More BH restaurants to open outdoor dining

■ Tents will occupy 100 block of Canon Drive

BY CAMERON KISZLA

A pair of Beverly Hills restaurateurs will be able to host their diners in tents on Canon Drive after a unanimous vote by the Beverly Hills City Council on Feb. 1.

The famed restaurant Spago and an as-yet unopened steakhouse, Nusr-Et, plan to erect a pair of tents in the 100 block of Canon Drive, which is already closed to through traffic due to the temporary sound wall that separates Canon Drive from Wilshire Boulevard. The wall was built to mitigate the construction noise from the Wilshire/Rodeo station on Metro’s Purple Line subway project.

To accommodate the tents, which will encompass the entire block when the shared valet station is

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Pulse quickens for Heart of Hollywood

■ Initiative to improve Walk of Fame gains funding

BY EDMIN FOLVEN

The Metro Board of Directors on Jan. 28 approved $7 million for improvements around the Hollywood/Vine and Hollywood/Highland subway stations in conjunction with the Heart of Hollywood initiative, which aims to transform and reenergize Hollywood Boulevard, the Walk of Fame and surrounding entertainment district.

The funding resulted from advocacy by the city of Los Angeles and Councilman Mitch O’Farrell, 13th District, who introduced the Heart of Hollywood initiative last January. The Metro allocation will potentially fund new bus shelters, crosswalks, wayfinding signage and shade trees, and is considered a tangible step forward in making the overall Heart of Hollywood initiative a reality. The larger plan calls for more sidewalk space potentially for outdoor dining, pedestrian safety enhancements and other amenities from Gower Street to La Brea Avenue.

“This is a major step forward, and we are thrilled to partner with Metro on improving safety and accessibility on Hollywood Boulevard,” O’Farrell said. “Part of the work of making the Walk of Fame a world-class corridor and experience means enhanced connectivity to the multiple transit and active transportation options in the heart of Hollywood.”

The Metro improvements are part of the agency’s commitment to enhancing the public transportation experience within the first and last mile of trips, a goal of

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WeHo cracks down on mask wearing

■ City to have deputies issue tickets instead of warnings

BY CAMERON KISZLA

The West Hollywood City Council made clear on Feb. 1 that those not wearing a mask or face covering in public have exhausted all warnings. The council voted unanimously to have Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department deputies, who are contracted to serve as the city’s police, issue tickets to those observed not wearing masks.

“This is really essential . . . Our residents know about our mask ordinance, and there are a lot of residents and visitors, quite frankly — who are not abiding by our mask ordinance,” Councilwoman Sepi Shyne said. “It’s essential that we now move from doing warnings to giving citations.”

“To me, this is an all-hands-on-deck moment. We need to enforce this and we need to be clear that we want our city open for business, but not for COVID,” Councilman John D’Amico added.

Mayor Lindsey Horvath raised concerns about deputies being the best method for issuing citations.

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L.A. takes steps toward grocery store hazard pay

■ City may join West, Long Beach

BY EDMIN FOLVEN

The Los Angeles City Council approved a plan on Feb. 2 that will initiate the first steps to require grocery stores with more than 300 employees to pay workers an additional $5 per hour above their regular hourly wage while public health orders are in effect.

People not wearing face masks in West Hollywood could face fines of more than $5,000 for multiple offenses.

“Last summer, council had a discussion about taking armed law enforcement out of rotation on traffic stops, and yet here, I think what we’re asking is to increase foot patrols of people with guns to issue citations without warnings,” Horvath said. “I think that is a confusing message to the public, I think it’s a confusing message to law enforcement, the people we’re actually asking to enforce this.”

City Manager Paul Aревало said that due to issues some city staffers and contractors have had while trying to enforce the city’s mask ordinance, it is necessary for uniformed law enforcement to step in.

“While I hate to elevate it to a deputy, some of the people who refuse to wear masks need to be dealt with by a deputy,” Aревало said.

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The council approved a motion introduced in December by Council President Nury Martinez, 6th District, and Councilmen Mitch O’Farrell, 13th District; Paul Koretz, 5th District; and Curren Price, 9th District. The Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office will next draft an ordinance for the City Council to consider again at a future meeting.
Utilities shut off at alleged party house on Curson Avenue

The city of Los Angeles recently shut off utilities at a house in the 800 block of North Curson Avenue that had been the site of numerous complaints about disruptive parties during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office has filed criminal charges against Nyjah Huston, who was identified as a social media influencer and tenant of the property, and Edward Essa, who was identified as the property owner.

The defendants were each charged with violation of the city’s party house ordinance for allegedly holding a loud and unruly gathering. Huston is a professional skateboarder with 4.5 million followers on Instagram.

“Enforcing against party houses has always been a priority for me, given how disruptive they are to their neighbors,” Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer said. “During the pandemic this enforcement is particularly important, because party houses can produce super spreader events that jeopardize public health. We’re taking the steps to shut them down.”

The utilities were cut on Jan. 12 after police from the Wilshire Division responded to a party on Jan. 9 and allegedly found approximately 40 people at the residence. Capt. Shannon Paulson, commanding officer of the Los Angeles Division of Police, said the party house was subject to a new ordinance that went into effect on Jan. 1.

The ordinance was adopted to prevent large gatherings in violation of COVID-19 public health orders.

Authorities have filed charges against the owner and tenant of a short-term rental on Curson Avenue in the Melrose District for allegedly hosting gatherings in violation of COVID-19 public health orders.

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Zoom. The Narrator is based on true incidents. In 1956, stage and motion picture star Charles Laughton, Cornelis Otis Skinner, Glynis Johns, Elia Kazan, and Burt Reynolds gathered in Boston for the out-of-town premiere of the Broadway revival for George Bernard Shaw’s “Major Barbara.” The clash of egos, threats from the House Un-American Activities Committee and family crises rise to a crescendo when novel- ist and playwright Herman Wouk, brought in to edit the play, throws everyone off balance at the tryouts in Boston. The cast includes David Hunt Stafford, Rebecca Dalsrod, Ann Ryerson, Martin Thompson, Todd Bell, David Datz and Roger Weiss.

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The film includes interviews with women who share an extraordinary attitude about living the latter years in life. They include Olive McQueen, Maxine Hong Kingston, Eartha Kitt, Nancy Friedman, Mayor Lorraine Morton, Lauren Hutton, Taro Pachon Lynch, Rita Moreno, Gloria Steinem, Elaine Kaufman, Suzanne Adams, Jean McFaddin and Mary Sturup.

Elaine and Virginia Madsen will be screening with a Q&A session on the evolution of the project. Tickets are $7.50 for members, $15 for nonmembers. hol-

**Ancient cities**

Take a virtual journey to the ancient cities of Kyoto and Nara with Japan Foundation Los Angeles on Thursdays, Feb. 11 and 25, at 7 p.m. The two virtual lectures explore the Buddhist deity sculptures with examples in Kyoto and Nara. The city of Kyoto will be the focus of the first program, followed by Nara in the second program.

Japanese art expert Michael VanHartingsveldt and Kay Allen, of the Japan National Tourism Organization, will discuss the temples. RSVP required. jflalc.org.

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Beverly Hills designates Evans house as historic

BY CAMERON KISZLA

Last month, the Beverly Hills City Council finalized decisions on a pair of residential properties in the city. The council voted unanimously on Jan. 26 to designate the Pendleton-Evans residence at 1033 Woodland Drive as a historic property and to allow some renovations to two Trousdale Estate properties that span city limits and rejected an appeal for a Trousdale Estates property that tried to combine two lots into one, one of which would have included portions in Beverly Hills and Los Angeles.

The Pendleton-Evans house was built in 1942 for art dealer and interior designer James Pendleton and his wife, Mary Frances, though it gained prominence for its longest-tenured occupant, film producer Robert Evans. Evans, known for movies like “The Godfather,” “Rosemary’s Baby” and “Chinatown,” lived in the home from the 1960s until his death in 2019.

Aside from its notable occupant, the home also features a distinctive architectural pedigree. Built in the Hollywood Regency architectural style, it was designed by architect John Elgin Woolf, who was noted for the homes he created for movie stars like Judy Garland, Bob Hope and Cary Grant. The landscaping was done by designer Tommy Tomson, who also designed the landscaping at Park La Brea Apartments and the Beverly Hills Hotel.

“This is what is known to be the first Hollywood Regency done by John Woolf in Beverly Hills,” said Ryan Goihlch, the city’s assistant director of community development. Councilwoman Lilli Bosse said the decision to designate the property as historic was “quite easy” to make.

“This is probably the most iconic property, and the most awe-inspiring property, that I’ve seen in our community,” Bosse said.

Owner David Zaslav said he “fell in love with the property” and plans to restore the home to its former glory with the planned renovations, which include the addition of a guest wing to the home, the construction of a new tennis cabana and shed, a slight relocation of the tennis court and the reconstruction of a pool house that burned down in 2000. The scale and nature of the changes are in keeping with the property’s historic nature, the council members said.

Zaslav added that he shared many friends with Evans, and he hopes to host Josh Evans, Robert Evans’ son, in the guest wing.

“We think this is an extraordinary property, the ability to restore it and rebuild it … Our hope is to restore it for years and generations to come,” Zaslav said.

The council members were effusive in their praise for Zaslav and his plans.

“To me, a lesser Picasso – if you want to call it that – is still a Picasso, and a lesser John Elgin Woolf is still a John Elgin Woolf. Well, this is his ‘Mona Lisa,’ and the fact that you want to not only preserve it and, as we’ve heard now, take the original designs of the home that burned down and bring that back to life, that’s exactly why the Cultural Heritage Commission exists … I look at this as a gift to our [city’s] historic registry,” Councilman John Mirisch said.

“It is an iconic property. I thank you, Mr. Zaslav, for undertaking what’s going to be a major project, but what is really going to be a crown jewel in our city,” Mayor John Mirisch added.

Lester Friedman added.

