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THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

Friday	98° 75°
Saturday	78° 71°
Sunday	81° 70°
Monday	78° 68°
Tuesday	76° 66°
Wednesday	75° 64°
Thursday	77° 64°

Golden Shield Nominees Announced



Photo by Lisa Friedman Bloch

The Jack Benny House on Roxbury Drive is nominated for a Golden Shield Award.

BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

The Landmark Nominations Advisory Subcommittee of the Cultural Heritage Commission met at a special meeting Aug. 7 to decide upon eight nominees for Golden Shield Cultural Recognition. The Commission will narrow the eight selections to four, which it will present to the City Council for final approval.

Golden Shield Cultural Recognition comes in the form of a plaque granted to establishments that hold cultural, historic and architectural significance to the

City of Beverly Hills. The eight locations selected by the Subcommittee are the Sergei Rachmaninoff residence, the James Stewart residence, the Jack Benny residence, Warner-Beverly Theater, Blum's Restaurant, the Beverly Hills Nursery, Sterling Plaza and the Beverly Hills Speedway.

Rachmaninoff was a world-renowned Russian pianist, conductor and composer who lived and died at his Beverly Hills home on 610 North Alpine Drive. He is remembered as one of the greatest composers and musical revolutionaries of the Romantic Era,

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BHUSD Board Takes Up Diverse Issues at Meeting

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

With recent weeks marked by scorching temperatures and heat waves, concerns about children playing on hot asphalt in unshaded school playgrounds was one of many issues taken up at the Sept. 6 Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education meeting. While the board approved asphalt repairs at Beverly Vista Middle School (BVMS), Hawthorne Elementary, and an asphalt project at BVMS, the board directed staff to look into the possibility of adding green space to provide shade over blacktop areas.

"As most of you know, the south part of Beverly Vista is basically all blacktop or asphalt," said a parent during public comment. "Except for that small part, which is the green field, there is very little or almost no natural shade in that area."

With middle school sports starting up at BVMS and more foot traffic, Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy said staff are already in talks with the PTA to address the shade issue. Board President Mary Wells also suggested forming a sustainability advisory group to incorporate more greenery and shady areas on district campuses. "I think that there is definitely reason to think about the lack of green space and shade at Beverly Vista Middle School, and other schools, but BVMS really seems to be hit very much so," board member Amanda Stern said. "It would be

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Residents Invited to Sign Tribute Book for Queen Elizabeth II



Photo by anizza/depositphotos.com

Queen Elizabeth II

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

In a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch who died Sept. 8 at the age of 96, the local British Consulate will provide a memorial book for mourners to

sign. The book will contain photos of Queen Elizabeth II, with pages of space for individuals to write messages. It will be publicly accessible in the lobby of its Los Angeles office (2029 Century Park East) beginning Sept. 9 for 10 days. ●

Fire Chief Greg Barton Discusses Emergency Preparedness

BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

In conjunction with National Preparedness Month, the City of Beverly Hills is holding an informational meeting for the "JUST IN CASE BH" program. The meeting is part of an effort to excite and educate the community about the importance of taking care of one another. The informational event will take place on Sept. 15 at Greystone Mansion, which is located at 905 Loma Vista Drive in Beverly Hills.

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Courier Calendar

NOW - SEPT. 30

LOS ANGELES TIMES FOOD BOWL

Presented by City National Bank, the Los Angeles Times Food Bowl will take place throughout the month of September. The Food Bowl celebrates the dynamic food scene in Southern California and combines the best of local eateries and world-renowned chefs in over 30 pop-up dining events. Sept. 9-10 include the Gold Award Dinners with Meals by Genet, Gold Award honoree, and there will be two multi-course dinner sessions with semi-retired Chef Genet Agonafer. In Paramount Pictures Studios Backlot, Food Bowl's Night Market will take place from Sept. 23-25 for an outdoor food and drink festival. The event will include over 40 restaurants per session, live cooking demonstrations, libations, DJs, and more. lafoodbowl.com

SEPT. 9-11, SEPT. 16-18

CENTER THEATRE GROUP: L.A. WRITERS' WORKSHOP FESTIVAL

L.A. Writers' Workshop Festival will take place over two weekends. The all-women cohort of 10 writers will present their work at the Kirk Douglas Theatre, and they have worked under the guidance of Luis Alfaro, Center Theatre Group Associate Artistic Director. The 10 writers include Jami Brandli, June Carryl, Penelope Lowder, Lisa Ramirez, Jessica Ko, Pia Shah, Judy Soo Hoo, Julie Taiwo Quarles, Tisha Marie Reichle-Aguilera, and DeLanna Studi. The stories are regarding female magicians, the kinship of teachers, trademarking African culture, Cherokee circular storytelling, and the exploration of American singer/songwriter and activist Nine Simone. Tickets are \$10 for a reading or \$30 for a Festival Pass. centertheatregroup.org

SEPT. 9-12, SEPT. 16-22

EL CAPITAN THEATRE: "COCO" AND "ENCANTO"

10 A.M., 1 P.M., 4 P.M., 7 P.M.

Disney and Pixar's "Coco" will take the stage at the El Capitan Theatre Sept. 9-12, and "Encanto," presented by Disney+, will be featured Sept. 16-22. Guests can view and listen to Mariachi Divas, Ballet Folklórico De Los Angeles, and a Fiesta of Lights in addition to music from the movie prior to each showing of "Coco." There will also be a "Coco"-themed photo opportunity with a replica of Ernesto de la Cruz's guitar. Before each showing of "Encanto," guests can watch Mirabel live on stage.

elcapitantheatre.com

SEPT. 10

CITY OF HOPE: INAUGURAL "HOPE GALA"

City of Hope Orange County's Inaugural "Hope Gala" will take place on Sept. 10. Grammy-nominated recording artist Nick Jonas will perform at the gala at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa. Kevin Jonas Sr., father of the Jonas Brothers, was diagnosed with Stage 2 colon cancer in 2017, and he is now cancer free and raises awareness about colon cancer and early detection. The gala will honor philanthropist Julia Argyros, a supporter of City of Hope, who is committed to improving the lives of people in her community.

e.givesmart.com

SEPT. 10 - FEB. 19, 2023

MOCA: "TALA MADANI: BISCUITS"

The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) and the Farhang Foundation come together with the official exhibition Cultural Partner of "Tala Madani: Biscuits."

The exhibition marks the first North American survey of the paintings and animations of Tala Madani, an Iranian-born and Los Angeles-based artist. Organized by Rebecca Lowery, MOCA Associate Curator, and Ali Subotnick, MOCA Ahmanson Curatorial Fellowship Guest Curator, the exhibit includes many years of Madani's work. Her art includes rich narratives as well as irony and offers potential for art to reflect deep-seated cultural fears, desires, and conflicts while causing fantasy, curiosity, repulsion, and hilarity.

farhang.org

SEPT. 11

MUSE/IQUE: "L.A. COMPOSED: A FESTIVAL OF LOS ANGELES MUSIC" 4 P.M.

The concert series "L.A. Composed: A Festival of Los Angeles Music" focuses on different streets and the music associated with them. On Sept. 11 at Jefferson High School, 1319 East 41st St., Los Angeles, there will be songs and stories of Central Avenue. Led by Artistic Director Rachael Worby and with choreography by Lula Washington, the program honors many artists who impacted Central Avenue, including Alvin Ailey in dance and choreography, Merry Clayton in Gospel, and Duke Ellington, Dexter Gordon and Count Basie in jazz. Featured artists in the production include Sy Smith, LaVance Colley, and DC6 Singers, and the music director and pianist is Myron McKinley of Earth, Wind and Fire.

muse-ique.com

SEPT. 11

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM L.A.: "9/11 SCULPTURES: VIGNETTES OF EMOTION" 4-6 P.M.

On the 21st anniversary of Sept. 11, Holocaust Museum L.A. will host an exhibit opening ceremony for "9/11 Sculptures: Vignettes of Emotion." World-renowned sculptor A. Thomas Schomberg has made a major series of work, composed of figurative columns that capture poignant "vignettes of emotion" from the tragic events of 9/11. The catastrophic tragedies leave a profound sense of loss, and art allows space for reaction, emotion, and healing and inspires the viewer to create a better world. At this exhibit opening, Schomberg, Chief of the Beverly Hills Fire Department Greg Barton, and 9/11 responder and ABC news journalist Scott Schulman will give remarks.

holocaustmuseumla.org

SEPT. 15 - OCT. 9

EAST WEST PLAYERS: "THE GREAT JHERI CURL DEBATE" 2 P.M. SAT., 5 P.M. SUN. 8 P.M. THURS., FRI., SAT., MON.

