream National Park. Goodall braved the unknown to offer a remarkable lens into humankind's closest living relatives: chimpanzees.

<https://nhm.org/becoming-jane>

NOV. 26 - DEC. 24

AMERICAN CONTEMPORARY BALLET: “THE NUTCRACKER SUITE”

"The Nutcracker Suite" is offered by American Contemporary Ballet. The immersive staging of the Tchaikovsky classic captivates children and enchants adults, creating a sumptuous holiday experience. Guests will be thrilled by the live performance and enchanted by the magical snow-globe world of the dancing of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her subjects. Tickets are on sale now.

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

NOV. 27 - 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. Almost 30,000 people attended the performance during the record-breaking runs in 2018 and 2019 of the multimedia concert celebration of the holiday film, the biggest hit in The Wallis' history. 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>

NOV. 29

LEV EISHA HADASSAH: HANUKKAH PARTY

5-7 P.M.

Lev Eisha Hadassah hosts the 15th annual Hanukkah Party at Factor's Famous Deli Restaurant. Join for latkes, laughter and light and reconnect with Hadassah while celebrating the holiday. Guests can nosh on a sandwich, soup or latke with applesauce and sour cream.

They can also light a candle on the Lev Eisha menorah to benefit Young Judaea with an \$18 minimum donation per candle. There will also be a gift swap for new, wrapped Hanukkah-themed presents. COVID-19 protocols will be in place for this outdoor event.

<https://www.hadassah.org/region/southern-california>

DEC. 2

UCLA'S CENTER FOR THE ART OF PERFORMANCE'S L.A. OMNIBUS SERIES: “PICTURING MEXICAN AMERICA”

7 P.M.

UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance (CAP UCLA) offers "Picturing Mexican America" as the second program in the L.A. Omnibus Series 2021-22. It is a conversation between UCLA professor of English and Chicana/o Studies Marissa Lopez and Special Collections Manager at the Los Angeles Public Library Ani Boyadjian. The project helps viewers understand and undo the erasure of L.A.'s rich Mexican past. Lopez launched it in 2018 and works with a research team at the UCLA Library and Digital Humanities along with the Los Angeles Public Library. They are creating a mobile app, walking bicycle tours and an accessible archive of images, stories, and videos.

<https://cap.ucla.edu/about/>

DEC. 4 - 5

DEC. 4 SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER HANNUKAH HAPPY HOUR

6 P.M. ON YOUTUBE

DEC. 5 HANNUKAH FESTIVAL

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

On Dec. 4, National Editor of the Forward Rob Eshman will lead the Hannukah Happy Hour, an event streamed online on YouTube. This short film about the magic of Hannukah will feature reflections from the Jewish community and the Skirball's famed Hannukah lamp collection. 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. Attendance will require proof of vaccination or negative test for all attendees, including infants. Tickets are \$18 and require advance reservations.

skirball.org

DEC. 8 - JAN. 9, 2022

THEATRE 40: “GOOD PEOPLE”

8 P.M. WED., THURS., FRI., SAT.

2 P.M. SUN.

Theatre 40 presents the play "Good People" on Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. Directed by Ann Hearn Tobolowsky, produced by David Hunt Stafford and written by David Lindsay-Abaire, a Pulitzer Prize winner, the comedy-drama touches on issues such as income inequality and racial politics. In "Good People," Margie, a single mom from a working-class neighborhood of South Boston, is caring for her grown, autistic daughter and has been fired from her job and faces eviction. The play debuted on Broadway in 2011. Admission tickets are \$35 and can be purchased on the website. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in effect.

<https://theatre40.org/product/good-people-dec-8-2021-jan-9-2022/>



Love Actually Live Finale Photo by Kevin Parry

(Sunshine Task Force continued from page 1)

The conversation comes amidst a renewed dialogue around contributions to candidates and candidate spending in elections in Beverly Hills. A recent open letter written by Planning Commissioner Peter Ostroff and signed by at least 85 residents, including five former mayors, called for local candidates to “actively discourage the establishment and support” of Political Action Committees (PACs).

Political Action Committees are groups that pool together resources to support or oppose candidates, ballot initiatives, or legislation. While they can accept unlimited donations from individuals, groups, and corporations, they are not allowed to coordinate their activities with candidates.

Mirisch suggested that the ordinance incorporate enhanced reporting requirements for contributions to PACs. Even if entities that do business with the city were banned from contributing to campaigns, they could still donate to PACs. Mirisch hoped that requiring PACs to label donations from city contractors would disincentivize entities from simply funneling contributions into a PAC.

“[For] any PAC materials, if it includes money from a developer who’s doing business with the city, a disclosure requirement should be on any materials that the PAC disseminates,” Mirisch said. “That’s the best remedy and perhaps the only remedy that we have to create some measure of a level

playing field so that elections are not just bought.”

City Attorney Laurence Wiener said that he was unsure if the city could institute such a rule. He also cited a previous issue the city faced with disclosure requirements for political advertisements for initiatives and referendums. “We wanted to require so much information that it dominated the ad and so we needed to cut back on some of that information,” he said.

Staff will continue to review the Los Angeles ordinance over the next month as the City Attorney’s office drafts an ordinance of its own.

The task force next took up another potential ordinance regarding the revocation of building permits in the event of inaccurate or incomplete information on a permit application. The ordinance would set up a system by which a resident could challenge any permit for the “inclusion of inaccurate, substantially incomplete or erroneous information in an application,” according to a draft ordinance reviewed by the task force.

Not all inaccuracies would necessarily lead to the revocation of permits under the ordinance—only inaccuracies or omissions that “materially deviate” from the approved plans. In other words, if the omission of certain information or the inclusion of inaccurate information had an impact on the approval of a permit, then the city could take the permit away once alerted to the issue by a reporting resident.

While the draft of the new ordinance presented to the task force specified “residential buildings” as its target, Mirisch clarified that he intended for the ordinance to apply to “all property types.”

Violations would be brought before the city by a resident by submitting a form supplied by the city. In instances where the city finds that the violations reach the level of material deviations, the resident can file for reimbursement of form fees, attorney’s fees and investigative costs from the developer.

In cases where the city finds in favor of the developer, the reporting resident can request an arbitrator from the city. The

resident would bear the costs of the arbitrator, which the resident could recoup in the event that the arbitrator finds in their favor.

At the task force meeting, resident Debbie Weiss suggested that the ordinance be expanded from permit applications to include city presentations. In those cases, inaccurate information or omissions in presentations before the City Council or Planning Commission could also result in the revocation of a permit. Wiener had no issue with the change.

The draft ordinance is tentatively scheduled to appear before the City Council at the Dec. 21 Study Session. •

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Health and Safety Reviews Pre-Holiday COVID Conditions

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Deputy Fire Chief Joe Matsch announced his retirement after 27 years in the Fire Department. Courtesy of City of Beverly Hills

The Health and Safety Commission convened remotely on Nov. 22 to review the city's response to COVID-19, highlight exemplary employees, and hear updates from the Beverly Hills Fire Department.