On Jan. 26, the council also reaffirmed a decision made on Jan. 12 to deny a request by developer Shalom Gazlan to create two lots – one facing 1034 Hillcrest Road in Beverly Hills and another facing West Sierra Mar Drive in Los Angeles – from three existing lots. The Hillcrest Road lot would have spanned the city limits of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles.

“As much as we like Charles Dickens, we don’t necessarily want to have any more tales of two cities,” Mirisch said.

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The council members confirmed their belief that the intercity lot would create issues, including that the property would not comply with the city’s general plan, and unanimo usly passed an urgency ordinance to prohibit the changing of lot lines that cross city limits.

“With all due respect to Mr. Zaslav and all the people who work on this, I think we need to have any more tales of two cities,” Mirisch said.

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Stolen car leads to alleged suspects in theft ring

BY EDWIN POLVEN

Authorities arrested two men on Jan. 12 for allegedly operating a high-tech auto theft operation out of a short-term rental property in the 100 block of South Gardner Street, police said.

The arrests came after a Mercedes-Benz equipped with an anti-theft device was stolen earlier that day in West Hollywood, and police located the vehicle parked on Gardner Street. Officers used a raise to get the suspects to come out of a house and then arrested them when they determined the two men were tied to the stolen vehicle. Officers then conducted a “protective sweep” for safety and found other stolen cars and equipment allegedly used in auto thefts, said Capt. Shannon Paulson, commanding officer of the Los Angeles Police Department’s Wilshire Division.

“They made sure there were no other suspects present, but in doing that, you can’t help but see certain things in plain sight,” Paulson said. “They made observations of things that the officers, through training and experience, knew indicated criminal activity.”

Paulson said the two men, both in their early 30s, were arrested and booked for felony auto theft. They were not identified, but she said both had extensive criminal histories and, one had been released days before for another auto theft arrest and was awaiting a court hearing.

“They were definitely organized,” Paulson said. “We believe they were involved in a larger operation.”

Paulson said officers found evidence including an electronic device used by car dealerships that bypasses codes and can open car doors automatically, as well as high-tech printers to make authentic-looking paper license plates like those issued by dealerships. When serving a search warrant, authori- ties allegedly found fake dealer plates from multiple states. At least one firearm and narcotics were also found in the residence.

Paulson said authorities believe the suspects were stealing luxury vehicles and sending them to Nevada. She confirmed it was a short-term rental but did not have information about the owner.

“We think they were hitting all the high-end rental properties in the area,” Paulson added. “They were probably technically savvy. This crew was also active out of state, and was awarding these fake plates.”

Anyone with information about auto thefts in the Wilshire Division is urged to call detectives at (213)922-8205.

Male suspect sought for WeHo sexual assault

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Special Victims Bureau is seeking the public’s help in identifying a male sus- pect wanted for a sexual assault that occurred early on Jan. 21 in West Hollywood.

Deputies responded to a call at a residence in the 8400 block of Fountain Avenue near Olive Drive after the suspect allegedly entered a 28-year-old victim’s residence through a patio sliding door. The suspect grabbed the victim by the neck and shoulders and forced her onto a couch, police said. The sus- pect undressed the victim and sexually assaulted her, investigators added.

The victim fought back by strik- ing the suspect and was able to break free. The suspect fled the location using a black bicycle with medium-sized tires.

The suspect was described as white or Hispanic, in his early 30s, approximately 5 feet, 7 inches tall with short black hair and brown eyes. He had a light complexion, average build and was wearing a black T-shirt and dark blue jeans.

Anyone who may have wit- nessed the incident or any suspi- cious activity around Fountain Avenue and Olive Drive on between 11 p.m. Jan. 20 and mid- night on Jan. 21 is asked to contact Lt. J. Adams, with the LASD Criminal Investigation Division, at (562)946-8232.

IRS reports steep increase in COVID-19 scams

The Internal Revenue Service’s Criminal Investigation Division is warning taxpayers about new COVID-19-related scams as the agency delivers the second round of economic impact payments.

In past months, IRS-CI has seen a variety of economic impact pay- ment scams and other financial schemes designed to steal money and personal information from tax- payers. Criminals are taking advant- age of the second round of eco- nomic impact payments – as well as the approaching tax filing season – to trick honest taxpayers out of money.

Common COVID-19 scams include text messages asking tax- payers to disclose bank account information under the guise of receiving the $1,200 economic impact payments, and phishing schemes using email, letters and social media messages with key words such as “coronavirus,” “COVID-19” and “stimulus.”

Report fraud or theft of economic impact payments by visiting t_ips.tax.gov.

Charges filed in case involving alleged party house

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Police Department’s Wilshire Division, said officers had been there previously in September and October and encountered large gatherings.

Per city regulations, citations were written to the host and property owner, and a notice was posted. Upon the third viola- tion, LAWD workers were sent to the Safer LA Task Force, operat- ing under Mayor Eric Garcetti’s Office, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power cut the utilities.

Paulson stressed that LAPD’s role is strictly to issue citations and doc- uent what is occurring. She added that the house on Carson Avenue is among several that have received first or second citations and could also be in jeopardy of future utility shut-offs and criminal penalties.

“It was because of the history of this location and because the neighbor- hood itself has expressed extreme dissatisfaction with what was going on,” Paulson said. “They worked pretty quickly on this one.”

Within a matter of days, they were investigated.

Paulson couldn’t confirm whether the utilities remained off but said they generally are until a criminal case is resolved. She said the house appeared to be empty when officers accompanied LAPD workers on Jan. 12.

The captain declined to specifi- cally comment on most of the other violations, which included second viola- tions, but said a short-term rental on Maryland Drive in Beverly Grove which was vacant, were shot at a New Year’s Eve party remains under investigation.

“They are on that list and are being closely watched,” Paulson added. “This is something we are taking very seriously and plan to be following up on these properties.”

Alleged trespassers arrested for altering Hollywood sign

BY EDWIN POLVEN

Five men and one woman were arrested for trespassing on Feb. 1 after they allegedly scaled steep terrain to reach the Hollywood Sign and hung materials over the “W” and “L” to change it to read “Hollyboob.”

Capt. Steve Lurie, command- ing officer of the Los Angeles Police Department’s Hollywood Division, said it was allegedly committed by a small group of people. Since the incident, social media influencers Julia Rose and Jack Tenney have taken credit for altering the sign.

The sign is on private property owned by the Hollywood Sign Trust. The group was captured on security cameras as they climbed toward the sign and security offi- cers notified police, Lurie said.

By the time officers arrived on nearby Mulholland Highway, the group had removed the materials from the sign and hiked back to the road, where they were taken into custody. They were booked at the Hollywood community police station for trespassing and released pending court hearings.

Lurie said the group used plas- tic sheeting similar to materials commonly used for painting to cover the letters and did not dam- age the sign. Officers recovered the plastic from the suspects and held it as evidence, he said.

Lurie added that it appeared to be a stunt for social media. Aside from it being a crime, climbing the steep terrain around the Hollywood sign is dangerous, he said.

“A, it’s trespassing, and B, it’s really steep and unsafe,” Lurie added. “We don’t want anybody getting hurt up there.”

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(A photo courtesy of Julia Rose’s Twitter account)

Social media influencers Julia Rose and Jack Tenney have taken credit for altering the Hollywood sign on Feb. 1. Six members of the group allegedly responsible were booked for trespassing.
West Hollywood sparks tobacco discussion

BY CAMERON KISZLA

The West Hollywood City Council took action on multiple tobacco-related items on Feb. 1. With a 4-1 vote, the council banned the use of coupons and discounts on tobacco products in the city and began a phases out period for the sale of flavored tobacco products in West Hollywood.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister was the lone vote against the measure, saying she would prefer to wait until the issues around the state’s ban on flavored tobacco, Senate Bill 793, are settled. The bill, which was signed last year, is facing a potential referendum, and it will now go into effect unless the referendum on the November 2022 ballot fails.

“I think we should just wait for the state, see what’s going to happen with the state referendum,” Meister said.

Councilmember John D’Amico admitted that Meister had “good reason” to wait for the state to “work it out.”

“There’s also good reason to take a stand. Our city takes stands all the time,” D’Amico said.

D’Amico added that by acting as it did, the council was giving local business owners, several of whom spoke during public comment detailing the negative impact the ban would have on their businesses, a chance to move their stock of flavored tobacco products before the ban takes effect in September.

“The message will be sent. People will be able to react and take responsible actions to stop selling those products or move their business, if that’s best for them,” D’Amico said.

Unlike the state law, the council’s ordinance did not initially have an exemption for hookah, though after much public comment about the cultural significance of hookah and how it differs from the use of cigarettes and vapes, the council decided to allow hookah products to continue to be sold in the city.

“I don’t think that hookah lounges are what are creating our teen epidemic,” Councilwoman Sepi Shyne said.

Currently, only one hookah lounge, P! on Sunset at 8828 Sunset Blvd., is in operation, and that business will be able to provide hookah products and shisha – the flavored tobacco product used in hookahs – for both on-site and off-site consumption.

The council reiterated its stance that hookah lounges are what are creating our teen epidemic,” Councilwoman Sepi Shyne said.

Cannabis smokers more freedom than tobacco smokers. Cannabis can be smoked in private units and in outdoor common areas, though tobacco cannot be smoked anywhere in the residential complex except in units where an already-valid lease does not prohibit the use of tobacco. All new leases in the city must contain language making the units tobacco smoke-free.

In an effort to help those who are addicted to tobacco, the council expressed support for the city providing assistance to smokers and for publicizing those efforts to reach as many tobacco users as possible.

“This is an addiction, and I wholeheartedly support us providing strong smoking cessation programs for our residents, so that we help our residents at the same time as having bans and citations,” Shyne said.

The council also directed staff to create a registry of housing units in the city.

“This is a way [for us to track] how things are going with this new ordinance and for our code compliance to be able to follow. It’s absolutely the opposite of trying to target smokers or non-smokers,” Meister said. “There’s no reason why we shouldn’t know how many of them exist once they start converting to smoke-free units.” Meister said.