The world premiere of "The Great Jheri Curl Debate" will take place at East West Players, America's largest producer of Asian American theatrical works and longest-running Asian American theater. "The Great Jheri Curl Debate," by Inda Craig-Galván and directed by Scarlett Kim, will be performed from Sept. 15-Oct. 9 with press night on Sept. 17 and opening night on Sept. 18. During the play, South Side Chicago meets South Korea as a business partnership and magical realism connect two unlikely friends and help them better understand themselves and each other. Developed by East West Players' Playwright's Group, "The Great Jheri Curl Debate" was a finalist for the 44th annual Bay Area Playwrights Festival.

eastwestplayers.org

SEPT. 16

WRITERS BLOC PRESENTS: ANDY BOROWITZ IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN ADAM SCHIFF 7:30 P.M.

Andy Borowitz's new book "Profiles in Ignorance: How America's Politicians Got Dumb and Dumber" regards a brain drain throughout Washington and states capitals, with some exceptions. He maintains that intellect and knowledge have taken a back seat to performance. Over the past 50 years, crime, greed, and corruption have impacted American leadership. Borowitz delivers this serious topic in a wonderful way. Congressman Adam Schiff represents large areas of Los Angeles County. Additionally, Sandra Tsing Loh will read a sample of quotes. Each ticket is \$25, and a ticket including one signed book is \$49. The event will take place at John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center in Santa Monica.

writersblocpresents.com



Photo courtesy of Disney

"Coco" will be screened at the El Capitan Theatre from Sept. 9-12, and "Encanto" will be featured from Sept. 16-22.

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compared only to other grandmasters, like Tchaikovsky.

The acclaimed, Academy Award-Winning Stewart spent nearly 50 years in his Beverly Hills home at 918 North Roxbury Drive. His career spanned more than half a century, during which he starred in classics such as “It’s a Wonderful Life,” “Vertigo” and “Rear Window.”

Benny was the violin-playing comic famous for his work in radio, television and film. He and his wife Mary Livingston purchased the home at 1002 North Roxbury Drive brand-new in the 1930s. It is known for its Georgia revival-style architecture and white brick cladding.

Interestingly the two Roxbury nominees are located on the same block as another home whose historic status was the subject of heated debate before the City Council this year. That residence, at 1001 Roxbury Drive, is currently being demolished.

The Warner-Beverly Theater was located at 9404 Wilshire Boulevard and was commissioned by Jack Warner and Warner Brothers Studios. While it was operational, between 1931 and 1989, the theater was host to major motion picture premiers, such as 1962’s “Lawrence of Arabia” and 1954’s “White Christmas.” The building’s shape was made to resemble a ziggurat and was crowned with a spire that spelled out “Warner.”

The Beverly Hills Blum’s Restaurant opened in 1959 at the southeast corner of Beverly Drive and Wilshire Boulevard,

but the business originally came from San Francisco. Blum’s was home to immense amounts of goodies and sweets, selling cake, ice cream, burgers, sandwiches, milkshakes and more. The Beverly Hills location was unique in adding a sophisticated aspect to the Blum’s brand, being the first location to have a cocktail bar as part of its men’s lounge.

The Beverly Hills Nursery was established by the Rodeo Land and Water Company and was located on the south side of Sunset Boulevard, between Palm Drive and Alpine Drive. In the mid-1920s, as the eastern part of Beverly Hills began to be developed, the nursery relocated to a 16-acre location at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Wilshire Boulevard, where the Beverly Hilton Hotel is currently located. The nursery ceased operations in 1946.

The Sterling Plaza is located at 9429-9441 Wilshire Boulevard, but it was previously known as the California Bank Building. The original owner of the building was Louis B. Mayer, the co-founder of MGM Studios. Before it was a bank, the location was home to the historical Beverly Hills Garage gas and service station.

The Beverly Hills Speedway was a wooden racetrack built in 1919 and opened in 1920. The track was the first in the United States to incorporate banked turns. Before being demolished in 1924, the racetrack hosted a number of famous racers, like Ralph DePalma, Tommy Milton and Gaston



Photo by Lisa Friedman Bloch

Sterling Plaza is nominated for the Golden Shield.

Chevrolet. If selected as a Golden Shield recipient, the plaque would be placed at the northeast corner of El Camino Drive and Wilshire Boulevard, adjacent to the Beverly

Wilshire Hotel.

The Cultural Heritage Commission will vote to narrow the eight nominees to four at their next meeting on Oct. 12. ●

Business WITH Bosse MAYOR BEVERLY HILLS

Please join us at the **next** Business with Bosse event! This **new** initiative was created by Beverly Hills Mayor Lili Bosse to put a spotlight on local businesses and **just how special they are!**

The community is invited to meet at each showcased business and enjoy a sampling of what makes our Beverly Hills businesses so special.

For more information and to view upcoming events, visit beverlyhills.org/businesswithbosse

Questions? Email us at businesswithbosse@beverlyhills.org

Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Drop-in between 5:30p.m.-7p.m.

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again &
have fun
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Public Works Commission Proposes New Water Rates

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

At its Sept. 8 meeting, the Beverly Hills Public Works Commission supported the proposed change in the commercial wastewater customer classes to include a third class, a \$32 million water Capital Improvement Project (CIP) at the Cabrillo Reservoir, the fixed charge revenue ratio for water, pass-through charges, and to begin the Proposition 218 public notice process. Under the proposition, the city must hold a public hearing before changing property-related fees. The commission will meet with liaisons on Sept. 13, seek council approval in October, and is expected to hold a hearing before the holidays and ultimately implement new rates in the middle of January 2023. With the restructured rates, Beverly Hills residents and business owners can expect to see an increase in their bills next year.

The new proposed policy separates residential wastewater customers (single-family and multi-family) and adds a quantity charge for the single-family and multi-family classes. "I think one of the hopes was this would urge



people to go use irrigation meters," Director of Public Works Shana Epstein said. "Those who have a lot of outdoor water use, so when we have to call for no outdoor water use, we have an ability to really see if those meters are running or not."

Based on a cost-of-service study conducted by HF&H Consultants, LLC, the commission supported restructured water rates that include volumetric charges for residential customers and continued fixed and volumetric charges for commercial users. The city will also continue charging water reliability charges to generate revenue to cover the costs of developing water supplies to lessen dependence on the Metropolitan Water District. ●

Beverly Hills to Commemorate 9/11 with Ceremony

In honor of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, the City of Beverly Hills will hold its annual ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial Garden. The event will feature a wreath laying, ringing of the bell, playing of taps, and a performance by the Beverly Hills High School Madrigal Singers.

In attendance at the ceremony will be Mayor Lili Bosse, Councilmembers and the City of Beverly Hills Fire and Police Chiefs. A color guard and bagpipers will also take part in the ceremony. The event will take place at the Beverly Hills 9/11 Memorial Garden located at 445 North Rexford Drive in Beverly Hills from 5:30 - 6 p.m. on Sept. 11.

The Beverly Hills 9/11 Memorial Garden is open to the public on a daily basis and provides a sanctuary for those who wish to sit, contemplate and remember the events of that day.