As a part of the Health and Safety

Employee Excellence Award, the commission honored the work of Public Works Facilities Maintenance Supervisors Juan Morales and Elmer Andujar Colon and their team.

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Attempted Burglaries in Triangle Part of Recent Trend

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Suspects did not breach Saks Fifth Avenue. Photo by Samuel Braslow

Beverly Hills found itself the target of an apparently organized mass burglary attempt on Nov. 21, but with unexpected results. Despite the use of a sledgehammer to break through windows at Louis Vuitton and Saks Fifth Avenue, the suspects were unable to breach the bullet-proof glass and fled the city empty handed. The incident comes after smash-and-grab burglaries in the Bay Area and one day before a mass burglary at The Grove in Los Angeles.

Around 12:30 a.m. on Nov. 21, the Beverly Hills Police Department responded to two attempted burglaries.

"Multiple suspects traveling in several vehicles descended on the locations and used a sledgehammer to try to break through front windows. No entry was made in both cases," Lt. Giovani Trejo said in a statement to the Courier. "Beverly Hills Police units supported by armed private security have increased patrol in the area."

Trejo said that BHPD detectives are investigating the incidents. They have not yet identified suspects and have not made connections to other incidents, he said.

The Louis Vuitton store appeared to have replaced the damaged glass by the afternoon.

That same day at 10:40 p.m., an unknown number of suspects broke through windows at the Nordstrom at The Grove, according to the Los Angeles Police Department.

"The suspects fled in an SUV and a pursuit was initiated by Wilshire officers in the area," Officer Drake Madison told the Courier. "The pursuit ultimately ended in

South LA and a perimeter was set. Three suspects were taken into custody."

A sledgehammer was found near the Nordstrom, according to video of the crime scene shared on social media by freelance journalist Sean Beckner-Carmitchel. Madison did not comment on possible connections between the incident and other similar crimes.

Los Angeles Police Chief Michel Moore spoke out against the crimes to the Los Angeles Police Commission, a civilian oversight body for LAPD. "We are worried that this kind of conduct will be seen as allowable, and nothing can be further from the truth," he said.

San Francisco saw a spate of burglaries of high-end retailers on Nov. 19 starting at 8 p.m., when 40 people broke into a Louis Vuitton store in the city's tony Union Square shopping area.

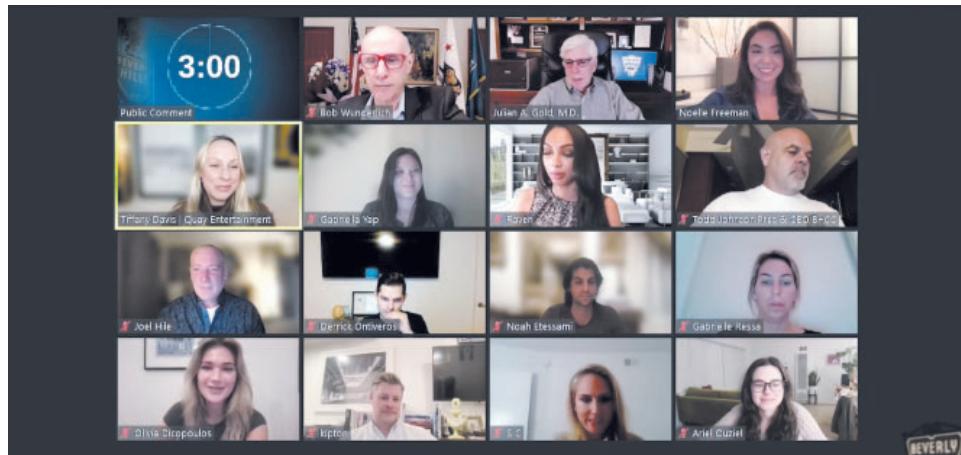
Other stores that were burglarized that night include Burberry and Bloomingdale's in the Westfield mall and Yves Saint Laurent on Geary Street. According to San Francisco Police Chief Bill Scott, police stopped attempted thefts at Fendi and Hermès stores. Police arrested eight suspects and Scott expressed confidence at a press conference that more arrests would be made.

On Nov. 20, around 80 people descended on a Nordstrom store in Walnut Creek, a city located in the East Bay of the Bay Area. Many of the group escaped with merchandise, assaulting two employees in the process. Police arrested three suspects, one of whom was in possession of a firearm. •

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Next BH Proposes Citywide Valet



Next Beverly Hills Liaison meeting on Nov. 23.

At its Nov. 23 meeting, the Next Beverly Hills (Next BH) Committee met with City Council liaisons Dr. Julian Gold and Mayor Robert Wunderlich to discuss the vice chair election, subcommittee appointments, and to explore the possibility of a citywide valet service. Last month, Next BH launched its new program series, "First Thursdays," where participating businesses in the city offered incentives such as complimentary items, discounted goods, services and more to energize the city streets. "First Thursdays" takes place the

first Thursday of each month from 5-9 p.m., with the next one taking place on Dec. 2.

At the start of the meeting, Wunderlich took the opportunity to address the group regarding safety in the city. "There has been that swarm of organized grab and go thefts from a variety of stores, including two attempts in Beverly Hills," Wunderlich said. "And just to let people know, we have increased security, and we have an increased police presence and the private security presence in response to that."

The committee gathered after the liaison meeting to begin the process of electing a vice chair. Currently, Noelle Freeman serves as chair, and Tiffany Davis as vice chair. Committee members will be able to nominate someone from the list of other eligible members to serve as vice chair. To be considered eligible, a member must have either attended over 50 percent of the committee meetings or be active on a subcommittee.

Nominations are open now through Dec. 1. Members who accept their nomination will be asked to submit a candidate statement by Dec. 8, with online voting to follow. Election results will be announced on Dec. 17. The new vice chair will be installed Jan. 20.

"It's going to be a transition the next month, so it'll be exciting to see someone step up," said Freeman.

Citywide valet discussed

Last month, the committee discussed a new initiative exploring the possibility of a citywide valet service. The topic is timely, since the city is also considering long-term implementation of the OpenBH program.

Wunderlich confirmed that while the OpenBH subcommittees have started to

meet to discuss safety, design and operational standards, there was nothing to report back yet. "Trying to find an appropriate way to continue the program going into the future, one aspect to support it conceivably could be the city valet," Wunderlich said. Gold agreed, inviting Next BH members to bring the initiative before the council and city staff as the conversation develops.

"I personally find valet to be even more important now for safety," Davis said. "I understand that not everyone has the same concerns if you're not female, but safety is always our number concern, especially walking alone, walking back to a garage," she added. "There are garages in the city I absolutely love and feel safe in, and there are garages in the city I try to avoid, because I don't. So, I think that there's a lot to look at there, but I think citywide valet would have a part in maybe helping deter some activity and bring some safety to those of us who are looking for it."

A summary of the group's consensus opinion on the pros and cons of a citywide valet will be prepared for a future meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. •

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The Scene

American Cinematheque Honors Scarlett Johansson at The Beverly Hilton

BY CAROLE DIXON

On Nov 18, The American Cinematheque hosted the 35th Annual American Cinematheque Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel honoring Scarlett Johansson and Participant.