At council direction, city staff will also survey the city’s residents to find the best way for West Hollywood to ultimately become a smoke-free city.

Mayor Lindsey Horvath, the only no vote in the 4-1 decision, said in an interview that the survey offers “no firm commitment to making a change” that will help the residents who are worried about the health risks of second-hand smoke from their neighbors.

“We must be clear: the City Council wants to create smoke-free housing or we don’t... It’s not the best use of staff time and city resources, either, at a time when both are in great demand to meet community needs,” she said.

Photo by Andres Simon/courtesy of Unsplash

West Hollywood will conduct a survey as part of its larger goal to ultimately become a smoke-free city.
Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang is encouraging residents to take advantage of a property tax savings program that can help reduce family budgets.

The Homeowners’ Exemption can automatically reduce tax burden by $7,000, if the home was a primary residence as of Jan. 1. That translates to an actual reduction of $70 to a homeowners’ tax bill. All homeowners have to do is fill out an application by visiting assessors.lacounty.gov. The deadline is Feb. 15 to get the entire savings, but those who miss the deadline are still encouraged to file to receive a prorated savings this year, and the full amount in future years. Homeowners need only apply once to receive the savings each year, as they continue until a change, such as a sale, is recorded.

One in three homeowners in Los Angeles County do not take advantage of this tax savings program, leaving $30 million unclaimed each year, Prang said. Across the county, an additional 435,000 families could be saving on tax bills, he added.

In Beverly Hills, approximately 31% of property owners are not using the tax savings program. Although the largest number of unclaimed exemptions usually falls within Los Angeles, the highest rates of unclaimed exemptions have been in Palmdale, Lancaster, Lynwood, Pomona and Norwalk.

“I feel so strongly about this savings program, I have along with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed January as Homeowners’ Exemption Awareness Month,” Prang said. “I feel so strongly about this tax savings program that can help reduce family budgets.

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Bass recognized for support of youth programs

YouthBuild USA has named U.S. Representative Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) a YouthBuild Champion, working to amplify the voices of students across the country. The YouthBuild Champion designation is awarded to congressional leaders who advocate for funding and policies that benefit opportunities for youth and their communities.

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The California State Assembly on Jan. 28 approved Senate Bills 89 and 91, which were signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Jan. 29. The two measures extended Assembly Bill 3088, the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020, which was set to expire at the end of January. In addition to extending California’s eviction moratorium through June 30, the bill proposed using $2.6 billion in federal relief as rental subsidies. The proposal will pay landlords 80% of unpaid back rent incurred between April 2020 and March 2021 if landlords agree to forgive the remaining 20% in back rent and agree not to pursue evictions.

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Cedars-Sinai leads nation in heart transplants

When Shari Baugh, 61, woke up on her birthday last October, she had two new reasons to be grateful for another trip around the sun: the healthy heart and kidney she had just received from Cedars-Sinai transplant surgeons.

“After 11 years of waiting, the timing of waking up after surgery on my birthday, it’s overwhelmingly beautiful,” said Baugh, a high school athletic director from Arcadia, California. “It’s also overwhelmingly how fortunate I was to receive a transplant during COVID-19. Not every person on a transplant list can say that.”

But at the Smidt Heart Institute at Cedars-Sinai, Baugh’s experience isn’t unique.

She is one of 128 adults who received life saving heart transplants, many coupled with other organs, at Cedars-Sinai during 2020. According to the United Network for Organ Sharing, which manages the nation’s organ transplant system, Cedars-Sinai remains No. 1 in adult heart transplants, a distinction the medical center has earned for the past 11 years.

“Every patient we transplanted in 2020, during this pandemic, gave me hope for the future,” said Dr. Fardad Esmailian, surgical director of the Heart Transplant Program at Cedars-Sinai. “I am so thankful that these patients trusted us with their care, in spite of all that was happening in the world.”

Baugh’s own gratitude is two-fold, not only because of her dual transplant in 2020, but because of the first heart she received in 2005. Her first heart transplant happened only days before her birthday.

“Both transplants are so similar,” said Baugh. “But the backdrop of coronavirus is obviously different.”

Baugh’s longtime cardiologist, Dr. Jon Kobashigawa, director of the Heart Transplant Program, understands the stress many patients have endured throughout the pandemic as they waited for their lifesaving transplant.

“The large number of lives saved by our Heart Transplant Program is in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has resulted in an inordinate number of deaths, has disrupted families and waged economic hardship throughout the country,” Kobashigawa said. “Our achievement is only a small silver lining to this catastrophic pandemic.”

Despite the challenges 2020 brought, the Smidt Heart Institute had a milestone year. From launching a clinic to treat heart disease patients who have been surr- vivors and creating a new center to predict and prevent sudden cardiac arrest, to performing an open-heart surgery that got one teenager back to surfing waves, Cedars-Sinai has remained at the forefront of research while offering patients the best in heart care.

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West Hollywood praises Biden administration policy reversal

The city of West Hollywood applauded President Joe Biden for standing in support of women and reproductive justice in signing an executive order on Jan. 28 to reverse the Trump administration’s reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy, a global gag rule to prohibit international nongovernmental organizations at provide or discuss abortion services from receiving federal funding.

Today, we’re still seeing harmful forces at work at the federal level and in state legislatures that aim to restrict women’s health and outlaw abortions. We will not sit by and we will not back down. The city of West Hollywood will continue to fight for women to be treated with respect and for dignified health care for all. Anything less is unacceptable.

The Trump administration first issued its presidential memorandum regarding the Mexico City Policy in January 2017. West Hollywood responded in February 2017 by approving a resolution part of a broader response to a series of Trump-era executive actions that “undermine the rights of minority groups and to reverse course on progressive policies” including the reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy, to prohibit the city from doing business with businesses providing financial or other benefits to the president of the United States.

In May 2019, the city of West Hollywood became the first city in the nation to take action against states that passed extreme anti-choice legislation by passing a resolution to enact financial sanctions, and the city and pro-choice organizations stood together on a National Day of Action to Stop the Bans those states had enacted.

West Hollywood was the first city in the nation, in 1963, to declare itself pro-choice. More than two decades later, West Hollywood continues its efforts to securely defend women’s reproductive rights and access to health care.

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Anonymous $25 million gift benefits CHLA’s programs

An anonymous donor has given $25 million to Children’s Hospital Los Angeles to support the cognitive, emotional and behavioral health needs of patients. “On behalf of the vulnerable patients who come to Children's Hospital Los Angeles for care, I am incredibly grateful for this transformational gift,” CHLA President and CEO Paul S. Viviano said. “This support will help us extend behavioral health services to every child that we treat, and in doing so truly make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable patients now and in the future.”

Children with complex and chronic health conditions often demonstrate an increased need for behavioral health interventions to support overall well-being and better health outcomes, hospital officials said. The anonymous gift will enable CHLA to expand access to cognitive, emotional and behavioral health services; expand proactive screening and intervention; and implement behavioral health training and education for providers at CHLA and in the CHLA Care Network. It will also allow the hospital to leverage technology and research to improve access and efficiency, and implement new outpatient programs. For information, visit chla.org.

Patients helped with lingering effects of COVID-19

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center has launched a COVID-19 Recovery Program to meet the needs of a growing number of patients who experience lingering symptoms weeks or months after being virus-free. In the multidisciplinary program, patients receive a comprehensive in-person evaluation with an expert in infectious diseases or pulmonary medicine who can refer them to a network of specialists including cardiologists, pulmonologists, neurologists and psychiatrists. Patients also can gain access to clinical research trials and contribute to a deeper understanding of the long-term health effects of COVID-19.

While some people recover from COVID-19 without any noticeable issues, many experience continuous, ongoing symptoms such as shortness of breath, dizziness, headaches, fatigue, brain fog, anxiety, depression and loss of taste or smell. With Southern California’s recent surge of COVID-19 infections, medical experts believe the COVID-19 Recovery Program is urgently needed. “Given the sheer number of people worldwide who have had COVID-19 – more than 90 million - if even 1% experience symptoms beyond three months, that is a huge number of patients who need help,” said program co-director Dr. Catherine Le, an infectious disease specialist with Cedars-Sinai Medical Group. “For some patients, we are the first physicians they’ve seen in person since their diagnosis. Even if we don’t have all the answers right now, it puts many of our patients at ease to speak with an expert and get a complete evaluation.”

In addition to its network of specialists, the COVID-19 Recovery Program works closely with the Cedars-Sinai Smidt Heart Institute’s Post-COVID-19 Cardiology Program, which enrolls patients who have been diagnosed with a heart issue associated with post-COVID-19 recovery. The program will also coordinate with Cedars-Sinai Department of Medicine’s Post-ICU Clinic, which focuses on respiratory and neurological problems that develop in some intensive care unit patients after they are discharged. Patients must be referred by a physician for treatment in the program and must have had COVID-19, confirmed by a positive test result, and still be experiencing persistent symptoms.

“By seeking care in our program, patients also can benefit from our close collaboration with Cedars-Sinai investigators conducting a variety of clinical trials. As the scientific community learns more about the effects of COVID-19, we can notify our patients when relevant treatments become available,” Cedars-Sinai Medical Network Chief Medical Officer Dr. Caroline Goldweig said. For information, visit cedars-sinai.org or speak to a physician about a referral.

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Metro continues subway progress in February

Work will continue in February on the first two stages of the Purple Line Extension subway project along Wilshire Boulevard from Century City to Wilshire/Western.

In Century City, crews are launching twin tunneling machines, and due to unforeseen circumstances, approval is being sought for a three-month extension of a full closure of the launch box at Century Park East approved by the city of Los Angeles. Constellation Boulevard may remain closed to traffic between Century Park East and a private driveway on the south side of Constellation Boulevard until May 24. Pedestrian access on Constellation Boulevard will remain open.

Constellation Boulevard remains closed west of Avenue of the Stars through April 4 to facilitate the completion of piling and decking. Vehicles will not be permitted onto Constellation Boulevard west of Avenue of the Stars to Solar Way. There will also be the following closure in place on Constellation Boulevard east of Avenue of the Stars through April 4.