In addition to the Twin Towers floor beam erected at the center of the site, various vignettes have been incorporated to represent the locations of the three plane crash sites - the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

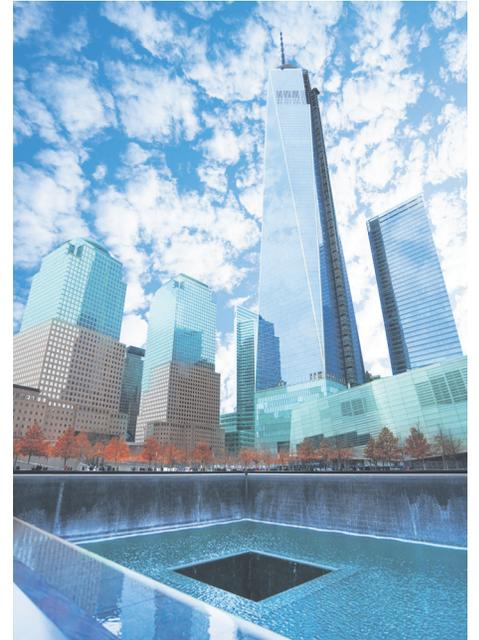


Photo by Sernovik

The public may view the evening ceremony live at beverlyhills.org/LIVE. For additional information, please visit beverlyhills911memorial.org. ●



Mayor's Mental Wellness Series with guest Deepak Chopra, MD

International best-selling author of more than 90 books and world-renowned pioneer in integrative medicine and personal transformation

Friday, September 23, 2022
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Outside on the Crescent side of Beverly Hills City Hall
*Limited seating available

Come join us for our next Mayor's Mental Wellness Series where the community has an opportunity to hear from health and mental wellness experts who will inspire us to be resilient and connect with ourselves and each other.

MORE INFORMATION AT
Beverlyhills.org/mentalwellness

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and creativity and the moment is now ~ Deepak Chopra

Local Democratic Club Endorses Two BHUSD Board Candidates



Photo courtesy of Harim Lee

Dodes standing with supporters at her kickoff event on Aug. 21

BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

The West Hollywood Beverly Hills Democratic Club has announced that it is endorsing Rachelle Marcus and Farrah Dodes for the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education. The endorsement comes

with exactly two months to go before the Nov. 8 election.

The West Hollywood Beverly Hills Democratic Club is composed of the West Hollywood Democratic Club, founded in See Endorsements, page 13

Beverly Hills Police to Host Reimagined Gala This Year

This year, instead of gathering at the Black & White Gala for a traditional sit-down dinner, the Beverly Hills Police Officers Benevolent Fund will hold a Reimagined Gala. This new event will feature a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, live auction and awards presentation. It will take place on Sept. 22 beginning at 6 p.m. at Jean-Georges at Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills, which provides an indoor/outdoor setting. Live Auction items will include once in a lifetime BHPD experiences. The gala is one of the best-attended and most highly anticipated events in the city, with funds benefitting The Beverly Hills Police Officers Benevolent Fund.

A limited number of tickets are still available. For more information or to make a donation, contact the Beverly Hills Police Officers Benevolent Fund at 310-550-4551 or visit bhpoa.org.



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Best Late Summer Getaways from Beverly Hills



Photo courtesy of GetMyBoat

Marina Del Rey Sailboating

BY CAROLE DIXON

With international travel still in a state of flux, you might want to stick closer to home during the last few weeks of summer. Here are five ideas that will feel like a vacation but are only a few hours drive, or less, from Beverly Hills.

Marina del Rey

Sail away from the record-setting heat from the always-popular Marina del Rey. Its large harbor holds a host of sailing options for everything from whale watching to watersports, parties and sunset cruises. To charter one of these vessels, **GetMyBoat** has over 130 rentals and water experiences ranging from pontoons and wind power sailboats to luxury yachts. But cruising the California coast isn't all the company offers, jet skis, kayaks and stand up paddle boarding are also available.

The average cost of a boat charter is about \$250 per hour in Marina del Rey, but you can find boating experiences on **GetMyBoat** for less than \$100, and most of the boat rentals are charters that come with a USCG-licensed captain, so you can kick back and relax while cruising around Marina del Rey.

According to Val Streif, Marketing Manager of **GetMyBoat**, "Boating is a top activity right now because it's bringing people together to enjoy the outdoors in a relaxing way and it's the perfect multi-generational family activity." In addition, she cites Marina del Rey as a top location because there's always a good chance you'll see wildlife, including dolphins, whales, and sea lions. "Seeing a sunset from a boat is also a special experience,

and you can cruise up to Santa Monica or venture to Venice Beach, two popular locations that are easily accessible by boat from Marina del Rey," she said.

Before or after your chartered cruise, stop for brunch, drinks or dinner at the newly revamped **SALT** restaurant overlooking the harbor where you can order oysters, caviar and cocktails. Other recent local dining developments include **KazuNori** for sushi, **HiHo** burgers and **UOVO** for pasta, plus **Alfred Coffee** from Beverly Hills and West Hollywood is opening nearby.

Another popular summer activity is bike riding near the beach, and just up the coast in Santa Monica, **Shutters** and **Casa del Mar** hotels offer bikes for their guests. Cruise along the boardwalk which is easily accessible and the staff will even set up a picnic lunch right in the sand with cushions, tables, umbrellas, charcuterie snacks, sandwiches and real coconut water - among other treats.

If you desire a hit of wellness, Malibu has a new destination, **Rafi Lounge**, for sound baths, meditation and classes, but you must be a member to enjoy the Pacific Ocean views from the lawn.

Santa Barbara

Of course, you can rent boats and bike ride along the California coast in Santa Barbara. Make sure to visit **Stearns Wharf**, California's oldest wooden working wharf. The wharf celebrates its 150th anniversary with a festive party on Oct. 8 (if you want to plan ahead), or be sure to visit during Wharf Wednesdays on the first Wednesday of each month, to take advantage of special restaurant deals and live

music.

Over the summer, Santa Barbara **Botanic Garden** opened **The Backcountry**, a four-acre outdoor adventure space for kids. Located along Mission Creek, it features activities such as fort building, fallen log obstacle courses, waterfalls, a maze, hikes through different habitats and herb gathering.

If you're up for a hike, try the **Mesa Trail** near the new visitors center with informational kiosks opened within the UC Santa Barbara North Campus Open Space. Here you can explore a vast 136-acre coastal wetlands area that includes grasslands to ocean bluffs. This area has a free public parking lot, open from dawn to dusk, at 6975 Whittier Drive in Goleta.

Also, earlier this year, the **Santa Barbara Zoo** opened the Australian Walkabout, a 15,000-square-foot habitat designed to transport guests "Down Under," where they can walk among the wallabies, kangaroos and emus.

If interior design and shopping is your passion, the Summerland area has become a go-to destination for chic home decor and antiques, including **Field + Fort**, **The Well**, **Porch and Garde**. Recently, a new outpost for British-born designer Rachel Ashwell's **Shabby Chic**, a new **Home Crush** showroom (an extension from its downtown Santa Barbara shop and design studio), and a new takeover of **The Big Yellow House** by **Big Daddy's Antiques** featuring custom furniture, rugs and rotating art.

For wine tasting, you will not need a designated driver for the nearly 30 member wineries, many within walking distance of each other and downtown beaches, on the **Santa Barbara Urban Wine Trail**. At least six new tasting rooms are opening and three others are on the move or expanding as of 2022. **Frequency Wine Co.** moved to a historic courtyard

surrounded by Spanish Colonial Revival architecture and lush foliage in the Presidio Neighborhood. **Kunin Wines** has a new location in downtown Santa Barbara with a focus on sparkling wines and rosé, along with education and cheese pairings in partnership with **The Cheese Shop**.

Santa Barbara Winery, the oldest winery in Santa Barbara County, moved to a new tasting room location in the Funk Zone and **Pali Wine Co.** opened a second location in this area as well, and you will not need a designated driver to explore this area on foot.

For dinner, **Rare Society** is a new throw-back steakhouse (also in the Funk Zone) inspired by Las Vegas that features large format steak platters for sharing and craft cocktails. At the Kimpton Canary Hotel just off State Street, **Finch & Fork** has been revamped with a sleek modern look and a pedigreed new executive chef Craig Riker who makes upscale comfort fare. If you find yourself in Montecito, a new sushi experience just opened at the Rosewood Miramar hotel. **AMA Sushi** is an intimate 13 seat bar offering one omakase pairing seating each evening or an à la carte menu with outdoor seating as well.

Huntington Beach

Head down the coast to Huntington Beach aka Surf City USA where you will find 9.5 miles of sandy flat beach and great waves due to the currents around Catalina. This area is also home to the International Surfing Museum, the **Paséa Hotel & Spa** right next to the pier where you can schedule an exfoliating body treatment with ginger oil at the Balinese spa, have rooftop drinks at the **Waterfront Beach Resort** or listen to music and mingle at **The Bungalow** by the same owners as the original in Santa Monica. Think of this area as a more accessible alternative to Laguna Beach and it's also closer to L.A.

