Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

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**BHUUSD Aims To Be Nation’s Most Secure School District**

By Laura Coleman

Come fall 2019, Beverly Hills Unified School District may well be the most advanced public school district in the nation when it comes to safety.

Following the hire of iXero last summer to create a comprehensive school safety and security plan to harden the campuses to intruders while protecting students within, the school district is slated to start the next school year with a state-of-the-art fusion center. The intelligence hub, which has yet to be named, will be modeled off the one at Disneyland.

While high-level threats are far and few between throughout the City, according to Beverly Hills Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli, increasing the level of safety is unequivocally positive.

“We’re very proactive. We want to make sure that when we receive threats we’re still in front of them,” she said.

BHUUSD will be the first district in the nation to have a fusion center of this type, which will be staffed 24 hours a day, ensuring that intelligence information is shared in real time.

In addition to hiring private armed security through Calabasas-based Nastec International, Inc. last year, bringing the total number of (see SAFETY page 20)

**Beverly Hills Resident Among 50 Named in College Admissions Scam**

By Victoria Talbot

Los Angeles awakened Tuesday morning to the shocking news of a nationwide college admissions conspiracy with dozens of individuals across the country involved in alleged cheating on college entrance exams, bribing athletic coaches, tax fraud and money laundering.

The scandal hit home when a prominent Beverly Hills resident was arrested.

Jane Buckingham, founder and President of a boutique marketing firm, was named along with dozens of individuals named in a scheme involving high-profile parents and their two children, Jack and Lila.

She is one of dozens of individuals named in a scheme to guarantee their high school (see ADMISSIONS SCM page 27)

**School Board Looks To Tackle ‘Bullying Epidemic’**

By Laura Coleman

As everyone knows, kids are no slouches when it comes to building themselves up at the expense of others. To that end, Beverly Hills Unified is looking to get a handle on the issue of bullying that continues to plague its schools.

In addition to launching two behavior programs designed to curb bullying, on Tuesday the Board of Education discussed creating a Behavior Modification Leadership Committee in order to more fully get a handle on the situation.

“I thought it might be worthwhile to discuss convening a committee that could leverage the resources of the community with the intention of supporting and assisting BHUSD in an ongoing effort to address the bullying epidemic in our community,” said board member Tristen Walker-Shuman.

Shuman, who previously served as a member of the district’s Future Focused Schools Committee, which ultimately provided a recommendation to the board to create a dedicated middle school, likened the creation of this new committee to the one she previously sat on.

The two new initiatives, spearheaded by Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Laura Chien, with the support of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation, are Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and the Olweus Anti-Bullying Program. (see BULLYING page 20)

**Four Years Later, City Plants Trees On Lot 13**

By Victoria Talbot

This week, residents were treated to a rare sight as 51 trees, most of them between 25-50 feet tall, were transported from the flats they arrived on by a massive crane, suspended momentarily above the ground awaiting placement.

The City of Beverly Hills is finally planting trees on the south side of Parcel 13.

It was spring 2017 when former Assistant Director of Public Works Trish Rhay presented a tree management plan to care for the 83 trees on the City’s 20-foot easement. The plan began with the care and maintenance of the trees, neglected over a 50-year span.

Since then, the City embarked on an aggressive campaign to bring the trees back to health and to fill in gaps in the canopies where trees had failed.

The property, owned by the Beverly Hills Land Company, constitutes approximately five acres, encompassing Lot 12 and Lot 13 (see LOT 13 page 16)