In Beverly Hills, excavation will continue at the future Wilshire/Rodeo subway station box. A public hearing will be held on Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of President’s Day.

Crews have reached approximately 85 feet in depth toward the goal of reaching a final depth of 100 feet by the end of the first quarter of 2021. New hauling hours for removing soil will necessitate intermittent lane closures on Wilshire Boulevard between El Camino and Crescent drives. As excavation nears completion, construction of the underground station will enter a new phase. More materials and equipment will be brought to the site as station construction continues through 2024.

Ongoing ground monitoring is also occurring in the tunnel alignment and will continue through 2024. Additions, turn restrictions and sidewalk closures may be in place through March 2022. For questions and concerns, call (213) 922-6934, email the project team at westcoastpurple@metro.net, or visit metrolinkstation.com/wilshirerodeostation.

In Westwood, deliveries to the Wilshire/La Cienega station box are anticipated to continue this week. Work will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional intermittent lane reductions, turn restrictions and sidewalk closures may be in place. Gale Drive will be intermittently closed at Wilshire Boulevard to support construction in the Gale yard staging yard. Work hours are from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Access to Gale Drive will be maintained from San Vicente Boulevard.

The K-rail work zone in the intersection of Wilshire and San Vicente boulevards will be temporarily reduced to a single lane between La Jolla Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard. Hauling, deliveries and tunneling support are ongoing in construction staging yards near Wilshire/La Cienega, and from a K-rail enclosure at Wilshire Boulevard and Orange Drive. Through Saturday, Feb. 27, Wilshire Boulevard will be reduced to two lanes in each direction between Highland Avenue and Dexter Street. Support for cross passage excavation will continue 24 hours, Northbound Manhattan Place will be intermittently closed just north of Wilshire Boulevard from 4 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Intermittent single lane closures on Wilshire Boulevard may be necessary between Western Avenue and Manhattan Place.

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Subway station to pay tribute to Paul Revere Williams

Metro is celebrating architect Paul Revere Williams (1898-1980), a leading practitioner of mid-century modern design in Southern California, during February in observance of Black History Month.

Metro’s Purple Line Extension, also known as the D Line, has a unique connection to one of Williams’ last commissioned works: the Linde Medical Center at the northeast corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Gayley Avenue in Westwood. The Linde Medical Center, now the Westwood Medical Plaza, will be a future entrance for the Purple Line Extension/Westwood/UCLA subway station.

The 12-story Linde Medical Center has undergone many changes since it was built in 1962, but has retained historic elements of Williams’ original design, including the original pipe column balustrade next to the roof and porch, and the original columns of the original handrails. Metro consulted with the California Office of Historic Preservation and other agencies to minimize the adverse effects of construction on the medical center’s historic features. Although decisions regarding the Westwood/UCLA station’s final design are pending, plans include retaining some of the Linde Medical Center’s original character-defining features such as the building’s box-like form, the cantilevered balustrade and black granite base.

In 1923, Williams became the first Black architect to become a member of the American Institute of Architects. He was inducted in 1957 as the AIA’s first Black fellow and he was posthumously awarded AIA’s 2017 Gold Medal. Williams retired from practice in 1973 and died in 1980 at the age of 85.

For information, visit metro.net.
D.A. appoints former LAPD assistant chief

Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón administered the oath of office on Feb. 1 to Robert Arcos, who will serve as chief of the Bureau of Investigation, the fourth-largest law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County.

Arcos, who previously served as an assistant chief of the Los Angeles Police Department, has more than 30 years of policing experience.

“Bobby Arcos brings a depth of law enforcement experience and compassion to the District Attorney’s Office,” Gascón said. “I am proud that Bobby has agreed to join my executive management team and will help me fulfill my promises to voters that we will protect our community by preventing crime, reducing recidivism and restoring victims. Together, with other members of the team, we will rely on data, science and research to guide this office into the future.”

Most recently, Arcos served as the director of LAPD’s Office of Operations. He joined the department in 1988 and is a reformed-minded leader who has worked tirelessly to address homelessness, substance abuse and mental health issues, and the concerns of immigrant communities, Gascón said. He has created lasting relationships with neighborhood advocates, nonprofit organizations, the business community and civic leaders. Arcos strengthened restorative justice systems and implemented new processes to more effectively use technology and departmental resources, Gascón said added.

Arcos will lead the nearly 300 sworn peace officers assigned to the Bureau of Investigation, which supports the investigative work of the office’s approximately 1,000 deputy district attorneys. In addition, Arcos, who will oversee the management team includes Interim Chief Deputy District Attorney Joseph Iniguez, Chief of Staff Victoria Adams, Chief Administrative Officer Dorinne Jordan, Assistant District Attorney Mitchell and Ridley-Thomas have been instrumental in helping Metro deliver equity, possibility, connection and prosperity to our residents, and I know that incoming directors Mitchell and Ridley-Thomas will drive us to resolve our promises of lower emissions, less congestion and a more sustainable future for our region.”

The two new members join Garcetti and other current board members, including L.A. County Supervisors Kathryn Barger, Janice Hahn, Hilda Solis and Sheila Kuehl; L.A. City Councilmen Mike Bonin and Paul Krekorian; Inglewood Mayor James Butts; Los Angeles Mayor-appointee Jacqueline Dorr Walker; Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia; Glendale City Council member Ara Nazarian; and Culver City District 7 Director Tony Tavares. For information, visit metro.net.

Metro’s board of directors welcomes Mitchell, Sandoval

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has welcomed two new members to its board of directors.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, 2nd District, and Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval joined the board at its first regular meeting of 2021 on Jan. 20. Mitchell replaces former Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who was elected to the Los Angeles City Council and currently serves the 10th district. Sandoval replaces Duarte Councilman John Fasana, who retired at the end of 2020.

“Metro provides more than just a way to move around our city, it’s a tool for opportunity, a lifetime during our most difficult days and a vehicle for a better quality of life,” Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said. “Directors Fasana and Ridley-Thomas have been instrumental in helping Metro deliver equity, possibility, connection and prosperity to our residents, and I know that incoming directors Mitchell and Sandoval will drive us to resolve our promises of lower emissions, less congestion and a more sustainable future for our region.”

Job fair seeks security guard applicants for vaccination sites

Allied Universal, a security and facility services company, is seeking to hire 750-plus security professionals in Southern California to safeguard vaccination sites.

The company is hosting drive-up hiring events on Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Fairplex Pomona, Gate 17; and on Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in a parking lot at 1919 Empire Ave., in Burbank.

Allied Universal uses a virtual interview process in which applicants can complete the company’s online application from home through video interviewing technology.

“We are recruiting for all shifts for all levels of experience,” said Julie De La Mora, chief of allied Universal.

Pay ranges from $14-$28 hourly, depending on experience and site-specific requirements. Full-time employees receive medical and dental coverage, life insurance, retirement funds, holidays and more.

To apply, visit jobs.aus.com.

WeHo resumes parking enforcement

The city of West Hollywood has resumed enforcement of permit regulations on all residential streets, as well as street sweeping enforcement and morning and evening peak hour enforcement on Fountain Avenue.

Additionally, visitor permits will no longer be available at the West Hollywood Sheriff’s Station. Visitor permits may be acquired at the Kings Road Parking Garage or online through the city’s permit-by-plate self-service portal.

For information, call the West Hollywood Parking Violations Bureau at (323) 848-2458, or visit weho.org/parking.

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the West Hollywood Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

LOCATIONS: Citywide, West Hollywood, California

REQUEST: Zone text amendment to modify solid waste driveway grade requirements to align with general allowable driveway grade slopes, citywide, West Hollywood, California.

PERMIT(S): Zone Text Amendment, and any other required permits.

APPLICANT(S): City of West Hollywood

TIME/PLACE OF HEARING: Teleconference Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Given the local, state and nation state of emergency, this meeting will be a teleconference meeting (with detailed instructions for participation included on the posted agenda).

ZONES: All zones, Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061 (Review for Exemption).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state of emergency, City Hall is currently closed. The staff report will be available on Thursday, February 11, 2021 on-line at www.weho.org.

IF YOU CHALLENGE this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in the written correspondence delivered to the West Hollywood Planning Commission, via the Planning & Development Services Department at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

If you require special assistance to participate in this meeting (e.g., a signer for the hearing impaired), you may call, or submit your request in writing to the Office of the City Clerk at (323) 848-6409 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in said Public Hearing to express their opinion in this matter.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE COMPUTER ACCESS AND WOULD LIKE A MAILED COPY OF THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT, OR YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION regarding this item, contact Rachel Dimond, AICP, Acting Long Range Planning Manager in the Planning & Development Services Department at (323) 848-6475; or via email at: rdimond@weho.org.

Yvonne Quarker, City Clerk

мы сообщаем вам об обсуждении проекта. Для дополнительной информации на русском языке звоните: 323-848-6826.
Umami Burger’s Game Day feast

Now open for outdoor dining, Umami Burger is offering an Ultimate Game Day feast for $40. Receive two double cheeseburgers, two barbecue bacon burgers, cheesy tots, thin fries, sweet potato fries and onion rings. Order this special package for delivery or pickup through Feb. 7. Go to umamiburger.com for locations. 189 The Grove Drive, Suite C-10, samscrispychicken.com, (323) 954-8626.

Sam’s Big Game spread

Sam’s Crispy Chicken located at Umami Burger offers a $35 Game Day package that includes one Sam’s Crispy Chicken sandwich, one the Classic sandwich, one Sam’s Crispy Chicken, one Game Day package that includes two barbecue bacon burgers, cheesy tots, thin fries, sweet potato fries and onion rings. Order this special package for delivery or pickup through Feb. 7. Go to samscrispychicken.com for locations. 189 The Grove Drive, Suite C-10, samscrispychicken.com, (323) 954-8626.