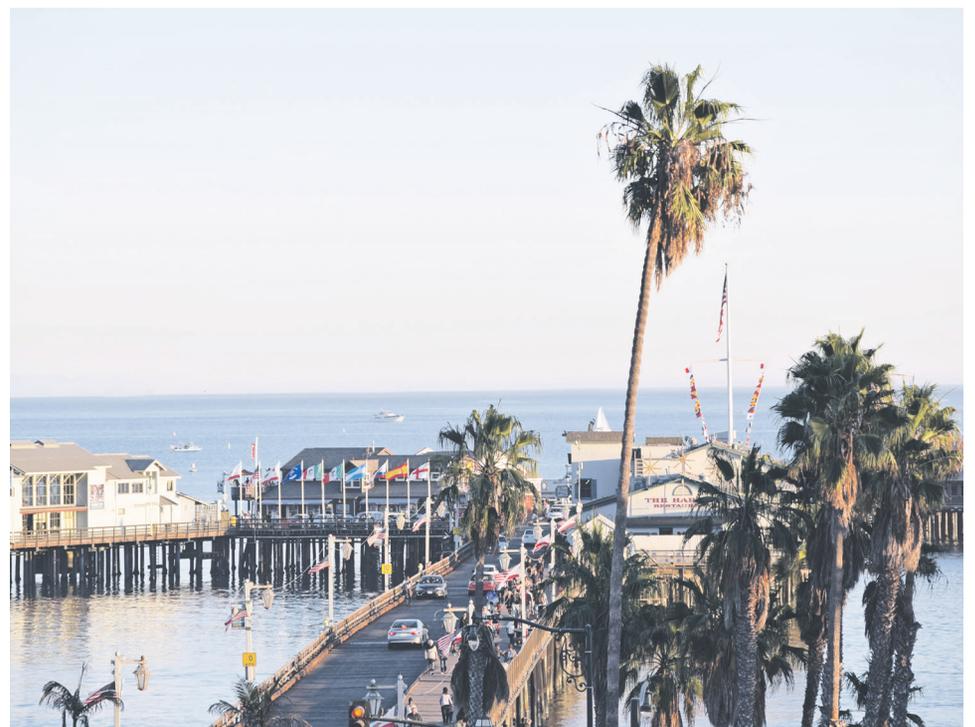


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Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara

Oceanside

After decades as just a pit stop on the way to San Diego, the profile and popularity of this once overlooked beach town is booming. There are destination hotels, museums, Michelin recognized restaurants, a buzzing craft-beer scene and close proximity to the beach and LEGOLAND in Carlsbad, which is continually a top draw for families year-round.

“Oceanside’s approach to self-improvement over the last decade has been about celebrating its history, preserving its unique character and introducing thoughtful new experiences that highlight the creativity and innovation of its locals,” said Leslee Gaul, CEO, Visit Oceanside. “The combination [of new experiences] has made this a place where people want to come, hangout and immerse themselves in the Oside vibe.”

The Surf Girl Pro Championship competition is held each fall on the beach near the Oceanside Pier right in front of the new surf-themed Mission Pacific Hotel and sister property The Seabird Resort with a Cape Cod esthetic. On the grounds, a draw for film buffs is the 1887 bungalow, known as The Graves House, that was used as a key location in the original “Top Gun” movie. The space is now a HIGH-pie concept serving gourmet sweet and savory hand pies made with fruit or cheese and choice of dipping sauce. You can also find memorabilia from the movie, including a refurbished Kawasaki Ninja ZX90 0 Motorcycle, identical to the one Tom Cruise rode in the film. Other nostalgic Americana touches include vintage furniture, one-of-a-kind needle-point installations from artist Mary Lou Marks.

For dining on-site, try the new Chef’s Table experience at Valle, a Guadalupe Valley Kitchen, helmed by one of Baja’s most acclaimed Chefs, Roberto Alcocer. Upstairs, The Rooftop Bar at Mission Pacific has also launched a new menu of shared plates and locally inspired cocktails, with a portion of sales of “The Jetty” cocktail, named for one of Oceanside’s most iconic breaks, going to benefit USA Surfing’s elite training programs.

If that activity is a little too rambunctious for you, walk over to the new pool-side sound baths at The Seabird Resort.

Or, take advantage of the new vintage Rambler camper and Surf Concierge service set up on the beach providing guests with beverages and snacks, sand toys, water activities, umbrellas, towels and lounge chairs for the perfect beach day.

If you did come for the surf, check out the incredible art collection curated by the Oceanside Museum of Art across both hotels before signing up for a surf valet experience and private lessons, with North Country Surf Academy for an opportunity to surf alongside professional surfer and third-generation Oceanside resident, Duran Barr.

A short stroll away, there are a few cool developments in Oceanside for coffee and boutique shopping such as the The Rising Co. - A Maker’s Collective or Tremont Collective, which has surf shops, Communal coffee and flower shop, along with Shootz Fish + Beer for local brews and tacos.

Around town, The Plot has recently introduced the Thursday Night Live Music series. Every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., guests can enjoy an evening of free live music on the patio, surrounded by the restaurant’s regenerative garden. The goal is to share a no-cost experience to provide a space to connect with neighbors, expand cultural experiences and support local talent, all the while enjoying a delicious plant-based fare from the restaurant.

At award-winning Wrench & Rodent – the unorthodox sushi and Japanese izakaya focused on total utilization – Chef-owner Davin Waite and his team have launched a dry-aged fish program, which ensures a responsible and sustainable model with minimal waste. Expect traditional dry-aging techniques with various species such as Bluefin, Pacifico bass, kampachi, and salmon.

Just over the Buena Vista Lagoon, which separates Oceanside from Carlsbad, State Street siblings Campfire and Michelin-starred Jeune et Jolie have just released new summer menus under the creative direction of Executive Chef Eric Bost. And if you find it hard to snag a reservation at Jeune et Jolie, try the smaller rotating Menu du Bar, available at the bar and lounge where walk-ins are welcome. ●



Photo courtesy of Santa Barbara Botanic Garden/Visit Santa Barbara

The Backcountry Hiking activities



Photo courtesy of The Plot

Outdoor dining at The Plot



Photo courtesy of Jim B. for Marina del Rey Hotel

Salt at the Marina del Rey Hotel

Great Outdoors Event to Take Place at Greystone Mansion

BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

On Sept. 17, the city is encouraging community members to spend a day at Greystone Mansion to celebrate its anniversary as a dedicated public park and the month the Doheny family moved in. The city has planned an entire day filled with activities that highlight the park's natural beauty and relaxing landscape, called "The Great Outdoors at Greystone: A celebration of nature in the heart of Beverly Hills."

"Greystone Mansion and Gardens is a true gem in our community, and we are thrilled to be offering this day as a unique way for visitors to enjoy this historic space and beautiful grounds," Manager of Community Services Arts and Culture Ben Johnson told the Courier. "We hope this day will inspire the community in a variety of ways, to engage with arts and nature, or to just simply enjoy the beauty of the park and the majestic views from the house terrace."

Greystone Mansion was built in 1927 and took three years and over three million dollars to complete. The mansion is recognized as a historic landmark and belonged to Edward Laurence Doheny Jr., who was



heir to the largest oil production company at the time. He moved into the home in 1928 with his wife and their five children.

As part of the celebration, the city will guide attendees through a full itinerary of crafts and classes. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in a scavenger hunt, write a poem and crochet on the grass. The event will hold seminars about water conservation, planting, taking better

pictures and field sketching. Additionally, Theatre 40 will be performing a reading of Arthur Miller's "Elegy for a Lady."

"This day will be a celebration of all that Greystone has to offer," Community Services Venue Coordinator Sara Scrimshaw told the Courier. "A shuttle running through the park will encourage visitors to experience the breadth of the grounds, from the demonstration garden, where they can plant

a seedling to take home, to the site of the original pool, where drought-friendly gardening classes will be offered, and Theatre 40 will be doing a play reading. Guests are encouraged to wander the paths, enjoying the mental health benefits of spending time in nature and perhaps find inspiration to sketch or write a poem."