**TEAM BEVERLY HILLS GRADUATES** – Last week, members of the 23rd TEAM Beverly Hills celebrated their graduation from the City’s unique civic education program. Pictured: Mark Babl, Cynthia Baseman, Neal Baseman, Magali Bergher, Celina Borjorquez, Issac Boudaide, Susan Choueke, Judith Douglas, Arianna Escalante, Martin Frank, Jena Frankel, Jordan Friedberg, Douglas Galen, Jodi Galen, Denise Geller, Sabrina Gordon-Gilardian, David Hakimfar, Sheri Hirschfield, Louis Ignarro, Fori Kay, Barbara Linder, David Melamed, Alex Maltzman, Nick Melamed, Jennifer Okhovat, Jonah Okum, Mahin Rastegar, Jesus Rodriguez, Kelli Schatz, Amie Sherry, Dean Sherry, Sherry Spigel, Oreet Smith, Jonathan Swerdlow, Deborah Termeie, Archna Tuli, Srd Turkish, Stephanie Vahn, Cameron Weisfeld, Debbie Weiss and Alyson Wittner. This year had 41 graduates, the largest class ever. The six-month leadership and educational program provides a hands-on look at how local government works through nine class sessions and interactive experiences with all the City Departments. To learn more about Team Beverly Hills please visit www.beverlyhills.org/teambeverlyhills or call 310-285-1023. The next application period will be summer 2019.

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Get to know your neighbors and join your Neighborhood Watch.

To schedule a home security inspection please call: 310-288-2648.
For more crime prevention information please visit: www.beverlyhills.org/crime

PURPLE LINE EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT
Section 2 - N Canon Dr Closure

N Canon Dr will be closed at Wilshire Bl to maintain safe pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow for approximately two years to support Wilshire/Rodeo Station construction.

TRAFFIC ALERT
A cul-de-sac will be created on the north side of N Canon Dr at Wilshire Bl. The closure will also include replacing stop signs with a signalized intersection at N Crescent Dr and Clifton Way to accommodate traffic. An extensive feasibility study was conducted in advance of the closure.

START DATE
Anticipated April 2019. Construction is a dynamic process and is subject to change.

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DUI Collision In Beverly Hills Leaves Philanthropist Russell Grossman Dead

By Victoria Talbot

A collision involving a motorcyclist and an SUV left one person dead Sunday.

The accident occurred at approximately 2 p.m. when westbound motorcyclist Russell Grossman, 49, was struck by an eastbound SUV on North Santa Monica Boulevard at Hillcrest Road, said Capt. Mark Miner of the Beverly Hills Police Department.

The victim died at the scene.

Grossman was a graduate of Brentwood School, Tulane University and he earned an MBA from Pepperdine University.

Grossman was involved in several philanthropic organizations. He served on the Cedars-Sinai Board of Governors, the investment committee for American Jewish University, the Jewish Federation, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, the Eisner Pediatric and Family Center, the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute and the President’s Council at Tulane University.

He is survived by wife Davina and three children, Mikayla, Asher and Samara.

The suspect, Michael Kelman, 19, was charged with California VC 23153F, driving under the influence of a drug and Penal Code 191.5A, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Kelman is alleged to have made a left turn into the path of the motorcyclist and collided with the victim.

Police are waiting for toxicology results.

Kelman was released on $100,000 bail.

SLY FOX – Fox was purchased as a puppy eight years ago from a breeder. He is a 35-pound American Eskimo. His owners are moving, however, and are unable to take him with them. Fox is well-behaved and loves kids and other dogs and is available for adoption now, in search of his forever home. To learn more about Fox and how to adopt, visit www.shelterhopepetshop.org or call 805-379-3538.

Wolfgang’s Steakhouse Closes Its Doors, Making Way For Nate’n Al Move

By Matt Lopez

Wolfgang’s Steakhouse, which served its trademark steak, chops and seafood for more than a decade in Beverly Hills, quietly closed its doors on Canon Drive this week.

Wolfgang’s final night of service was Sunday. Wolfgang’s is expected to be replaced at the 443 N. Canon Dr. location by Nate’n Al Delicatessen, which is moving its operations from its longtime Beverly Drive spot one block over to Canon.

When reached for comment this week by the Eater LA website, representatives from Wolfgang’s said the restaurant was actively seeking out new locations in Beverly Hills and beyond, and said they “wish the new tenants the best.”