Melrose Bite Super Bowl at home

The kosher-certified, vegan-based restaurant offers some vegetarian and pescatarian options. Start with a breakfast burrito or order a burger on a homemade challah bun made fresh daily. It’s topped with an Impossible patty that is flavored with a secret spice. Menu items include a variety of sandwiches, salads and wraps. Delivery is available via DoorDash, Postmates, Grubhub and Uber Eats. Or try drone delivery and receive your order within five minutes. Open Sunday through Friday from 11 a.m. Closed Saturday. 7801 Melrose Ave., (323) 951-9573, melrosebite.com.

Madre’s Super Bowl package

Red four people while watching the big game, starting with chips, guacamole, salsa and mole. Next, try the Cockteito made with shrimp, octopus, cilantro, onions, avocado, tomato and salsa de chile seco. Modifications are allowed on eight premium tacos with a choice of anada, carnitas, cauliflower or chicken. The kit also comes with eight margaritas or eight micheladas for $125. Place your order in advance or the day of the Super Bowl via Chow Now, Tock or by calling the restaurant. 801 N. Fairfax Ave., #101, (323) 850-8518.

BOA Super Bowl DIY dinner kits

BOA Steakhouse is preparing the ultimate fried chicken crispy to golden perfection to feed up to four people for $38. BOA also offers a barbecue Wagyu burger basket that serves eight and includes three pounds of vacuum-sealed ground Wagyu meat, eight buns, lettuce, tomatoes, onion and pickles. Select a BOA DIY dinner for-two kit offering a choice of salad, two uncooked entrees, choice of two sides and BOA’s famous chocolate chip cookies. Follow the instructions on how to prepare your entrees, reheat your sides and bake your cookies at home. Cocktails and sides are available to add to your order. 9100 Sunset Blvd., (310) 278-2050; 101 Santa Monica Blvd., (310) 899-4466.

Lucques Catering Super Bowl LV

Start with a hearty steakhouse dinner for two featuring a 32-ounce grilled ribeye steak with hash brown potatoes, charred young broccoli, caramelized onions and Suzanne’s steak sauce. They are also making a barbecue brisket platter that feeds up to six people and comes with brioche buns, coleslaw and baked beans. Snacks and grazing favorites to eat while watching the game include Suzanne’s signature Too-Hot-To-Tate spicy wings with house-made ranch and cucumber relish, pig’s in a blanket with spicy mustard, deviled eggs with crème fraîche and chives, shrimp cocktail with horseradish, and market cruûites. An array of Super Bowl sweets includes an assortment of chocolate brownies, espresso chocolate crinkle cookies, Big Dave’s eggnog snickerdoodles, caramel-pecan bars, chewy oatmeal sandwich cookies and Fig Newton shortbread. Super Bowl cocktails and wines curated by Caroline Styne are available for takeout and delivery. Order exclusively through Tock at exploretock.com/lucquescatering for curbside pickup on Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Delivery is also available with DoorDash. 345 N. Maple Drive, (310) 800-1789.

Holy Cow Super Bowl packs

Now open for outdoor dining, Holy Cow is offering meals for takeout or delivery before watching the big game at home. Enjoy over two pounds of mac and cheese or one pound of Frito Pie for $19.95 each. They are offering a six pack of pulled pork sliders with six rolls, pulled pork, slaw, Carolina sauce and pickles; a six pack of chicken thighs with house-made ranch and sweet potato fries; and a six pack of BBQ brisket with brioche buns, coleslaw and baked beans. Delivery is also available with DoorDash. 345 N. Maple Drive, (310) 800-1789.

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nugget sliders with rolls, 12 nuggets, slaw, Alabama white sauce and pickles; and a pulled chicken slider with Q sauce for $19.95 each. The brisket slider pack is $24.95. Add chocolate chip cookies or salted ed brownies. 4130 Sepulveda Blvd., (424)298-8220; 10645 W. Pico Blvd., (310)622-1081; and 264 26th St., (310)683-6269.

Baltaire viewing-at-home dinner

Chef Travis Strickland kicks off Super Bowl Sunday with a feast for your at-home football party. The Brentwood-based restaur-ant offers a whole roasted Mary’s chicken dinner with Lebanese tomato salad, along with items to grill at home including the butchered burger and center cut fillets with Baltaire’s signature steak sauce and sizzling. Super Bowl packages are for four people. Flint by Baltaire-inspired platinum options include a mezze platter, barrata and prosciutto platter, wood-grilled lamb chop platter and the spicy lamb meatball platter. Guests can sweeten the meal with burnt Basque cheesecake or bourbon spicy lamb chop platter and the spicy lamb meatball platter. Guests can sweeten the meal with burnt Basque cheesecake or bourbon sweeten the meal with burnt Basque cheesecake or bourbon.

Buddy Special at the Front Yard

On Sunday, Feb. 7, watch the Kansas City Chiefs take on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at home with Chef Larry’s Buddy Special. Receive eight chill lime wings, a large side of adobe fries and choice of two burgers made with ground short rib. Choices include the mushroom burger, blue cheese burger, the SoCal burger with white cheddar cheese, or the royal with cheese and a secret sauce. You will also receive two double chocolate cookies and a choice of a four-pack from Paperback Brewing for $5. This special is available for pickup only from Feb. 5 to 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., 4222 Vineyard Ave., (818)235-7285.

Sol Mexican Cocina taco party packs

Enjoy Sol Mexican Cocina in the comfort of your own home with the choice of two proteins of either grilled chicken, carnitas or black bean sweet potato. This party pack also comes with two sides of naked guacamole and TJ chicken Caesar salad, as well as a 750-milliliter bottle of Sol’s famed House Margarita (serves five to six margaritas) for $65. 12775 Millennium Drive, Playa Vista, (424)289-0066.

Dog Haus all-day happy hour

Stop by your preferred location on Sunday, Feb. 7, to indulge in their all-day happy hour promotion and enjoy their new wing and slider party packs. Receive a 30-pack of wings made three ways: Haus Wings, Haus BBQ and Chipotle Honey Wings. They also make a 24-pack of sliders made three ways: pastrami, cheeseburger and Impossible burger. It’s only avail-able at select Dog Haus locations. Visit Dog Haus to place your order for pickup doghaus.com. 3817 W. Olive Ave., (818)366-4287.

Langer’s Deli Super Bowl Sandwiches

Order pastrami and corned beef sandwich kits to make your own Super Bowl sandwiches. Receive a loaf of rye bread to make at least four sandwiches, plus a pound each of pastrami and corned beef. Plan ahead to pick up your order on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will bring your order out to your car at your planned pickup time. Plan at least 60 minutes ahead. Langersdeli.com 704 S. Alvarado St., (213)483- 8050.

Playa Provisions Super Bowl bundles

Chef Brooke Williamson and Husband Nick Roberts are offering an elevated Super Bowl pack that feeds four people for $520. The heat-and-eat bundle includes crab, cheese and spinach sourdough dip bowl; pickled-habanero-glazed wings with blue cheese dressing and crutone; soft pretzels with whole grain mustard; and an eight-pack of assorted mini cookies. Purchase an assortment of beers, wines and in-house canned cocktails or add on a growler or Del Rey cocktail. Call to preorder today, Feb. 4, or go online playaprovisions.com. 119 Culver Blvd., (310)683-5019.

Akasha’s Super Bowl 51 to-go

Snacks, chips and dips, wings, fried chicken, sliders, and mac and cheese are all available on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6 and 7. Chef/owner Akasha Richmond and partner Alan Schultman are also offer-ing Super Bowl cocktails that include Touchdown made with Cara Cara orange cocktail-infused vodka; the Game Day Pimm’s made with ver-mouth, gin and Grand Marnier; and the 30-Yard-Line Margarita made with grapefruit and guava-infused tequila, blood orange juice, agave and lime. Each batched cocktail serves up to three and is priced at $25. Be sure to order a cookie box for dessert. All orders come in packaging with assembly and reheating instructions. Place your order today by 5 p.m., for pick up on Saturday, Feb. 6, and Sunday, Feb. 7. Delivery is also available from DoorDash. Go to akasharestaurant.com. 9543 Culver Blvd., (310)845-1700.

Hermanito big game day package

Feed up to three people with Hermanito’s meal package that includes ceviche, nACHOs, chicken wings, a taco kit and tres leches cake. Order in advance or the day of the game for $59 a kit. Add a bottle of Illegal Mezcal plus margarita mix for $50. Open Thursday through Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m., barhermanito.com. 2024 Sawtelle Blvd., (424)465-9029.

El Torrito’s fajitas and margaritas

Start with a choice of chicken or steak fajitas, served with refried beans or frijoles de la olla, corn or flour tortillas, rice and chips and salsas. The $60 party pack comes with a pitcher of house margaritas, which customers can upgrade to a Cadillac margarita for $5 more. 13715 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, (310)823-8941.
The following crimes occurred in West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and the areas patrolled by the LAPD’s Wilshire and Hollywood divisions between Jan. 23 and Jan. 30. The information was compiled from crimemapping.com. To report a crime, call local law enforcement agencies: Los Angeles Police Department, Wilshire Division (213)347-6476, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department West Hollywood Station (310)855-9830, and the Beverly Hills Police Department, (310)450-4951.

**Beverly Hills Police Department**

**Jan. 24**
At 1:41 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 7800 block of Wilshire.
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 300 block of N. Canon at 9 p.m.

**Jan. 26**
At 9:30 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 200 block of Elin.
An unknown suspect assaulted a victim near the corner of Camden and Park at 12:32 p.m.
At 5 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 9500 block of Brighton.
An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 400 block of N. Redford at 8:20 a.m.

**Jan. 27**
An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked near the corner of Rexford and Gregory at 7:40 a.m.
At 12:45 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 500 block of N. Arden.

**Jan. 28**
At 4:20 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 8600 block of Santa Monica.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 600 block of Whitley at 7:55 a.m.
At 8 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 300 block of Reeves.

**Jan. 29**
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 100 block of S. Lindley at 3:19 a.m.
At 7:09 a.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 100 block of Hamel.
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 400 block of N. Camden at 1:41 p.m.
At 5 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 600 block of N. Camden.
A suspect was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs near the corner of Olympic and Reeves at 9:55 p.m.