The event is scheduled to run all day, with activities planned from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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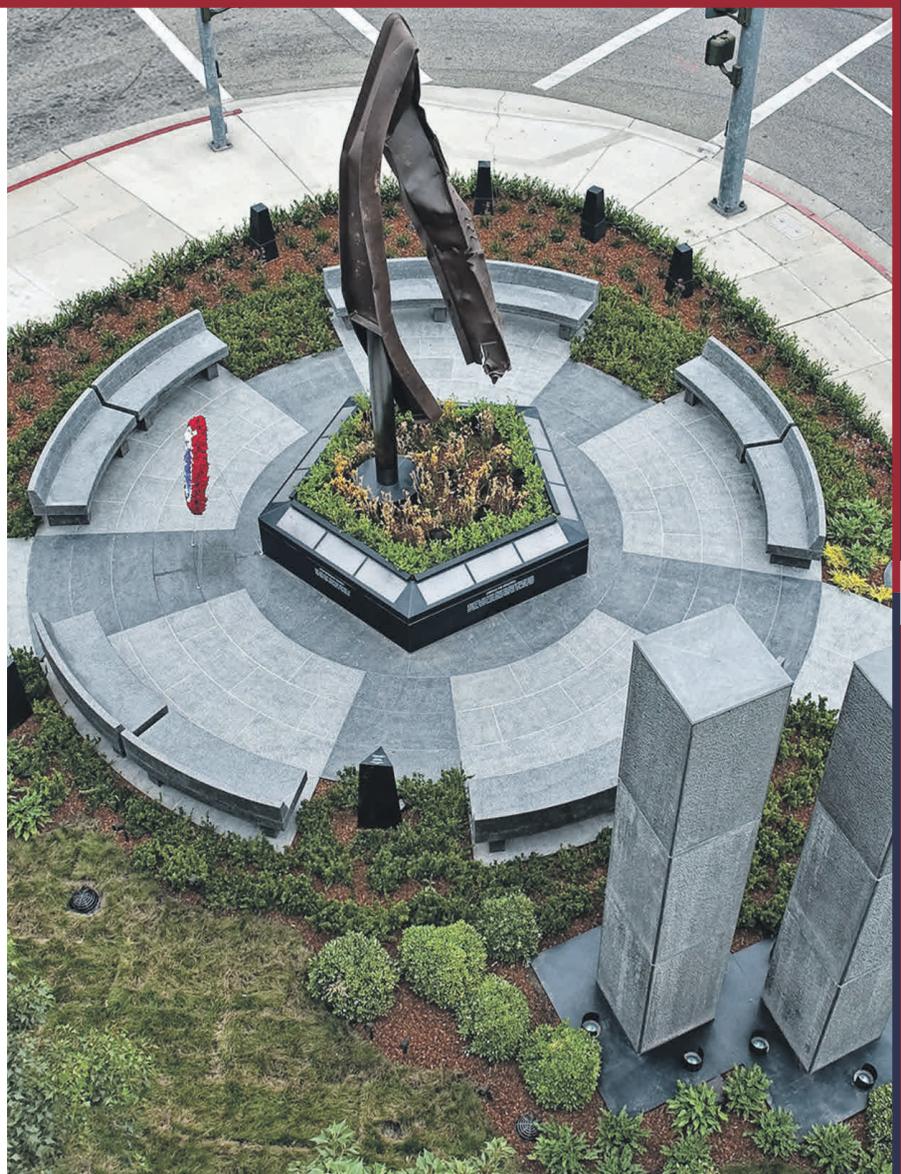
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An informal morning ceremony will take place at 6:45 a.m. at the Fire Department Headquarters

Free two-hour parking is provided in the structure next to the Library



Labor Day in Beverly Hills



The Beverly Hills City Hall was illuminated in red, white and blue for Labor Day from Sept. 1-5.



Photo by Bianca Heyward

The newly-opened Erewhon was a popular gathering place over Labor Day weekend in Beverly Hills.



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Arts & Entertainment

Courier Series: Part Two of Three

How to Navigate Streaming Services

BY NEELY SWANSON

Part I of “How to Navigate Streaming Services” gave you the basics on what to look for and how to make your way through the most commonly watched streamers: Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, HBO Max, Disney+, and Apple TV+. Here, we will go into a deeper dive on the plethora of services available.

FREE TO YOU AND ME

As mentioned in Part I, there are two wonderful, and essentially free, streamers available to you. The first is PBS Passport that opens up almost the entire library of shows, past and present, from the Public Television repertory, including live streaming of “NewsHour.” And it’s all available for a mere \$5.00 per month tax deductible donation. Log on at [PBS.org](https://www.pbs.org), scroll down to PBS SoCal/KCET Passport, and click on “become a member.”

The second is [Kanopy.com](https://www.kanopy.com), available for free through the L.A. County (and City) Library systems of which the Beverly Hills Library is a member. Kanopy offers an extremely wide range of American and International film and television. With your membership, you are entitled to 10 free films per month. This is the one channel that I enjoy scrolling all the way through to cherry pick for “My Watch List.” Unlike the other services, they don’t have a financial stake in directing you to certain choices. If you don’t have a library card, you can sign up online and get instant access, not just to Kanopy but also to the thousands of eBooks that can be sent directly to your multiple devices. Simply go to [lacountylibrary.org](https://www.lacountylibrary.org) and click on “Get a Library Card” on the top banner.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Here are a few more tricks to honing your choices. The categories you should check first on any streamer that has them are “Leaving Soon,” or “Leaving This Month.” The “New Releases” classification is trickier because only the first few films or series listed under that banner will actually be new. What they actually mean is “new to us.” If you really want an unbiased view of what the most popular streaming shows are, [Nielsen.com/top-ten](https://www.nielsen.com/top-ten) lists the streaming numbers. You’ll probably be as disappointed as I was.

IMDB.com

Sometimes the old-fashioned ways work the best. I will sometimes make a list of films or TV shows I’d like to see and then do a search for them. I previously suggested a Google search, but a more efficient way is to enter the name in the search bar of IMDB. [IMDb.com](https://www.imdb.com) is a must have app, and unlike IMDB Pro, it is free. Although it is wholly owned by Amazon, it is fairly even-handed when it comes to reporting information. As an example, in the search bar at the top, I entered “Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark.” When it comes up, there is a yellow banner that appears on the bottom



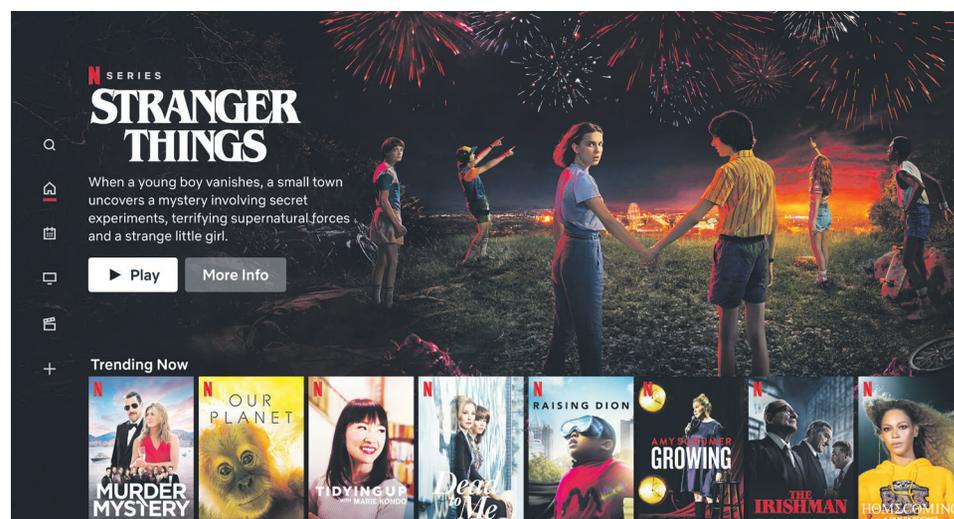
right of the screen that says: “Watch on Showtime.” (It also says “with Prime Video Channels” because one way to subscribe to Showtime is as a hub on Amazon.) To see if any other streamer carries this title, click on “More watch options” below the yellow banner. In this case the only non-Showtime option was, of course, renting or buying it from Amazon. This is, obviously, where the conflict of interest appears because Showtime can not only be purchased at [Showtime.com](https://www.showtime.com), but also as part of a hub offered separately by Apple TV+, Hulu, as well as Amazon.