Johansson received the American Cinematheque Award, while Participant was honored with the Power of Cinema Award, accepted by Participant CEO David Linde. The event is an annual fundraiser for the non-profit organization that continues its year-round programming, including at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood with a grand reopening scheduled for 2022.

American Cinematheque's Board Chairman Rick Nicita, and President Mark Badagliacca kicked things off, welcoming guests, before Jon Favreau, Andy Richter, Abbie Cornish, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Feige, and Thomasin McKenzie each took to the stage throughout the night to toast Johansson.

Favreau reminisced about meeting her for the role of "Black Widow" and discussed her incredible sense of professionalism, while Cornish remembered being moved by Johansson's performance in "Lost in Translation." Curtis stepped onstage in a unique costume, entertaining the audience with a skit, while Feige highlighted

Johansson's talent as both an actress and producer. Finally, Jeremy Renner presented his "favorite human and superhero," Scarlett Johansson, with the 2021 American Cinematheque Award.

Johansson, in a white Versace suit, joked about "joining the circus" and thanked her brothers who were both present and her husband SNL's Collin Jost "who makes the whole country laugh every Saturday night," and was by her side for the event. She also thanked her mother (who was not present) for taking her to movies and musicals starting when she was just three years old growing up in New York.

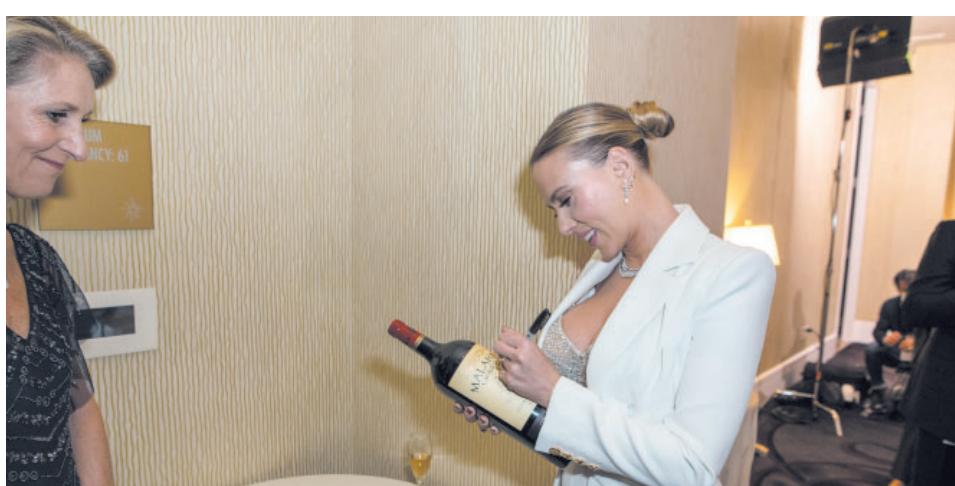
Additional attendees included Gwen Deglise, Alexandre Desplat, Hunter Johansson, Bryan Lourd and Bruce Bozzi. Veronique Bonnie, co-owner of event sponsor Château Malartic-Lagravière, presented Johansson with an engraved magnum that the actress signed. The bottle will be auctioned with proceeds to benefit Solar Responders, founded by her twin brother Hunter. Other sponsors included Amazon Studios, Hill Valley, Morgan Creek Productions, Variety, Champagne Fleur De Miraval, and LavAzza. •



Jamie Lee Curtis



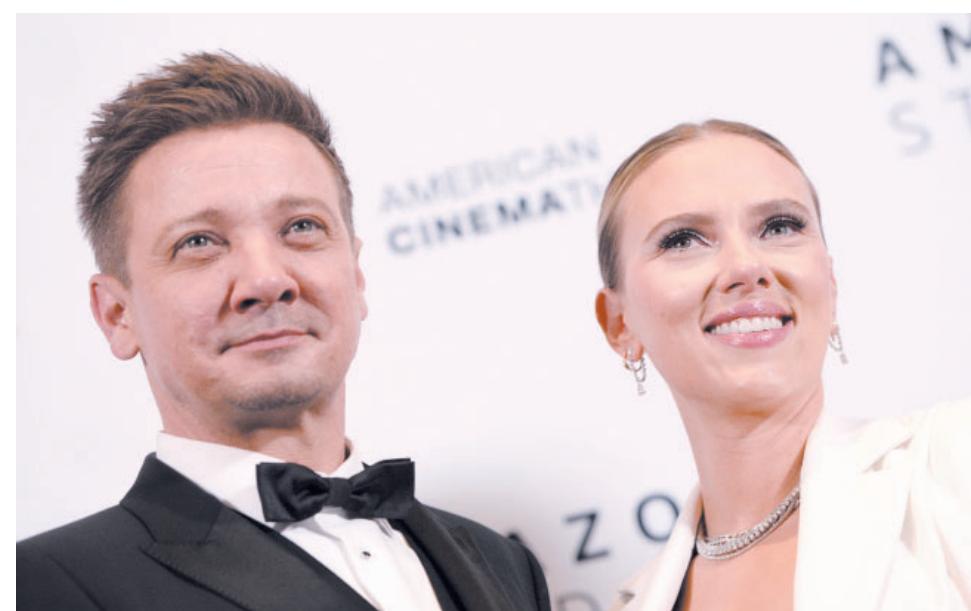
Abbie Cornish



Veronique Bonnie and Scarlett Johansson Photo by Bryan Beasley



Scarlett Johansson accepts award



Jeremy Renner and Scarlett Johansson



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Beverly Hills Ballerinas



After two long years, the sugarplum dreams for Beverly Hills ballerinas Jenne and Elle Shim are alive again. Sisters Jenne (14) and Elle (12) will share the stage with a total of 67 pre-professional dancers plus guest artists in Westside Ballet of Santa Monica's production of "The Nutcracker," which returns to The Broad Stage in Santa Monica Thanksgiving Weekend.

A 9th grader at Marlborough School, Jenne will debut as the center Candy solo. She will also dance as a Snowflake and Flower in the corps de ballet.

Elle performs the roles of Side Chinese and Victorian Party Girl and is in 7th grade at Beverly Vista Middle School.

Principal Guest Artist Chasen Greenwood (State Street Ballet) accompanies the Sugar Plum Fairy (Santa Monica native Daniella Zhou in her professional debut) as her Cavalier.

Westside Ballet will be implementing a mandatory vaccination and mask policy.

For more information visit westsideballet.com/nutcracker •

Jac Mani Signs National Letter of Intent with UC Davis

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



BHHS senior Jac Mani on Nov. 18 surrounded by his family, Coach Jarvis Turner and Director of District Athletics, Tim Ellis.

Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) senior Jac Mani was surrounded by his friends, family, teammates, and coaches on Nov. 18 as he accepted a basketball scholarship offer to the University of California, Davis. The event was held in celebration of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I (D-I) National Signing Day, a period in which a high school senior can sign a binding National Letter of Intent (NLI) for a collegiate sport with a school that is a member of the NCAA. Technically, Mani put pen to paper on Nov. 11. (Initial D1 Basketball signing dates began on Nov. 10.) However, the ceremony took place Nov. 18 at the district office. UC Davis was one of eight scholarship offers received by the 6'9 220-lb. power forward.

"I've been playing since I was a little kid, like five," Mani told the Courier. "It's only my second season playing at Beverly, but I came here from Milken Community School to play basketball."

According to UC Davis, Mani was an All-League first team selection while he was a sophomore at Milken, where he averaged 18 points per game and nine rebounds. In his junior year, after he transferred to BHHS, Mani improved to 20 points per game and 11 rebounds. As a junior, he was the leading scorer and rebounder on the varsity team.

"They're going to pay for him to go to school at UC Davis, which is pretty amazing," Tim Ellis, the Director of District Sports at BHUSD, told the Courier.

"He's worked very hard for this day, and we're excited to be a part of this opportunity for him," boys head basketball coach, Jarvis Turner, said at the ceremony. "We know that Jac is a tremendous basketball player, and he has a bright future in the game. We are also blessed, as a staff, and as a school, to have somebody of his caliber and his talent be a part of our program to help our program go to where we need to go. And more importantly, Jac is great young man."

With his sights set on professional basketball, the Beverly Hills resident looks up to NBA legend, Kobe Bryant. "My favorite team is the Lakers," Mani told the Courier. Mani's younger brother, in his freshman year at BHHS, is also on the basketball team.

"Jac, this is a day that you're probably remember man for the rest of your life," Coach Turner said. "And it is the start of what will be a long and successful future in the game."

Already donning a UC Davis hoodie, Mani signed the letter while teammates and friends cheered. "I'm just grateful to my coaches for pushing me every day to be my best and my teammates and my family for supporting me," Mani said during the signing ceremony. "I'm very blessed."

The BHHS Varsity Boys Basketball team began the season on Nov. 17, with the Normans defeating the Oakwood Guerillas 70-44. •



The Rotary Club of Beverly Hills donated meals to some BHUSD families this Thanksgiving. The meals were distributed on Nov. 22, by a team of district employee volunteers.



Project Angel Food Executive Chef John Gordon oversees the cooking of 500 pounds of cranberries. Photo by Samuel Braslow

(Charities continued from page 1)

The food delivery and nutritional counseling non-profit, which feeds more than 2,400 people a day, saw unprecedented growth over the course of the pandemic.

"In February, before COVID, we had about 1,500 clients a day we were serving. Now, we're feeding 2,400 [and we're] on our way to 2,500 people a day," Brad Bessey, Head of Communications and Talent Relations, told the Courier. "It's a

huge increase from about 650,000 meals a year to now over 1.2 million."

On Monday of this week, the Courier met with Project Angel Food's Executive Chef John Gordon at the organization's kitchen in Hollywood. Gordon described the Thanksgiving dinner menu in the works for clients.

"It's a roasted turkey breast and we're using a light poultry gravy that's adjusted for calories and salt content, but it's still good

nonetheless. And then we have a roasted vegetable we're serving on the side, and then peas with roasted pearl onions," Gordon said.

The meal also included sides of stuffing and Cumberland cranberry sauce from a recipe of the former head chef, Chef Derbeh. Project Angel food also offered a vegetarian option consisting of a butternut squash ravioli with an herb butter sauce. For dessert, they offered pumpkin cheesecake.

In addition to the growing pains incurred by the 54% rise in daily client meals over the pandemic, the kitchen has had to contend with the same supply chain issues faced by businesses across the country. With the USDA reporting that turkey inventories are 24% below the 3-year average, Gordon had to locate enough turkeys to accommodate the rising demand.

Other organizations in Los Angeles have noted the same surge in need since the pandemic. The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank reported a 110% increase in food distribution compared to pre-pandemic levels. That translates to 274 million pounds of food, 224 million meals, at a value greater than \$400 million since March 2020.

Not all operations could expand their footprints during the pandemic. All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills closed in-person services for over a year following the outbreak in March 2020. This also meant a halt for the church's weekly outreach program, The Monday Meal. The

program began in 1992 to provide food to people suffering from HIV/AIDS and matured into a weekly meal for houseless and food insecure people, serving hundreds of people each week.

This Monday, the program was revived after 20 months of dormancy.

"There were people that I hadn't seen since March of 2020," Lonnie Hinkley, chair of The Monday Meal told the Courier. "The grace that comes with being able to serve is so profound."

Dorian Kracht, who started coming to The Monday Meal 10 years ago when he struggled with housing, said that it was "devastating" when the program shut down last March. "It was actually one of the best meals on the Westside," he said. "I come in from Hollywood. So, for me, it is also a pilgrimage."

But he kept coming back to All Saints' not for the quality of the food, but for the "social aspect," he told the Courier. Kracht could find food elsewhere, but the connections he formed and fostered at the weekly gathering vanished with the program. The Nov. 22 Monday Meal gave him a chance to reconnect with friends that he had not seen for nearly 2 years.

Church officials hope to resume a full-scale return of the program in January.

"We think everybody needs community," said Hinkley. •

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SUMMARY NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS RENUMBERING EXISTING ARTICLE 5 (CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM) OF CHAPTER 1 (CITY UTILITY SERVICES) OF TITLE 6 (UTILITIES AND FRANCHISES) OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ARTICLE 6 (CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM), ADDING NEW ARTICLE 5 (MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION) TO CHAPTER 1 (CITY UTILITIES SERVICES) OF TITLE 6 (UTILITIES AND FRANCHISES) OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a telephonic/video conference meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills will consider adopting an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Beverly Hills Renumbering Existing Article 5 (Cross Connection Control Program) of Chapter 1 (City Utility Services) of Title 6 (Utilities and Franchises) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to Article 6 (Cross Connection Control Program), Adding New Article 5 (Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction) to Chapter 1 (City Utilities Services) of Title 6 (Utilities and Franchises) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code, and Making a Determination of Exemption under CEQA." Live City Council meeting coverage will be available via BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable and webcast live at www.beverlyhills.org/live.

A summary of this Ordinance follows:

The Ordinance renumbers an existing Article 5 (Cross Connection Control Program) of Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to Article 6.

The Ordinance also adds a new Article 5 to Chapter 1 of Title 6 the Beverly Hills Municipal Code entitled "Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction." The Ordinance will be effective and amendments to the Municipal Code will become operative thirty (30) days after its passage. Pursuant to Senate Bill 1383 ("SB 1383"), the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery ("CalRecycle") developed regulations ("SB 1383 Regulations") to reduce organics in landfills as a source of methane. The SB 1383 Regulations impose requirements on cities to adopt and enforce an ordinance to implement relevant provisions of the SB 1383 Regulations. As such, this Ordinance adopts requirements for (1) mandatory organic waste disposal reductions for single-family, multi-family, and commercial business organic waste generators, (2) commercial edible food generators, (3) food recovery organizations and services, (4) haulers (including self-haulers and haulers that are solid waste enterprises), facility operators, and community composting organizations, (5) direct service providers and vendors regarding recovered organic waste product procurement, and (6) inspections, investigations, and enforcement by the City.