**Los Angeles Police Department**

**Jan. 23**
At 7 a.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 1700 block of Camino Palmero.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 9402 block of Olympic at 1:36 p.m.
At 3 p.m., a vandalism incident was reported in the 200 block of Rexford.
An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 300 block of N. Swall at 8 p.m.

**West Hollywood Sheriff’s Station**

**Jan. 24**
An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 7500 block of Lexington at 7:55 a.m.
At 10:30 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 8500 block of Melrose.
An unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 7800 block of Santa Monica at 5:25 p.m.

**Jan. 25**
An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 9000 block of Sunset at 1:40 p.m.
At 8:24 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 8700 block of Rosewood.
An unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 7800 block of Santa Monica at 4:45 a.m.
At 11:20 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Larabee.
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 7800 block of Santa Monica at 12:11 a.m.
At 2:17 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 800 block of Huntley.
An unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 8400 block of Santa Monica at 12:30 p.m.
At 6 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 7100 block of Santa Monica.
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 8700 block of Santa Monica at 2:11 a.m.

**Jan. 26**
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 800 block of N. West Knoll.
An unknown suspect stol a vehicle parked near the corner of Huntley and Rosewood at 9 a.m.

**Jan. 27**
At 7 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 7700 block of Romaine.
A suspect was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs near the corner of Third and Fairfax.
An unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 1200 block of Vine at 10:35 p.m.
At noon, an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 800 block of S. Yucca.
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 8100 block of Beverly at 2 p.m.
At 3 p.m., an unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Romaine and La Brea.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 8600 block of Santa Monica.

**Jan. 28**
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 8700 block of Santa Monica at 12:11 a.m.
At 2:17 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 800 block of Huntley.
An unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 8400 block of Santa Monica at 12:30 p.m.
At 6 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 7100 block of Santa Monica.
An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 8500 block of West Knoll.

**Jan. 29**
At 4 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 6700 block of Hollywood.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 8300 block of Wilshire at 10:35 p.m.
At 8 p.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 700 block of S. Cochran.
An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 300 block of N. Stanley at 3:49 a.m.
At 6 a.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 8500 block of Burton.
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 6000 block of Melrose at 6:15 a.m.
At 10:30 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 4500 block of S. Crescent.

**Jan. 30**
At 4 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary near the corner of Crenshaw and Wilshire at 9 a.m.
At 9:05 a.m., an unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Crenshaw and Wilshire.
An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 8400 block of Third at 1:35 p.m.
At 1:35 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 100 block of S. La Brea.
An unknown suspect robbed a victim in the 7300 block of Melrose at 1:50 p.m.
At 5:30 p.m., an unknown suspect assaulted a victim near the corner of Hollywood and Vine.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 300 block of N. Curson at 8:10 p.m.
At 11 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 400 block of Armitz.

**Jan. 26**
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 1700 block of N. Cherokee at 9:40 a.m.
At 11 p.m., an arson fire was reported at 8700 block of N. Hollywood and Whitley.

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10 Reasons Why I Don’t Want An Estate Plan

1. I want large sums of my hard-earned money to go to a law firm.
2. I want the government to decide who gets my life savings.
3. What for? My house is only worth a half-million dollars.
4. I really don’t care who raises our children.
5. I want a total stranger to go through all of my personal papers and financial affairs.
6. I like family fights – especially unnecessary ones.
7. I don’t care who inherits my hand canned money.
8. I’ve been needy in life; I’ll be needy in death.
9. They say you can’t take it with you, but what if you can?
10. Probate Must be fun.

If you don’t do it for yourself, please do it for those you care about.

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*Park Labrea News/Beverly Press*
The city of Beverly Hills Community Services Department has announced its first “Beverly Hills Doggy Daze 90210” virtual event, available by visiting beverlyhills.org/doggydaze90210. Formally known as “Woofstock 90210,” the new event is a reimagining of the city’s annual pet extravaganza at Rosbury Park. It includes pet adoptions, an interactive photo booth, how-to videos and a pet photo gallery with over 600 submissions. Vote online for the “top dog” through midnight on Feb. 17.

New pet services, businesses and products from local merchants are featured, as are pet adoptions from local agencies and rescues. Participants can receive advice from local veterinarians and view videos on training, grooming, remedies for pet separation and healthy eating habits for dogs. View videos on training, grooming, remedies for pet separation and healthy eating habits for dogs.

The Doggy Daze photo contest in January generated over 600 submissions. Vote online for the “top dog” through midnight on Feb. 17.

For information, visit beverlyhills.org/doggydaze90210.

The Doggy Daze photo contest in January generated over 600 submissions. In addition to the “top dog,” awards will be presented to second- and third-place winners, along with honorable mentions in seven categories. Island Packers is reporting sightings of Humpback whales, fin whales and occasionally, orcas. Dolphins can be seen year-round.

The half-day winter whale watch cruise provides views of the Ventura coastline or the Channel Islands, depending on where the whales have been sighted. Winter whale trips are $40 for adults, $36 for seniors and $29 for children 3-12. Children under 3 are admitted free. Full-day trips with landings to Anacapa and Santa Cruz Island are also available year-round.

For safety and distancing, passengers will be given a health screening before every shift and passengers will be required to wear a face covering on board vessels. Employees are health screened before every shift and passengers will be given a health screening before being allowed access to the office and boats. Everyone is required to wear a face covering on board vessels. For information, call (805) 642-1393, or visit Islandpackers.com.

Island Packers has reopened and is offering daily departures to the Channel Islands from Ventura Harbor Village.

Enjoy a winter whale watch voyage and view Pacific gray whales migrating through the Santa Barbara Channel on their way from feeding grounds in Alaska to breeding grounds in Baja California. Pacific gray whales are normally observed in the National Marine Sanctuary near Anacapa and Santa Cruz islands through the middle of April. More than 20,000 Pacific gray whales migrate 6,000 miles twice a year.

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Sidecar Doughnuts & Coffee has developed a devoted following for a variety of specialty doughnuts. Sidecar Doughnuts & Coffee revs things up at Gilmore Station

The A.F. Gilmore Company, longtime owner of the Original Farmers Market, has welcomed Sidecar Doughnuts & Coffee to the Gilmore Station retail center on the northwest corner of Third Street and Fairfax Avenue. Established in 2012, Sidecar Doughnuts & Coffee has developed a devoted following among customers craving their hand-crafted doughnuts, made fresh daily from scratch using the finest ingredients available. The doughnuts are fried in small batches every hour, ensuring that each customer receives a fresh, warm doughnut. Classic flavors include balsamic blueberry, butter and salt, and maple bacon, and a rotating monthly menu of seasonal flavors will be offered.

“Sidecar Doughnuts has built a terrific following with doughnut fans thanks to their premium ingredients, small batch cooking process and innovative approach to flavors,” A. F. Gilmore Company Executive Vice President Stan Savage said. “They are a terrific addition to the offerings at Gilmore Station and we know they’ll be warmly received by the local community and visitors seeking a delicious treat and a great cup of coffee.”

Sidecar Doughnuts & Coffee joins longtime Gilmore Station tenants Trader Joe’s, Mendocino Farms and Paper Source. The new location marks the company’s fifth opening and third location in L.A. County, in addition to Santa Monica and Torrance.

Sidecar Doughnuts & Coffee is located at 175 S. Fairfax Ave. For information, call (323)818-3008, or visit sidecaroast.com. For information, call (323)818-3008, or visit sidecardoughnuts.com.
Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills reopens dining destinations

Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills, the award-winning luxury hotel in the heart of Beverly Hills, welcomed guests back to its on-site dining destinations on Jan. 30 with added safety precautions in place. Popular alfresco hot spot the Rooftop by JG opened for outdoor dining along with Waldorf Café by La Colombe and Jean-Georges Beverly Hills Patio.

Restaurants are capped at a reduced capacity, including a maximum of six guests per table, to meet current social distancing requirements. Sanitation stations are available throughout the hotel and restaurants for guest use, and person-to-person contact is limited through pay-at-table technology and QR codes for menu viewing.

The five-star property utilizes Emist electrostatic sprayers to disinfect Pathosans – an environmentally responsible LEED and Green Seal-approved cleaner and disinfectant – and Xenex, UV Lightstrike Robots that deliver up to 4,300 times more germicidal UV pathogen-killing intensity than UV-C mercury vapor.

The Rooftop by JG is seating guests daily for lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and for weekend brunch on Saturdays and Sundays beginning at 10 a.m. A full à la carte menu is offered, and seating is available by reservation via CovetTable.

Waldorf Café by La Colombe, the newest offering at Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills, is open Friday through Monday for breakfast from 6 to 11 a.m. The new pop-up café concept – outfitted in a custom, vintage 1967 Citroen Hy-Van – is conveniently located at the front of the hotel offering a full range of specialty coffees from La Colombe along with an à la carte menu featuring light bites such as vanilla chia bowls, smoked salmon sesame bagels, breakfast wraps, muffins and croissants. Menus can be viewed via QR codes, and items can be ordered to-go or can be enjoyed at the tables and chairs placed with social distancing and Hilton CleanStay guidelines in mind.

Jean-Georges Beverly Hills offers an elevated dining experience with an eight-course tasting menu available for the outdoor patio. Beginning Feb. 5, the intimate offering will be available from Friday through Sunday between 5:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. The eight-course tasting menu will change monthly to showcase seasonal fare. The tasting menu is $180-plus per person, with an optional wine pairing available for $140-plus.

“Our team has worked tirelessly to ready the dining outposts and prepare an ultra-safe environment for locals and travelers alike,” said Vanessa Williams, general manager at Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills. “I am confident that opening restaurants to offer outdoor dining, with proper protocols in place, will breathe life back into our community.”

For information, visit WaldorfBeverlyHills.com or call (310) 880-6655.