FIND YOUR SHOWS

Using the streamers, you already subscribe to, you can also do searches for individual actors whose work you like. You will then see a list of the films shown by that channel featuring your targeted actor.

Here’s a helpful hack that I have used successfully many times. When I click on a film that interests me, I can scroll below it and find films that are similar, many of which I also add to my list. Netflix (“More Like This”) and Hulu (“You May Also Like”) are the most accurate; Amazon (“Customers Also Liked”), with a base of product similar to Netflix and Hulu, is not quite as on point with their recommendations. With HBO Max it’s “More Like This;” and Apple TV uses “Related,” but because Apple does not have a large library of free content, the “related” offerings are often for an extra charge.

Most importantly, with any subscription you are thinking of purchasing, browse the catalog to see how relevant it is to you. With the majors like Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, and HBO Max, it’s more a question



The Netflix user interface

of what the budget will bear because they all have extensive libraries with lots of product you’ll want to see. Apple TV+ has limited content, but the ability to watch “Ted Lasso,” “Coda,” “Schmigadoon,” and “Pachinko,” makes the \$5.00 per month a bargain. For any streaming purchase, check the benefits offered by your credit card. American Express Platinum offers limited time rebates on several streamers including Hulu and HBO Max.

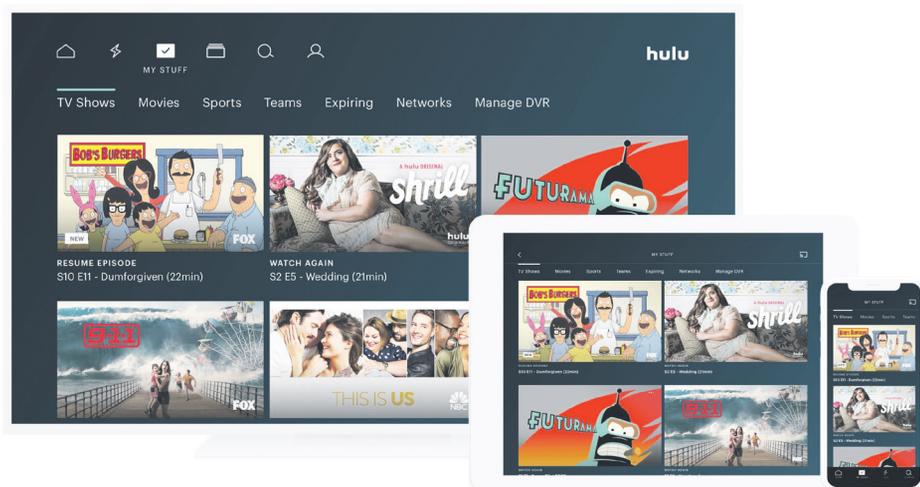
Now on with the smaller streaming services, or what I refer to as hubs. Subscriptions to these smaller channels can sometimes be purchased through larger streamers like Amazon, Hulu, and Apple TV+ and wrapped into your monthly charge, but can also be bought separately. Each of them offers a free trial of varying lengths, depending on how you subscribe to them.

Showtime offers a wide range of current

and past favorite movies, television series, and documentaries, with some offbeat indies thrown in for good measure. This is where you will find the Emmy-nominated series “Yellowjackets” and perennial favorites like “Billions” and “Dexter.” Hulu offers a very limited selection of past Showtime titles for free. If you purchase directly from [Showtime.com](https://www.showtime.com), you will receive a 30-day free trial after which you will pay \$10.99/month. Subscriptions to Showtime as a hub from Amazon, Hulu, or Apple TV+ offer shorter free trials, but sometimes at a lower monthly price for the first 3-6 months. If you bundle Showtime with Paramount+, it’s only \$3.00 a month.

FIND YOUR NICHE

There are enough small streaming services to feed an addiction and are as different as they are similar. All offer free trials



The Hulu user interface

with pricing that ranges from a low of \$1.99/month (a special deal running right now for Peacock) to \$10.99 for larger services like MUBI and Showtime. Most, but not all, are ad-free. A list of some of the more interesting and popular sites will follow, although my bias toward foreign and classic films skews the list slightly. Personal favorites, BritBox and MHz Choice, were mentioned in Part I.

The Criterion Channel (Criterion.com) offers a wealth of important classic and contemporary films from around the world. Many of these films can also be found on Kanopy, so be aware of that before signing up.

MUBI.com streams slightly offbeat international films, some of which I have reviewed favorably in the past like the French “My King” with Vincent Cassel, and “Transit,” a German film I loved by Christian Petzold’s who also directed the amazing “Phoenix.” You can also find all three of these movies on Kanopy, so always check.

Topic.com specializes in more contemporary international films. I particularly liked a French series called “Nox,” and the Israeli series called “Hostages.” Both were true nail-biters.

Film Movement Plus (filmmovement-plus.com) offers an offbeat collection of independent films from around the world. I recently enjoyed a quirky Indian film entitled “Adieu Godard,” and a documentary called “Fanny: the Right to Rock” about the first important all-girl rock and roll band that was revered by David Bowie.

The so-called Sundance Channel is more complicated because there are actually two channels, one of which is recommended and

the other of which is not. SundanceTV.com appears to be a repository for a combination of old television series and a few quirky current shows all of which seem to feature Isabella Rossellini. SundanceNow.com is considerably more interesting, offering an array of American as well as international films and television. I will at some point use the free seven-day trial to sample “The Bureau,” a French series with lots of buzz and a top-notch cast led by Mathieu Kassovitz. Again, some of their offerings like “The Fall,” a stunning crime thriller, and “River,” can be found on other streamers, in this case on Netflix.

Brief mention should also be made about the broadcast networks that have started their own streamers with varying degrees of success. Paramount+ is the umbrella streamer for Viacom, and Peacock is from NBC/Universal. Paramount+ offers shows from CBS, BET, Comedy Central, Nickelodeon, and MTV, as well as CBS Sports, Football, and UEFA League soccer. Peacock and its various permutations (plus, premium, etc.) contains content from USA, Bravo, NBC, MLB, Premier League soccer, horse racing, and the Olympics. Neither is particularly transparent in exactly what and how much they include. Do you get day and date or day after offerings of their respective Broadcast networks, CBS and NBC? How many seasons of their shows are included? Both have tiered prices that feature ad free content (although there are exceptions). Both offer premium plus-type plans that are essentially ad-free and also more expensive.

I could continue endlessly about

streaming channels. There is definitely something for every conceivable ethnicity, demographic, language, and orientation, from fitness buffs, royalty fans, Broadway shows, romance movies, gangster movies, horror films, Bollywood, old TV shows from the 50s and 60s, as well as specialty film brands like Cohen Media, IFC Films Unlimited, AMC+, Flix Latino, and Cinemax. And for those in love with learning there is the “Great Courses Signature Collection.”

CAVEAT EMPTOR

And then there’s YouTube. YouTube is an endless source of free entertainment but keep in mind that much of it has been illegally posted. Nevertheless, you can find almost anything with the click of the search button. They will always try to steer you to their Pay TV service, YouTube TV, which like Hulu + Live, Philo TV, Sling TV, fubo TV, and DirecTV Stream, models itself after cable TV offerings, necessitating individual add-on subscriptions to your individual streamers of choice. If you want Cable or Satellite TV offerings, you could subscribe to their lowest tier, giving you access to local

stations, and then do your own add-ons. It’s all there, for a price.

DID ANYONE SAY EMMYS?

In anticipation of the Emmy Awards Sept. 12, go to IMDb and click the Menu at the top left. This will bring you to a page with a column entitled “Awards & Events.” Click on “Emmys” and scroll down to “Where to Stream This Year’s Nominees.” Click, and “Open Sesame:” a complete list of shows that have been nominated in at least one category and on what platform(s) they can be found. If you want a list of nominee categories, you will have to go to Emmys.com and follow the prompts that will eventually lead you to Awards/nominees-winners/2022. The Creative Emmy winners will already be listed. I will probably just subscribe to the lower rung of Peacock at \$1.99 just to watch. After all, I can unsubscribe at any time, although at \$1.99/month, what’s the point?