You may contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 285-2400 or by email at cityclerk@beverlyhills.org to receive a copy of the Ordinance by email or to make an appointment to review the Ordinance at City Hall located at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 during regular business hours. For specific questions regarding the Ordinance, please contact **James Burnley, Solid Waste Manager at (310) 285-2467 or by email at AskPW@beverlyhills.org.**

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OBITUARY

John Lawrence Seitz 1936-2021



John Lawrence Seitz

Longtime public relations and marketing executive John L. Seitz passed away from complications of pneumonia on Nov. 16. Seitz was part of an investor group that owned the Beverly Hills Courier prior to its acquisition by the current owners. He also served as a Senior Editor of the publication during that time. Seitz was 85.

In a career that spanned more than 60 years, Seitz served in corporate public

relations positions for MGM, Bank of America and Hilton Hotels, including PR Director of The Beverly Hilton Hotel. Seitz later joined Los Angeles advertising and PR agency Swofford & Associates where he advanced to partner. At that firm, he continued to represent multiple Hilton properties and handled public relations duties for its founder Conrad Hilton. From 1996 until his death, Seitz was a senior counselor at the corporate and financial communications firm FoleyFreisleben LLC.

Born May 15, 1936 to Mary (Boyle) and John F. Seitz - a seven-time Oscar-nominated cinematographer whose work included the classics "Double Indemnity," "The Lost Weekend," and "Sunset Boulevard" - Seitz grew up on Doheny Road adjacent to what is now the Trousdale Estates neighborhood of Beverly Hills. Childhood schoolmates included the actor Alan Alda, with whom he attended St. John's Military Academy. In recent years, he'd become the custodian of his father's celluloid legacy, including consulting recently with Paramount Pictures on the historical notes for a milestone anniversary re-release of "Sunset Boulevard." Seitz held both a bachelor's degree and MBA from the University of Southern California.

Seitz was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Margaret Seitz Marhoefer. Survivors include his brother-in-law, John Marhoefer, and seven nephews and nieces.

Services will be held on Dec. 6 at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, 11967 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 90049. Visitation is at 10:30 a.m., and a funeral mass will be recited at 11:30 a.m. •

COMMUNITY

Beverly Wilshire Prepares Thanksgiving Feast for BHFD



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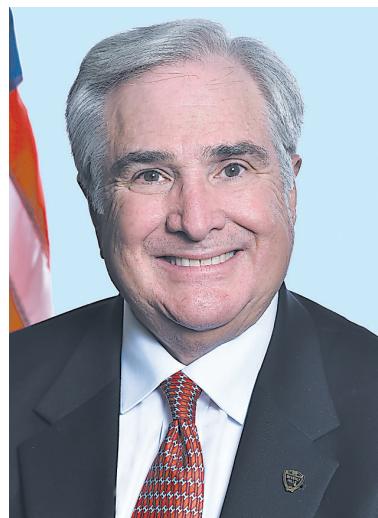
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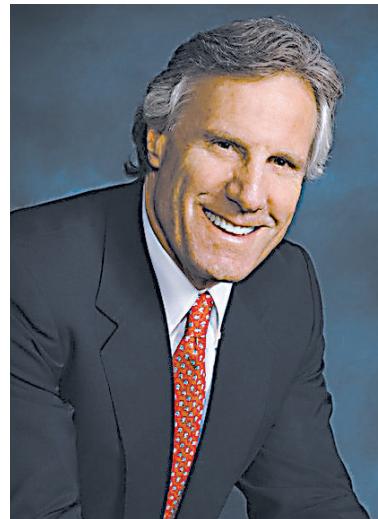
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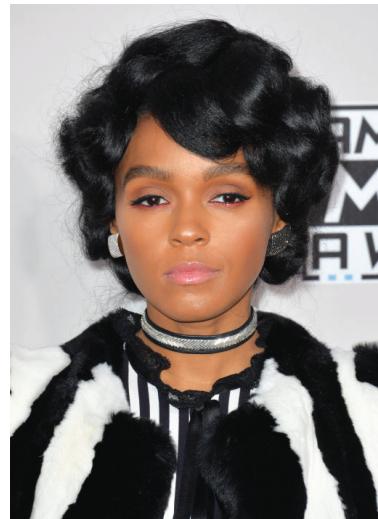
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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are so many moving parts to this weekend that it's no longer possible to keep things simple. The best you can do is enjoy the unique brand of complexity cultivated by you and yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even the toughest individuals will benefit from letting go of some rigidity. Warmth, flexibility, hospitality and agreeableness are the qualities that will rule the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Play it loose and lively. Oddly enough, being too careful could cause mishaps, while a dash of recklessness excites everyone to be more alert. Trust in life's flow.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Give up trying to make sure everyone is taken care of. You wouldn't want them to become too dependent on you! Everything in balance. It's time for you to have your own kind of fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not that someone falls for your charms, it's that everyone does. Be careful where you wield that smile and don't set up expectations you can't manage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's no way to prepare for the capture of your imagination. It happens quite without your consent! The events of the day will keep giving to you in the form of time-released inspiration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sing this day the way you would a song -- beat by beat, measure for measure. Don't worry about the next phrase until you get there. Devote your whole self to the part you're on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The most important criterion for determining the success or failure of a venture will be how well you connect with others. Nothing else will matter more than a sincere and heartfelt exchange.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe, technically, you can't make another person happy. But you act, they get happy, and it

seems to be entirely related. To whatever extent you can favorably influence the scene, you will.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You do not expect the story to come with its own moral. Meaning is achieved in the mind of the observer. Order is established by the person who makes the list.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today you are the tide, not the shore. You're naturally pulled to test the boundaries. Like the waves, you'll touch down

in different places, changing the landscape with your every move.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've paid your dues and experienced more than your share of forced awkwardness. Now, your work finds its own outlet. It's wonderful not to have to push for these things! You're grateful for all natural progressions.



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The City's Next Beverly Hills Committee has launched 'First Thursdays,' a new monthly program series aimed at increasing the visibility of Beverly Hills' nightlife.