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Farmers Market raises a glass to welcome Rick’s Produce

The Original Farmers Market celebrated the grand opening of its newest merchant Rick’s Produce on Jan. 29 on the south side of the market in stall #126. Rick’s Produce offers seasonal and freshly-picked farm-fresh fruits and vegetables. Operated by Rick Dominguez, center, much of the produce is grown on his family farm in Fallbrook, California.

Dominguez was joined for a grand opening toast by Ilysha Buss, left, director of marketing for the Farmers Market; his mother Isabel Dominguez; Peter Hayden, development director for the A.F. Gilmore Company, owner of the Farmers Market; Alejandro Verduzco, partner in Rick’s Produce; Martina Cerrato, marketing and tourism specialist for the Farmers Market; and Farmers Market Manager Matthew Stayton.

In 2017, Dominguez opened his first storefront in Silver Lake. Dominguez will offer seasonal and freshly-picked produce sustainably grown without chemicals on his family farm, as well as produce from other small local farms. Rick’s Produce market will also offer hand-made guacamole, salsas, smoothies, juices, acai bowls, jams, made-to-order sandwiches and more. Rick’s Produce will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., daily. Online orders for home delivery can be made by visiting the Original Farmers Market’s page at mercato.com.

The Original Farmers Market is located at 6333 W. Third St. For information, visit farmersmarketla.com.
Park Labrea News/Beverly Press 17 February 4, 2021

‘The White Tiger’ illustrates the realities of life and economic disparity in India

Classism in India often graces the big screen, but few films do so with the style and tonal diversity of Netflix’s “The White Tiger.” What begins as a gripping exploration of castes and scheming melts into a devastating tale that fractures the lie of individualism.

Balam Halwai (Adarsh Gourav) no longer subservient to many other masters. He once did, but found a way out of an undesirable caste when he resided in Laxmangarh in the Rajasthan state of India. As a child, he showed promise in school, but dreams of ascending on merit were snuffed out when his grandmother forced him to permanently shelve academics and work.

Much older, Balam conceives a new scheme, never content to marry and remain closely tied to his poor family. He aggressively vies for a job chauffeuring around the family of The Stork (Mahesh Manjrekar). He’s a crime lord who pays off the Great Socialist (Swaroop Sampat), a seemingly heroic political figure, to avoid paying taxes, and easily snuffs out not only any servants who wrong him but their entire family as well.

Balam hopes to serve youngest son, Ashok (Rajkummar Rao), recently back from New York with his new American wife, Pinky (Priyanka Chopra, also an exec through her production company, Purple Pebble Pictures). The pair bring with them an air of Western influence: requesting informal titles from them. These words coax Balam’s actions in the second half of the film. The opening scene hints at something horrific to come. And when it does, the near-heist tone transitions. Any air of dark comedy morphs into utter tragedy.

But that turn doesn’t rain anything: it’s the natural outcome in a story honest about the myth of the self-made entrepreneur. Balam first appears as such a savvy businessman, but his success (no spoilers here) fails not from a single moment of original thought.

Come the final moments of the film, the free market bares its teeth, what loyalty to it requires. Again, Ashok and Pinky’s liberalism serves an important point here. They land across the world with fresh ideas from a country whose capitalistic system has been called “morally superior” to others the world over. If only they can influence things in India for the better. Bold reforms stemming from corruption—a bitter meal indeed. That’s also a rather universal theme that speaks to the 1% demanding good P.R. for charitably giving while tax cuts and evasive tax loopholes provide them so much more and everyone else that much less.

Balam never enjoys the role of charismatic protagonist. Always antagonistic, he cares little for others beyond how they can help him succeed, with one exception. “The White Tiger” effectively presents a character both powerful and powerless once the credits roll. He’s never a cypher, some empty stand-in, but his can’t escape systemic woes that peremptorily affect those close and far from him.

Gourav’s sports an incredible performance both on-screen and as narrator, though the latter point also owes much to director-screenwriter Ramin Bahrani’s brilliant adaptation of the 2008 novel by Aravind Adiga.

“The White Tiger” will likely go down as one of 2021’s best films. But its violent, grim and honest display of economic disparity remains timeless.

### On Screen

**WITH TIM POSADA**

Adarsh Gourav stars as Balam Halwai in “The White Tiger,” a film exploring the complexities of life and economic status in India.

Museums’ campaign promotes mask wearing

In a continuing effort to promote safety and health guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, SoCal Museums and the California Association of Museums have announced the launch of #MuseumsForMasks, a campaign to encourage people to wear face coverings.

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—Jennifer Caballero
board president
California Association of Museums

More than 45 museums and cultural institutions have joined the statewide initiative, reminding people to wear masks, stay 6-feet apart, stay home if they are sick and wash their hands frequently. Participating museums in the local area include the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, The Broad, Hammer Museum, Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County and the Skirball Cultural Center.

Participating museums and cultural institutions will use their social media platforms to share the public service announcement to help stop the spread of COVID-19. “During this time, museums and cultural institutions have temporarly closed their indoor areas and forged new ways to serve audiences with virtual exhibitions and programs. While we look forward to being able to reopen our indoor spaces to the public, we believe that we best serve our communities by encouraging them to be safe during this current surge of COVID-19,” said Lucy Spriggs, SoCal Museums president and marketing manager for the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens.

“This year, we are thrilled to partner with SoCal Museums to promote health and safety during this unprecedented time,” added Jennifer Caballero, board president of the California Association of Museums and marketing director for the Skirball Cultural Center. “Our collective goal is to bring arts and culture to our communities, and we can only do that if everyone is safe. We hope that this effort will remind people to adhere to the state’s public health guidelines and that together we can help stem the spread of coronavirus infections in California.”

### Cupid Float

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Rajkummar Rao, Priyanka Chopra and Adarsh Gourav give compelling performances in “The White Tiger,” which will likely be considered one of the year’s best films.

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"It’s impossible to overstate the significance of that milestone," Superintendent Austin Beutner said. "More than 80% of Los Angeles Unified students come from families living in poverty, and the job losses caused by the pandemic has fallen disproportionately on them. When the crisis began, Los Angeles Unified started a food-relief effort that included delivering grocery items, distributing masks, providing hand sanitizers and philanthropic organizations have provided money and in-kind donations totaling more than $32 million to LA Students Most in Need, the charitable fund created by Beutner to help provide a safety net for our school community.

"Fortunately, Los Angeles Unified has been joined in this work by the City of Los Angeles, nonprofit organizations and philanthropic organizations who understand the need," Beutner said. "This nation-leading effort is a great reminder of what can be accomplished when we all work together to help those who need it most." 

Beutner added that the 100 million meals are “a testament to the efforts of thousands of my colleagues who have been working tirelessly to meet the needs of our students and families at this time,” and to “provide nutritious meals to those who need them.”

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Abdul-Jabbar highlights creative STEM partnership for students

The Skyhook Foundation and Panasonic of North American, which have been working with Los Angeles Unified School District to bring mobile STEM – science, technology, engineering and math – classrooms and outdoor education to students during the pandemic, have been recognized with a Corporate Social Responsibility Award by the Global Business Alliance.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar’s Skyhook Foundation is about to introduce its fourth Eco-Van to visit school sites and provide students with hands-on outdoor learning experiences in STEM and environmental science. The program works with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA and the UCLA Science Project to provide lessons about our amazing planet.

"During these challenging times for students and teachers, Eco-Van help provide STEM education,” Abdul-Jabbar said. "Together with Los Angeles Unified, we are also committed to using the program to actively bring an end to the pandemic through health information and life-saving vaccines to families at schools.”

The Global Responsibility Award recognizes efforts by international companies to support programs in local communities.

"It moves us to support initiatives that we know will deliver these critical curriculums early and set the next generation up to thrive in and shape the 21st century economy,” said Jeff Werner, vice president, corporate and government affairs at Panasonic Corporation of North America. For information, visit lausd.net.
WeHo continues free Friday virtual concert series

The city of West Hollywood is continuing its WeHo Sounds Free Virtual Concert Series, which take place on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. online at weho.org/wehounds, and kicks off the weekend with a music-filled “happy hour.”

Chris Hutton will perform on Friday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. Los Angeles-based singer-songwriter Hutton’s music is a sophisticated blend of raw emotion and melodic musicianship. Deeply personal lyrics and performances are set against a buoyant pop aesthetic to create a sound that A&R Factory describes as “tangibly magnetic.”

The series finale on Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 at 6 p.m will feature Satin Ragdoll and the Misfit Toys, influenced by Sarah Vaughan, Peggy Lee and Ella Fitzgerald. Satin Ragdoll and the Misfit Toys is a pre-1920s through 1960s jazz band led by vocalist Loren Marie Story. Always dressing the part in vintage splendor, they bring modern instrumentation to classic songs while honoring their original mood and style.

West Hollywood’s 2020-21 WeHo Sounds series is organized by the city’s Arts Division. For information, visit weho.org/wehounds, or contact Joy Tribble, the city’s arts manager, at (323)848-6560 or at jtribble@weho.org.

Gems can be found as real estate market rebounds

New year, new president, entirely new real estate market. New listings are on the rise as 2021 begins, and real estate buyers, Esada added.

“Coming home should be a mood-elevating experience. Our latest Keniston home was renovated with this in mind,” Esada said. “Although estate buyers, Esada added.

For information, visit 1009keniston.com.

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The Los Angeles Philharmonic, with Music and Artistic Director Gustavo Dudamel, have announced the details of their celebratory, star-studded online event, “Icons on Inspiration.”

The event will feature Dudamel with the LA Phil, joined by a diverse roster of artists and cultural icons, and offers audiences a front-row seat to memorable performances and intimate conversations between Dudamel and his special guests.

“Music has been a lifeline for so many of us, helping to bring us together in spirit through the many challenges,” Dudamel said. “We wanted to create an event that honored that sense of hope and connection and celebrated the way music inspires and uplifts us. To be able to share the orchestra can unite us in the spirit and celebrate the way music selected and inspired by the many challenges.”