In Part III of this series, we will take a more in depth look at the shows that won Emmys in the various categories. ●



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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Opinions are of little value since everybody has one. Judgments, however, have consequences. You'll be asked to make a ruling on an issue that's more important than it seems. Hold off until every bit of information is in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The very essence of an adventure is that you don't know what's going to happen. Because of this, it's pretty commonplace for the adventurous to be somewhat ill-equipped. Growing into the role is half the fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The evidence of how essential you are to the plot is irrefutable. Unless you act, nothing will change. When you take action, everyone will adjust. Your life is unfolding in a wonderful way that affects everyone around you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some minimize their talents to blend in, but you'll go the other way. Show what you can do. Stand

out. Someone has to be the best, at least for a moment. You'll raise the level of competition, and everyone will get sharper.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The early bird gets the worm, but it's the second mouse who gets the cheese. In today's case, it's better to hang back and watch the action, especially if big promises are being made. The best opportunities will be understated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your intuitive wisdom is going strong today. In one moment, you trust the guidance of your heart and in another, you trust the guidance of your feet. Knowing when to walk away is a powerful success key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Money and status may change the power dynamics of a situation, but they don't change the inherent value of any person. A true egalitarian, you treat everyone the same today regardless of what they might be able to do for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What's rare isn't always worth more, but if a thing is very desirable and also happens to be in limited supply, hefty prices will be paid. You

possess something both rare and in demand. Don't give it away for less than it's worth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're very conscious of where you're headed but it's easy to get distracted today. It will help to give yourself a mantra or affirmation to repeat. Touch back on your intention often.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Focus on your personal fulfillment and what needs to be accomplished for you to meet your goal. It's also a good time to let go of goals that no longer seem to fit well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you're fully immersed in a situation, it's easy to lose perspective. It may feel like what you're living is your whole story when it's really just a chapter or mere paragraph in the book. Keep thinking of the big picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Good organization can make hard things easy. Even so, there are some messes that are not even worthy of organizing. Before you fix anything, take a step back and consider whether it might be easier to start over entirely instead.



This week's featured eligible puppy is Gigi. She's a 5-year-old poodle mix, weighing in at 15 pounds. To meet Gigi and potentially adopt her, please contact Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538.

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BHUSD, from page 1



BHUSD Board of Education President Mary Wells with her husband at the first football game of the season on Sept. 2

a sad state of affairs for kids to just have to go to the auditorium for lunch, when they really should be moving around.”

In a 4-1 vote, the board also approved a three-year contract with William Karrat for the position of Executive Director of Construction Services. Vice President Noah Margo was the sole nay vote, adding, “there are unbelievable parallels between the new Construction Manager’s responsibilities and this person’s responsibilities, and that’s where I’m concerned that wires might get crossed and we may run into conflict.”

In the cabinet level position, Karrat is responsible for managing the implementation of the district’s facilities master plan and bond program. The Executive Director of Construction Services will track the progress of all construction projects and report directly to Raphael Guzman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. The role involves coordination and collaboration with Bregy and his cabinet.

“I think that we looked at this structure to provide greater transparency and accountability, and to streamline the reporting structure so that there’s better communication, both within our district and outside of our district,” President Wells said. “I feel really confident that this is the piece that we need to provide that

accountability.”

Board member Gabriel Halimi said the role gives administration, including Bregy and his team, “the ability to actually monitor, supervise and help direct the direction of our construction program, which was something that the cabinet did not have in the previous structure.”

Since the board approved the BHUSD Community Pledge on Aug. 23, five have found permanent homes, with one placed at each school site and one at the district office. The community pledge was also read last Friday by Beverly Hills High School co-Principal Kim Decatrel, before the first home football game of the season. “I think that that was an important way to be able to share with another school district how important we feel these words are in our own community,” Bregy added. “I think that there was a lot of value added to being able to start a football game with the pledge being read.”

“The idea is to ensure that we keep this message going, and it takes everyone to do that,” Bregy said. “So, we’re going to be really creative about how we do that throughout the school year and continue to get people to not only sign the pledge, but even more importantly, live the pledge and live up to the pledge.” ●

Emergency, from page 1



Fire Chief Greg Barton

National Preparedness Month is observed nationally each September. Activities and events vary from city to city, but the objective is always to empower communities to handle emergencies at home and the workplace.

“JUST IN CASE BH” is a city-led emergency preparedness program launched 2020 to train community members to respond in the event of emergencies. The program focuses on a communication-based structure that connects city staff, residents and businesses to efficiently prepare to handle any disaster together.

“In the past, the first responders were the police and firefighters,” Beverly Hills Fire Chief Greg Barton told the Courier. “In today’s world, the first responder is the person sitting next to you.”

The program has worked to recruit members from the south side of the city. At the upcoming informational, the program is hoping to attract volunteers from the northern side of Beverly Hills. Positions such as Zone Coordinator, Block Captain and Neighborhood Coordinator are open.

“We’ll provide the training,” said Barton. “But we need the residents to be the eyes and ears of the neighborhood.”

The training will work hand-in-hand with the city’s Community Emergency Response

Team (CERT). CERT teaches the community valuable skills, like putting out fires, providing first aid, how to shut off electricity and gas, how to lift heavy objects off of people and more.

“One group can’t make a difference,” said Barton. “The Fire Department, the Police Department, city staff, residents and businesses, we need everybody coming together as one group to really make Beverly Hills safe.”

The informational meeting at Greystone will also review some additional safety materials outside of the “JUST IN CASE BH” program. Los Angeles County’s “Ready! Set! Go!” program will be highlighted, which informs homeowners on how to harden their homes and be ready to evacuate in the case of a fire.

Barton also explained that “JUST IN CASE BH” gets the community to engage with each other, which in itself will improve communication in any circumstance. “Everyone is so tied to technology to get information,” said Barton. “But if that fails, it really comes down to neighbor helping neighbor.”

Barton has been proud of the community’s response to the program so far and is excited to continue the work. “It’s been outstanding, the community has really stepped up,” he said. ●

Endorsements, from page 5

1985, and the Beverly Hills Democrats, founded in 2005. The two separate groups joined forces in 2009 and are now officially chartered by the L.A. County Democratic Party and the California Democratic Party. Dodes and Marcus are two of five total candidates running to fill the seats of Marcus and Gabriel Halimi, which expire in December. The remaining three candidates are Judy Manouchehri, Michal Amir-Salkin, and Janessa LaVoice. Both of the candidates endorsed by the Democratic Club have been active members of the Beverly Hills educational community.

Marcus has provided over 50 years of service to the BHUSD, teaching at all five schools, in addition to currently serving as a board member. She is the only incumbent candidate. “I’m very pleased,” Marcus told the Courier, referring to the endorsement. “The campaign I’m running is based on my experience, my institutional knowledge and my dedication. I’ve given it all I could give.”



Marcus speaking at her kickoff event on Aug. 28

Dodes is currently the President of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation, has served on several school district advisory committees and is on the Beverly Vista

Middle School Site Council.

“I am honored to have received the confidence of the club’s membership,” said Dodes in a statement. ●

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8/26/2022, 9:52 a.m. at 100 Block of S. MAPLE DRIVE

8/26/2022, 7:55 a.m. at 100 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING

8/31/2022, 1:59 a.m. at 8900 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

8/25/2022, 5:45 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

BURGLARY - FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

9/2/2022, 8:50 p.m. at 100 Block of N. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

8/31/2022, 7:40 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (HOME OCCUPIED)

8/26/2022, 5:03 p.m. at 500 Block of HILLCREST ROAD

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)

8/27/2022, 3:35 a.m. at 200 Block of S. HAMILTON DRIVE

DUI ARREST

9/5/2022, 5:28 p.m. at ELEVADO AVE / HILLCREST ROAD

9/4/2022, 3:26 a.m. at N. SANTA MONICA BLVD. / N. REXFORD DRIVE

9/3/2022, 3:44 a.m. at S. LA CIENEGA BLVD. / W OLYMPIC BLVD.

9/2/2022, 7:16 a.m. at N. HAMILTON DRIVE / WILSHIRE BLVD.