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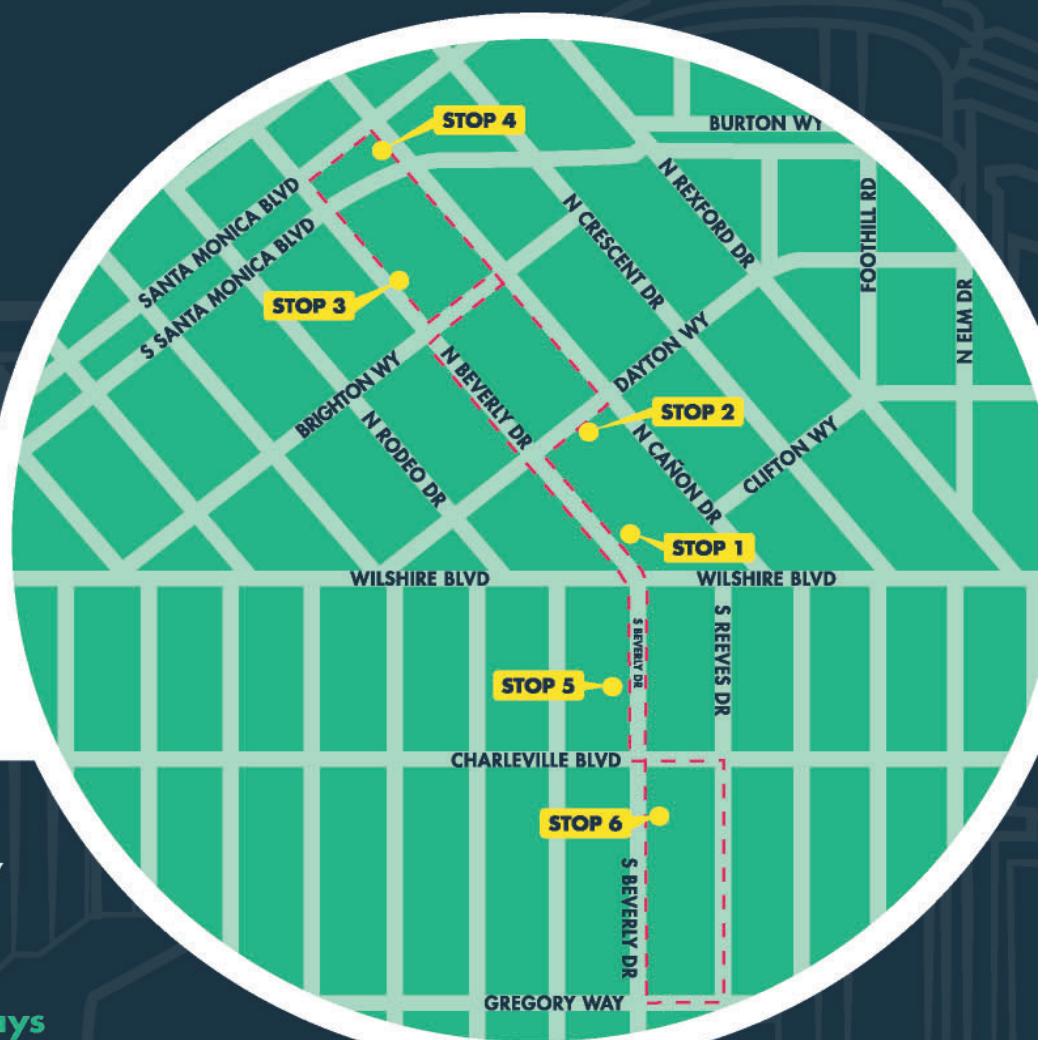
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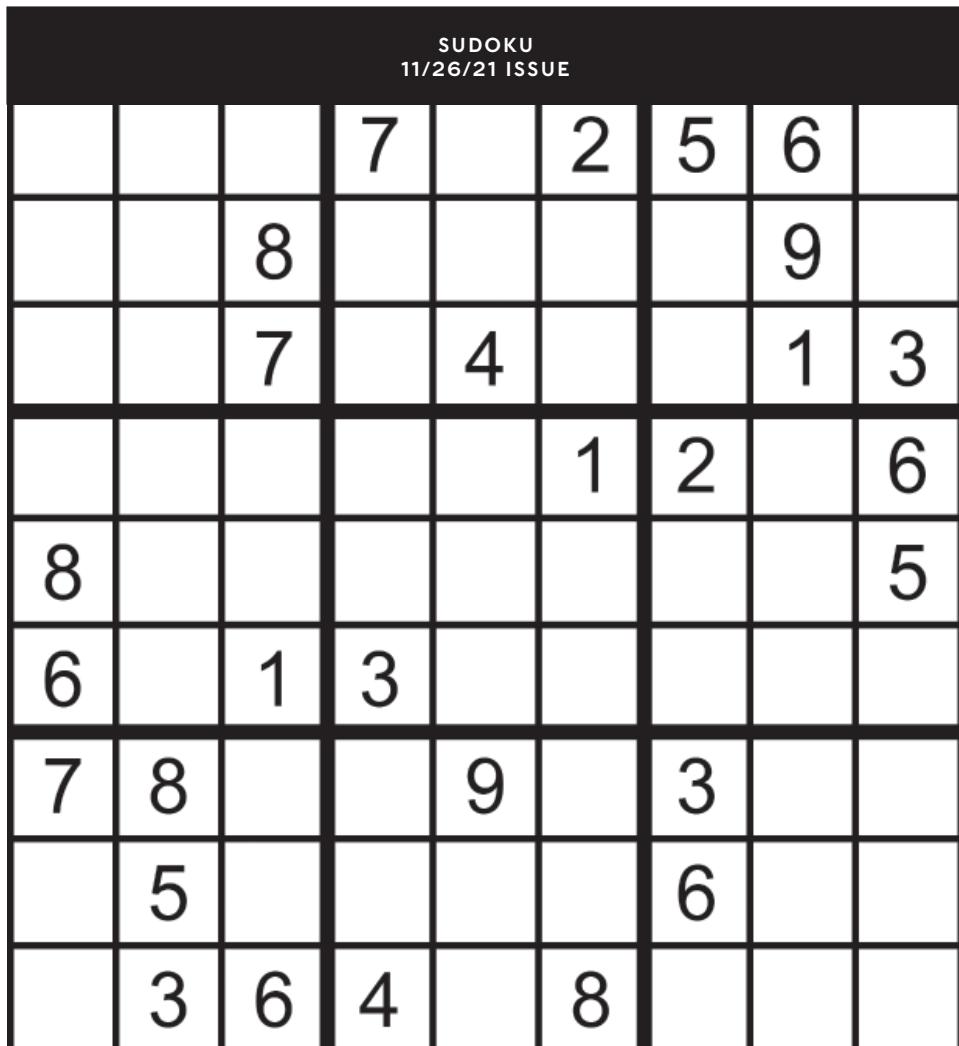
The City's Trolley will run throughout the City on curated routes as part of the program.

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HEADS OF STATE

BY AIMEE LUCIDO AND ELLA DERSHOWITZ / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Aimee Lucido, of Berkeley, Calif., is a crossword constructor and children's-book author. Her second book, "Recipe for Disaster," came out in September. Her friend Ella Dershowitz, of New York City, is an actor who has appeared in films like "Knife Fight" and "Addiction: A 60's Love Story." Aimee writes: "This puzzle came about the way a lot of our collaborations come about. We decide we miss each other, get on a Zoom call and start brainstorming crossword ideas." — W.S.