Interspersed between each conversation, the orchestra will play music selected and inspired by the featured guests, including Duka Ellington’s “Martin Luther King,” Bercuse” from Igor Stravinsky’s “The Firebird” and “Das himmlische Leben” from Gustav Mahler’s Symphony No. 4 featuring soprano Liv Redpath.

Patron opportunities are available to elevate the experience including a private performance featuring an ensemble of LA Phil musicians (virtual or in-person as safety allows), access to a private VIP Zoom room on the evening of the premiere and a musical score autographed by Dudamel. For more information, visit laphil.com/support/icons-on-inspiration. The broadcast will remain available through March 6 at laphil.com/icons.

After an extended search, the Museum of Applied Arts recently named Jia Yi Gu as the new director of the MAK Center for Art and Architecture, its satellite location in West Hollywood.

An advocate for experimental approaches to institution-building and trans-disciplinary curatorial practice, the new director joins the MAK Center after previously serving as executive director of Materials and Applications, a Los Angeles-based project space for experimental architecture. During her tenure there from 2015-20, she launched two new project spaces: the MAK Storefront in Echo Park and M&A x Craft Courtyard. She also initiated an emerging leadership and programming board, developed M&A’s annual curatorial programs, and presented her work at the Society of Architectural Historians, Getty Research Institute, Canadian Center for Architecture, ICI’s Curatorial Forum, Berlinische Galerie and Floating University.

“Jia Yi Gu is an excellent choice for leading the MAK Center, as she combines far-reaching curatorial practice and experience with exciting new ideas for the MAK Center’s future activities,” said Christoph Thun-Hohenstein, general director and artistic director of the Museum of Applied Arts. For information, visit makcen-ter.org.
Hollywood initiative connects to transit

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the Metro Active Transit program.

The city proposed seeking funding from Metro last May and will work with the transit agency to identify exactly which amenities will be installed within two blocks of the

subway stations. The Metro fund-

ing will also be used for design and environmental review purposes for a larger Heart of Hollywood Master Plan.

“The Hollywood/Highland and

Hollywood/Vine stations are impor-
tant hubs for connectivity across the
county,” said Los Angeles County
Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, 1st
District, who is also a Metro board
member. “With these improvements
on the way, the MAT program is off
to a great start.”

The Heart of Hollywood initia-
tive also continues to gain momen-
tum within the Hollywood busi-
ness community, and officials
hope that the initial Metro funding
will help leverage more support for
further phases of the plans. The
city of Los Angeles allocated
approximately $4 million last year
to launch the effort and begin cre-
at ing a master plan. A design team
from Gensler created conceptual
designs and renderings, and
O’Farrell’s office has held approx-
imately 65 discussions with com-

munity stakeholders. The public is

invited to weigh-in by visiting
heartofhollywood.la.

WeHo deputies to cite people without masks

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said.

Arevalo added that he did not
believe that the city would be
giving out “a lot of citations.”
I think there will be citations.
The word, “Arevalo said. Instead, the council
decided to stick with their current
amount.

“If I got a $300 – or even high-
er – fine, I definitely wouldn’t do
that again,” Councilman John
Erickson said.

The council also decided to
send a letter to the Los Angeles
County Department of Public
Health regarding its list of out-
break sites. What the city
and those businesses can do to
keep employees and customers

safe.” Merely listing that the
grocery store you go to had an outbreak
isn’t helpful,” D’Amico said. “It’s
not helpful to the grocery store, it’s
not helpful to the resident, it’s
not helpful. Unless we have a
plan to work with those work
ites to help bring them back into

compliance, to work with resi-
dents to understand what it means
that a site is listed on an outbreak
directory, I think it actually does more
harm than good.”

City staff will return to the
council with an update on the

citations in 90 days.

An earlier version of this story
reported that Mayor Lindsey
Horvath voted against the mask
measure. That is incorrect.

The council discussed poten-
tially aligning its citation pay-

ment amounts with Santa Monica or Beverly Hills – both
of which start at $100 for a first
offense and reach $500 for third
violations – but changing the
amount would require public
noticing, which would push the
change of the fines into March,
Arevalo said. Instead, the council

WeHo opens nominations for 2021 Rainbow Key Awards

The city of West Hollywood is
gathering nominations for its
2021 Rainbow Key Awards,
which recognize people who
have made outstanding contribu-
tions to the lesbian and gay com-

munity.

Nominations may be submitted
electronically at weho.org/rain-
bowkey. Nomination forms are
due by Thursday, Feb. 25, at 5
p.m. The awards presentations
are scheduled to take place vir-
tually in March.

Since 1993, the city of West Hollywood has presented Rainbow Key Awards to individ-
uals and groups that have gone
above and beyond in their service to the LGBTIQ community.
Contributions have come in
many forms, including the arts,
community service, humanitari-

an action, sports, medicine,
armed services, leadership poten-
tial, benefit to the gay and

lesbian community, and more.
Past honorees have included
artists, activists, civic leaders,
educators, community organiza-
tions and many others.

Nominations will be reviewed by the city’s Lesbian and Gay
Advisory Board, and recommen-
dations for honorees will be
referred to the West Hollywood
City Council for final approval.

For more information, contact
David Giugni, staff liaison to the
Lesbian and Gay Advisory
Board, at (323)464-6559 or at
dgiugni@weho.org.

Notice is hereby given that the West Hollywood Planning Commission
will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

1. REQUEST:
Amendment to Title 19, West Hollywood Zoning Ordi-

nance, West Hollywood Municipal Code to clarify that
no net loss of housing provision apply within the R2
Zoning District, West Hollywood, California.

APPLICANT(S):

ZONE(S):

PHEHMIN(M):

LOCATION(S):

REQUEST:

ENVIRONMENTAL:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state of emergency, City Hall is cur-
rently closed. The staff report will be available on Thursday, February 11,

2021 on-line at www.weho.org

IF YOU CHALLENGE this item in court, you may be limited to raising only
those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in
this notice, or in the written correspondence delivered to the West Hollywood
Planning Commission, via the Planning & Development Services Depart-
ment at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

If you require special assistance to participate in this meeting (e.g., a signer for

the hearing impaired), you must call, or submit your request in writing to
the Office of the City Clerk at (323) 848-6491 at least 48 hours prior to the
meeting.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in said Public Hearing to
express their opinion in this matter.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE COMPUTER ACCESS AND WOULD LIKE Amailed COPY OF THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT, OR YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMA-

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Yvonne Quarker, City Clerk

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from county health was the number of
walls – ventilation is of the utmost
importance to county health,” Biery said.

Councilman Julius Gold was also
concerned about diners congregating
before the elements while eating their
coverings to protect the diners from
the elements, and added, “One of the
biggest concerns is that despite the
high cost of the tents there is empty
space sitting on the next to us. It’s very
important to not leave this important
tool unused.”

Nusr-Et is in somewhat of a Catch-22 situation, “We are
accepting the risk that they may or
may not receive health department approval. They won’t be able to
do any outdoor dining until that
health department approval has been
granted,” Biery said.

Despite the hurdles faced by Nusr-Et and the impact the city
and state have had on outdoor dining, another
dinners have been granted,” Biery said.

“While Spago will be able
to resume operations in its tent rela-
tively easily, Nusr-Et faces a more
difficult challenge. The steakhouse,
one of several restaurant partners in
city, areas where people wait for
their reservations. They congregate,
and it’s not good for them and we hear
about it a lot. We want to be
sure that we don’t create that some
there else,” Gold said.

The program uses a combina-
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Koretz and Steven Magnus, a
web developer and supporter of
city, said that despite the high cost of the tents
likely that the wearer will contract
the disease, even if exposed to an
infectious person.”

Study after study indicates that
any form of mask adoption by a
population can reduce transmission
of the virus and can effectively
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transmission areas have some sort of pilot program, to
further explore the impact of masks.

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### Across

1. Texas patriot Houston 69. ___ Miguel
2. DEA agent 70. Sushi offering
3. “Minute by Minute” brothers 71. Girk
4. Nuineu, ___ 72. D.C. setting
5. Big gatoros 1. To die for
6. “Red Dragon” star, first name 2. Paleness
15. Big galoots 4. “Me neither”
16. “Red Dragon” star, first name 5. Leap for Lipinski
17. Part of a price 6. Virtual’s opposite
18. Garber 7. House shower
19. Like all living organisms 8. Rots
20. Chef 21. ___mber
23. Confirmation, for one 22. Hiatus
24. Some floor votes 23. Reunion group
25. Rocket launcher 24. Not just any
34. Lindsay Lohan’s “manager” 26. ___meter
35. Penny who sang “Catch a Falling Star” 27. Reunion group
36. Perry who sang “Catch a Falling Star” 28. “... Gave Sunday”; 1999 film
37. Chef 29. Flat-screen TV choice
44. Air transport group (abbr) 30. Flat-screen TV choice
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55. A deadly sin 32. ___er
57. Gender 34. Lindsay Lohan’s “manager”
58. Chef 35. Beginning instruction in a subject
63. Illinois city symbolizing middle America 37. Officer, abbr.
65. Recline 39. Sticky beach problem
67. Art patron 41. Over and ___
68. Kind of bargain 42. Spoon bender Geller

### Down

1. To die for 43. Q followers
2. Paleness 44. Air transport group (abbr)
3. “Dark Places” star, Chloe Grace 45. Lowly hounds
4. “Me neither” 46. Region of Czech Republic
5. Leap for Lipinski 50. Like some heads
6. Virtual’s opposite 55. A deadly sin
7. House shower 57. Gender
8. Rots 58. Fountain order
9. Black Sea port 59. “Strength, Courage and wisdom” singer India
10. Hooting experts 60. Mouse-like rodent
11. Bundle 61. Bauhaus artist
12. Provoke 62. Word of despair
13. Hall-of-Famer Roush 63. Downing St. VIPs
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47. City with canals 18. Garber
48. Behind bars 19. Like all living organisms
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50. Like some heads 21. Vintage Olds
51. Ball game official (abbr.) 22. Hiatus
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