9/1/2022, 2:05 a.m. at N. RODEO DRIVE / WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/29/2022, 2:08 a.m. at N. ROBERTSON BLVD. / CLIFTON WAY

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8/29/2022, 7 p.m. at REEVES. DRIVE / GREGORY WAY

8/28/2022, 10 p.m. at REEVES. DRIVE / CHARLEVILLE BLVD.

8/28/2022, 8:45 p.m. at 200 Block of S. GALE DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

8/26/2022, 1:45 a.m. at 400 Block of S ROXBURY DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY

9/5/2022, 12 p.m. at N. CANON DRIVE / N. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

9/1/2022, 3 p.m. at 200 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

8/30/2022, 3:15 p.m. at 9800 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

8/29/2022, 9:20 p.m. at 9400 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

8/29/2022, 3:14 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/27/2022, 1:25 p.m. at 400 Block of N RODEO DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY (FROM VEHICLE)

9/5/2022, 8 a.m. at 500 Block of FOOTHILL ROAD

THEFT FROM COMMERCIAL BUILDING

9/2/2022, 4 p.m. at 9300 Block of CIVIC CENTER DRIVE

THEFT OF AUTO PARTS

8/27/2022, 1:38 p.m. at 400 Block of N. CAMDEN DRIVE

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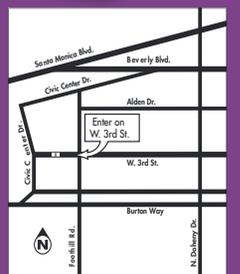
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**REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION
OF BIDDERS AND PREQUALIFICATION
INSTRUCTIONS FOR:**

**CIVIC CENTER CHILLED WATER LINES
REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for the Civic Center Chilled Water Lines Replacement Project ("Project") must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid on that Project. It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid, fully complete the prequalification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the CITY to be on the final qualified Bidders list.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid. The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is **5:00 PM Friday, September 9, 2022.**

Contractors must register as a vendor at the following website in order to download the prequalification package, and to receive clarifications and notifications when issued.

The Prequalification package may be viewed on, and downloaded from the City's PlanetBids portal: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/39493/bo/bo-detail/96708>

This item is listed as: Prequalification Civic Center Chilled Water Lines Replacement Project. Answers to questions contained in the questionnaire are required. The CITY will use these documents as the basis of rating Contractors with respect to whether each Contractor is qualified to bid on the Project, and reserves the right to check other sources available. The CITY's decision will be based on objective evaluation criteria.

The CITY reserves the right to adjust, increase, limit, suspend or rescind the prequalification rating based on subsequently learned information. Contractors whose rating changes sufficiently to disqualify them will be notified, and given an opportunity for a hearing consistent with the hearing procedures described below for appealing a prequalification rating.

While it is the intent of the prequalification questionnaire and documents required therewith to assist the CITY in determining bidder responsibility prior to bid and to aid the CITY in selecting the lowest responsible bidder, neither the fact of prequalification, nor any prequalification rating, will preclude the CITY from a post-bid consideration and determination of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness.

All qualifications submittals are required to be submitted electronically via PlanetBids. The electronic submittal system will close exactly at the date and time set forth in this request for qualifications.

Any questions regarding the questionnaire and qualification package should be submitted via PlanetBids by 2:00PM, September 1, 2022. Questions sent via email or over the phone; with the exception of those related to accessing or using PlanetBids, will not be answered.

Contractors are responsible for submitting and having their documents accepted before the closing time set forth in the request for qualifications.

NOTE: Pushing the submit button on the electronic submittal system may not be instantaneous; it may take time for the Contractor's documents to upload and transmit before the documents are accepted. It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to ensure their documents are uploaded, transmitted, and arrive in time electronically. The City of Beverly Hills will have no responsibility for documents that do not arrive in a timely manner, no matter what the reason.

The prequalification packages submitted by Contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. However, the contents may be disclosed to third parties for purpose of verification, or investigation of substantial allegations, or in an appeal hearing. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for prequalification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose.

Each questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the Contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a Contractor becomes inaccurate, the Contractor must immediately notify the CITY and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

The CITY reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the prequalification application submitted, and to make all final determinations. The CITY may also determine at any time that the prequalification process will be suspended for the Project and the Project will be bid without prequalification.

Contractors may submit prequalification packages during regular working hours on any day that the offices of the CITY are open. Contractors who submit a complete prequalification package will be notified of their qualification status no later than ten business days after submission of the information.

The CITY may refuse to grant prequalification where the requested information and materials are not provided by the due date indicated above. There is no appeal from a refusal for an incomplete or late application, but re-application for a later project is permitted. Neither the closing time for submitting prequalification packages for this Project will be changed in order to accommodate supplementation of incomplete submissions, or late submissions, unless requested by the CITY in its sole discretion.

In addition to a contractor's failure to be pre-qualified pursuant to the scoring system set forth in the prequalification package, a contractor may be found not prequalified for either omission of or falsification of, any requested information.

Where a timely and completed application results in a rating below that necessary to pre-qualify, an appeal can be made by the unsuccessful Contractor. An appeal is begun by the Contractor delivering notice to the CITY of its appeal of the decision with respect to its prequalification rating, no later than two business days following notification that it is not pre-qualified. The notice of appeal shall include an address where the Contractor wishes to receive notice of the appeal hearing. Without a timely appeal, the Contractor waives any and all rights to challenge the decision of the CITY, whether by administrative process, judicial process or any other legal process or proceeding.

If the Contractor gives the required notice of appeal, a hearing shall be conducted no earlier than five business days after the CITY's receipt of the notice of appeal and not later than five business days prior to the date of the Notice Inviting Bids for this Project. Prior to the hearing, the Contractor shall, in writing, be advised of the basis for the City's pre-qualification determination.

The hearing shall be conducted by a panel consisting of three members of the Public Works Department senior management staff (the "Appeals Panel"). The Appeals Panel shall consider any evidence presented by the Contractor, whether or not the evidence is presented in compliance with formal rules of evidence. The Contractor will be given the opportunity to present evidence, information and arguments as to why the Contractor believes it should be pre-qualified. Within one day after the conclusion of the hearing, the Appeals Panel will render a written determination as to whether the Contractor is pre-qualified. It is the intention of the CITY that the date for the submission and opening of bids will not be delayed or postponed to allow for completion of an appeal process.

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City of Beverly Hills (City), California invites electronic bids for the **WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN COLDWATER CAÑON DRIVE** within the City of Beverly Hills, California. The City will receive such bids electronically via PlanetBids up to **2:00 p.m.**, on Friday, **September 30, 2022.** Bid results will be sent to all respective bidders via PlanetBids. <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/39493/bo/bo-detail/97409>

A virtual **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** to discuss the requirements of the Project will be held at **10:30 am on Wednesday September 14, 2022** via Microsoft Teams. Please click on the link below to join the virtual meeting:

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Please confirm that the link works at least 48 hours before the meeting. If the link does not work, please contact **Samer Elayyan** at selayyan@beverlyhills.org

SCOPE OF THE WORK - The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements and supplies necessary for, or appurtenant to, the construction and completion of the **Water Main Replacement Project in Coldwater Cañon Drive** in accordance with the plans and the specifications prepared for this project.

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form may be inspected and downloaded from the City's PlanetBids webpage: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/39493/bo/bo-detail/97409>

REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION - Any questions regarding any error, omission, ambiguity or conflict in the Plans and Specifications and general clarifications, should be submitted to the Project Manager through PlanetBids no later than **12:00 PM, Monday September 19, 2022.** Requests for clarification received after this date or sent/posed directly to the Project Manager will be disregarded.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE - The preliminary cost of construction of this Work has been prepared and the said estimate is **\$5,300,000.00**

CITY CONTACT - Any questions or requests for information can be directed to the Project Manager, Samer Elayyan, P.E., via PlanetBids.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION NUMBER - The Contractor is required to register with State of California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and meet requirements to bid on public works contracts. A Public Works Contractor Registration No. shall be submitted with the bid. All subcontractors are also required to register with the DIR.

CONTRACTORS LICENSE - In compliance with Public Contract Code Section 3300, the City has determined that the Bidder must possess the following license(s): **"Class A and C-34" - Contractor License**

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID OR ALL THE BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALTY OR IRREGULARITY IN ANY BID, BUT IF THE BIDS ARE ACCEPTED, THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT WILL BE LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE.

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