ACROSS

- 1 Miss
- 5 Fairy-tale monster
- 9 Meat in ragù al cinghiale
- 13 "Everyone knows the secret now"
- 19 Lincoln or Ford
- 20 Purchase in the board game Catan worth one wood and one brick
- 21 Singer Guthrie
- 22 Genre for Nirvana and Soundgarden
- 23 Forgetfulness experienced by soon-to-be moms, informally
- 26 Final innings, usually
- 27 Heinie
- 28 What a baby might start eating at around 6 months
- 30 Universal donor's blood type, informally
- 31 A, in Aachen
- 32 "Dancing With Hands Tied" (Taylor Swift song)
- 33 What well-connected people may have
- 37 Scented plug-in brand
- 40 "Afternoon, pardner!"
- 44 "Oh yeah? Give me an example!"
- 46 Response to a texted joke
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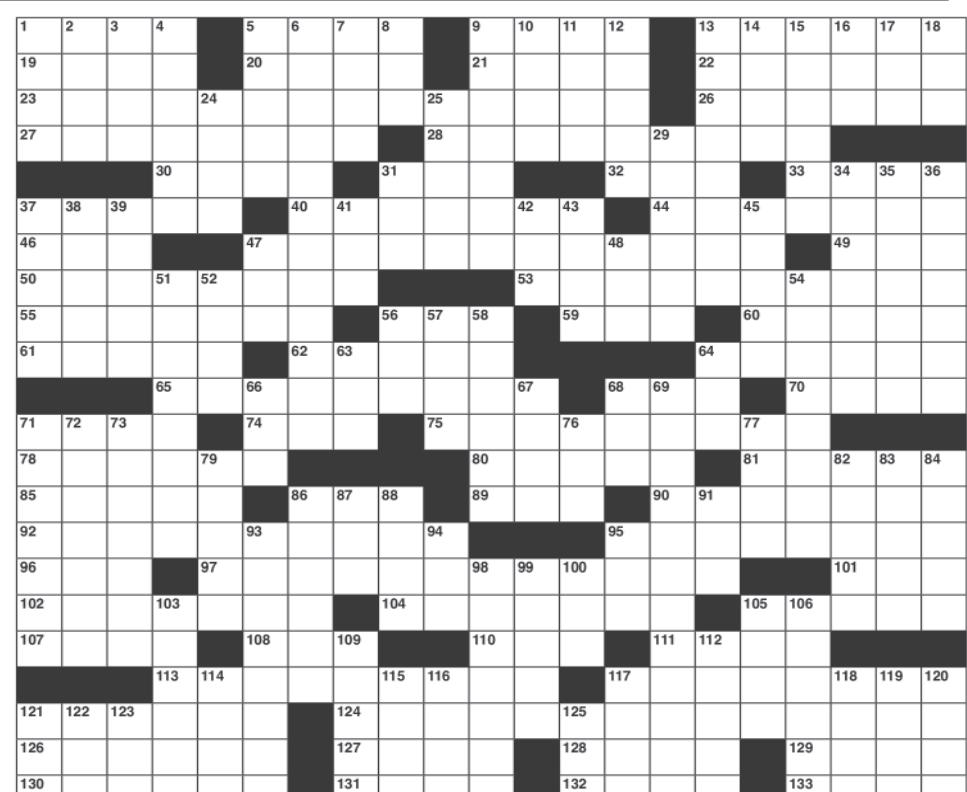


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- 53 Juice cleanse, essentially
- 55 Cocktail made from gin, vermouth and Campari
- 56 Big letters in home security
- 59 In Latin, it's "stannum"
- 60 Pound part
- 61 Church council
- 62 Succeed in life
- 64 Portfolio listings
- 65 Common sense
- 68 The "gone girl" in "Gone Girl"
- 70 A negative one might be positive
- 71 Used colored pencils, say
- 74 "____ be a real shame ..."
- 75 Jovian planets, by another name
- 78 Changes back to factory defaults, say
- 80 Way too loud
- 81 Figure in the iconic "We Can Do It!" poster
- 85 Quite enough
- 86 Bit of fiction
- 89 Suffix with quack and mock
- 90 National law enforcement, informally
- 92 Simple flotation device
- 95 Arranges in random order
- 96 URL ending
- 97 TV display option
- 101 ___ tai
- 102 Picked up
- 104 Above
- 105 Like the bread ideal for bread pudding

DOWN

- 1 Nordic native
- 2 Invisible energy field
- 3 Proofreader's directive
- 4 Words moaned while eating a cheeseburger, maybe
- 5 Give one's address
- 6 Get ready to sleep, cutely
- 7 Candidate's focus
- 8 Ice cream surname
- 9 British nobleman
- 47 Planting more than one kind of seed in a field, per Deuteronomy
- 58 Prioritization process
- 63 It added "essential worker" in March 2021: Abbr.
- 64 Author Rand
- 66 Quaint contraction
- 67 Title that comes from "Caesar"
- 68 Assist
- 69 Day celebrated by "Star Wars" fans
- 71 Curtains
- 72 Interior design job
- 73 Support, as a belief
- 76 Fellow



- 77 Like bacon and lobster, in Jewish law
- 79 Prime-time slot
- 82 Home of the National Voting Rights Museum
- 83 Perfect
- 84 Nail-polish brand
- 86 Like some nachos and questions
- 87 "Real" ones were first issued in the 2010s
- 88 Muppet who hosts the "Not-Too-Late Show"
- 91 Fifth-century invader
- 93 Poisonous shrub
- 94 Suffix with Euclid
- 95 Metric for online traffic, in brief
- 98 Get ready for action
- 99 The "C" of D.R.C.
- 100 World of Warcraft, e.g., for short
- 103 One who's at home on the job?
- 105 Branch of Islam
- 106 Thai taxi with a repetitive name
- 109 Send, as payment
- 112 Mail, e.g.
- 114 Actress Taylor-Joy of "The Queen's Gambit"
- 115 Costa ___
- 116 Mother of Don Juan
- 117 Cheese on a mezze platter
- 118 Gillette razor
- 119 Daily Planet reporter
- 120 Gaelic tongue
- 121 Sorority letter
- 122 "Yikes!"
- 123 Pile of cash
- 125 TV button: Abbr.

BH Chamber of Commerce Applauds 100% Vaccinated Businesses

BY CARL ROBINETTE



The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce is aiming to spur economic recovery in the city by publishing a list of local businesses that have reached 100% employee vaccination rates. Chamber President and CEO Todd Johnson told the Courier they are looking to add as many names to the list as they can get.

"I think [COVID] is probably the most devastating thing that could've happened to the local economy, if not the world, that we've all seen in many of our lifetimes, and hopefully it's the last thing in our lifetimes," said Johnson.

In the U.S. about 164,000 businesses closed in the first seven months of the pandemic, according to [Yelp.com](#) data. California fared the worst at nearly 40,000 closures, half of which were permanent.

Locally, the City of Beverly Hills reported that its top revenue generating industries were down a combined 18% during the pandemic. These include property tax, sales tax, hotel tax and business tax.

Johnson said the Chamber's first goal is to simply recognize fully vaccinated companies by announcing them on their website and in their newsletter. The Chamber's hope is that the list will give customers an added sense of safety when visiting the businesses and help drive renewed vitality in the local economy.

"It's not browbeating anyone that's not 100%, all we're doing is saying, 'Hey congratulations, you're 100% vaccinated,'" said Johnson. "We're just trying to take a topic that's obviously very political and just find the good in it by applauding businesses who are fully vaccinated, and then we'll continue to acknowledge businesses that reach that as time goes on."

Thus far, the "fully vaccinated" list includes O'Gara Coach Company, Runyan Capital and the Chamber's own offices. The Chamber defines 100% vaccination as "all employees are fully vaccinated or have a medical or religious exemption." Fully vaccinated businesses in the city are encouraged

to reach out to the Chamber to be listed.

"Runyan Capital is an office of five that interacts with clients face-to-face frequently, so I encouraged everyone on our team to get vaccinated at their earliest opportunity," the firm's founder and owner Jeff Runyan told the Courier. "From my perspective, we help our clients with managing their wealth and the safety of their investment portfolio. So for us to do our part to protect ourselves and protect our clients' health, it only made sense to be vaccinated."

In Los Angeles County, about 74% of people 12 years or older are now fully vaccinated, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). More than 67% of eligible California residents are fully vaccinated. The U.S. is still seeing high COVID-19 hospitalization rates for children ages 5 to 11, according to the CDC, which is now encouraging vaccinations for that age group.

"I'm a member of the Chamber and the Beverly Hills Rotary Club, and a longtime goal of Rotary International has been to rid the world of polio," said Runyan. "They have worked tirelessly for nearly four decades to achieve this. So, if Rotary International can contribute to accomplish a worldwide goal through vaccinations and vaccinations contribute to the safety of our community, our city—ultimately our county and the world—it wasn't about me making a choice at all."

In Beverly Hills, about 25 new businesses have opened or signed deals in 2021 to open soon, according to Chamber staff. Johnson said Beverly Hills businesses may have fared better than their counterparts in many neighboring cities during the pandemic but there is still a need to push economic recovery forward.

"There's a lot of good things happening in Beverly Hills," said Johnson. "We have to get past all this stuff and we will as a city. It's going to be much brighter down the road but we have some tough things to get through." ●

(Holiday Lights continued from page 1)

The cast for "LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE," playing at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills, took a break to perform a number from the show. A trio of singers dazzled the many children in attendance with a rendition of "Let It Go" from the animated feature and Broadway show "Frozen." The crowd also looked on in suspense as acrobatic performer Christian Stoinev and his Chihuahua Scooby performed feats of balance and strength.

In addition to the stage acts, other holiday characters populated the street and

interacted with the crowds. Holiday elves posed for photos with families and rode up and down the street on enormous tricycles while surreal, ghostly-white reindeer on stilts towered over children and adults alike.

Last year, the city drastically scaled back the event due to public health concerns. While Rodeo Drive underwent its usual holiday glam-up, the city scraped plans for in-person events. This year's celebration drew approximately 6,000 attendees, and marked the largest event hosted by the city since the pandemic. Other years have seen as many as 10,000 visitors at the festivities. ●



Thousands gathered to celebrate the annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony on Rodeo Drive.
Photo by Samuel Braslow

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"I want to commend you for the many things that you do normally, including routine maintenance, cleaning and repair of our facilities," said Chairperson Cathy Baker.

Baker also listed the many ways in which Morales and Colon have assisted in hardening the city against COVID-19, including: installing handsfree thermometers and COVID self-monitoring stations in city facilities; changing manual faucets to automatic, hands-free faucets in city bathrooms and kitchens; upgrading the city's HVAC systems and installing MERV-13 filters; nightly flushing of facilities with fresh air; and coordinating deep cleaning and disinfection of city facilities.

"I hope this gives all people confidence in their safety when entering our facility buildings," Baker said.

Beverly Hills Fire Department Battalion Leader Scott Stephens addressed the commission with an update on Fire Department activity in the city. Of a total of 442 incidents in the month of November, 279 were for emergency medical services. The average response time for all Fire Department calls was under four minutes and 51 seconds.

The Fire Department responded to two large calls, Stephens said. On Oct. 29, a professional document shredding truck burst into flames in the parking lot of the Chase Bank building. The abundance of shredded paper provided a "receptive fuel bed," Stephens said, attributing the fire to overheating machinery. The fire was extinguished "rather quickly" and no injuries were reported.

Then, on Nov. 8, the department responded to a hazardous materials incident at a medical office located on San Vicente Boulevard. The office, which conducts medical research, experienced an argon gas leak on the third floor. The office was evacuated and by the time Los Angeles Fire Department crews arrived with specialized

testing equipment, "all of the argon had dissipated."

"The cause of the leak was likely a loose connection at one of their tanks," Stephens said.

The commission heard an update of COVID-19 from Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed. While COVID-19 continues to be the leading cause of death in the United States, Janmohamed pointed to continuing data on the efficacy of vaccines. According to current case data in Los Angeles County, only slightly more than 1% of fully vaccinated people have tested positive for COVID-19 since vaccines became available. Janmohamed also pointed to data showing that nearly 78% of Beverly Hills residents 12 or older have been fully vaccinated.

"When comparing that to the L.A. County average, Beverly Hills is 5% more vaccinated, and compared to the United States, Beverly Hills is 9% higher than the national rate of vaccination," she said.

The commission ended with the announcement from Deputy Chief Joe Matsch, who also serves as the Fire Department liaison for the Health and Safety Commission, that he plans on retiring on Dec. 21. His final service will be the commission meeting on Dec. 20. Matsch retires from a 34-year career in the fire service, 27 of which he spent in Beverly Hills.

"This place has been absolutely amazing to me," Matsch said. "I leave with a lot of respect, admiration, and, again, love for this commission, for this community, for this fire department."

Matsch told the commission that he plans on pursuing other options in retirement.

"I look forward to my last month working for the commission and I certainly look forward to our December 20 meeting and I think there's nothing more befitting me leaving as soon as we adjourn this meeting and I will be officially retired," he said. "That's my last call of action and it'll be an honor to finalize my career with you." ●

Public Notices

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Carter, Clerk • Moses Soto, Deputy BHC • 11/26/21, 12/03/21, 12/10/21, 12/17/21</p> <p>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CASE NO: 21SMCP00470 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME</p> <p>In the Matter of the petition of: PARI SAFAI To all interested person(s): Petitioner: Pari Safai Presently over 18 years of age, current residence: 414 North Palm Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 on October 15, 2021 for a Decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Pari Safai Proposed Name: PARI SAYED SAFAI 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.</p> <p>NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: JANUARY 7, 2022 Time: 8:30 AM Department: K The address of the court is: 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 Reason for name change: Petitioner is already known by HER proposed name wishes to be known by his proposed name in all personal/business affairs. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed: Pari Sayed Safai Judge of the Superior Court: Lawrence Cho Clerk: Sherri R. Carter Deputy: T. Rhodes Dated: October 15, 2021</p> <p>WE FILE & PUBLISH DBA'S For more info, contact GEORGE at 310-278-1322 GRecinos@BHCourier.com</p>
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