Wolfgang’s is expected to make an announcement about a new location sometime in the next few months.

The branchchild of owner Wolfgang Zwiener, Wolfgang’s Steakhouse first opened in midtown Manhattan, before Zwiener decided to open his Beverly Hills location in 2008, at the spot formerly occupied by tofu hotspot Umenohana.

Upcoming BHHS Book Salon To Feature Susan Orlean’s Latest: The Library Book

By Laura Coleman

There’s nothing quite like a good book and the power it holds to transport the reader to another realm.

Continuing a strong tradition of brilliant literary experiences, the upcoming Beverly Hills High School PTSA book salon on April 11 at 7 p.m. is set to explore the art of writing at its core with esteemed author Orlean on her latest work, The Library Book.

Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of a disastrous fire at the L.A. Public Library in 1986, award-winning New Yorker reporter and The New York Times best-selling author Orlean delivers a mesmerizing and uniquely compelling book that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before.

“There’s never been anything like The Library Book,” described esteemed BHHS English teacher Julie Goler, who will moderate the conversation. “The Library Book reads like a thriller. Who set the fire? Why? In this nonfiction book, librarians are superheroes and libraries are ports of solace and salvation.”

Goler highlighted how at the time of the fire, which burned for more than two hours and consumed 400,000 books and damaged almost twice that number, libraries were one of the only bastions of information. Back then, having the Internet at our fingertips was still decades in the future.

To purchase tickets for this riveting fundraiser, visit: https://bhhsptssalonlibrarybook.eventbrite.com.
South African Woman Is Newest Senior Forensic Specialist With Beverly Hills Police

By Victoria Talbot

Segalit Oz loves her work with the Beverly Hills Police Department.

“This is my American Dream. It’s afforded me such a life. It’s been nothing but good to me,” said Oz. She has just received a promotion to senior forensic specialist, a position she has worked towards for years.

Forensic specialists process evidence at crime scenes for latent prints and DNA, they collect and book evidence, perform complex chemical, physical, microscop- ic, and instrumental analyses of physical evidence and controlled substances. As a senior forensic specialist, she performs crime scene processing and provides expert testimony in court proceedings.

A South African native, Oz emigrated to the United States as a teenager on a student visa, joining her father and sister after high school. At UCLA, she studied geography and urban planning with a minor in cartography, and took a job with Thomas Bros. after graduating.

Then, in 1999, Oz decided she didn’t want to be in an office anymore. She took a job with the Beverly Hills Police Department.

“I loved the structure, the rules, law… she said. “I got to see how the system works, municipal codes and report writing… I started in records. It just got me in, working my way up.”

Three years later, Oz transferred to property and evidence, working closely with the Identification Bureau, or forensics.

The work gripped her. She enrolled at Rio Hondo College and, 12 years ago, received her Forensics Certification. “I love it,” she said. She waited five years for an opening, but she says, “I’m patient.”

Beverly Hills is a small agency, and for Oz, that translates (see ‘BHPD’ page 28).

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum To Present ‘What Did American Faith Communities Stand For?’

By Laura Coleman

In a nod to the power of the individual, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will explore the various responses of American faith communities during the Holocaust and how their leaders’ actions inspired others.

The upcoming lecture on Wednesday, March 20, “What Did American Faith Communities Stand For?” is part of the 10th annual Linda American Faith Communities Stand For? program, which has educated and inspired more than 43 million visitors, including nearly 100 heads of state. A permanent reminder on the Mall in Washington of what can occur when the world fails to take action, the museum inspires citizens and leaders alike to confront hate and indifference, end genocide and promote human dignity.

Panelists include: Suzanne Brown Fleming, the museum’s director of International Academic Programs; Stephen R. Haynes, professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College; and Jody Myers, professor of Religious Studies and director of the Jewish Studies Interdisciplinary Program at California State University, Northridge.

The discussion will be moderated by Dan Schnur, Jewish Journal columnist and professor of Political Communications and Leadership at USC.

The program, which will take place at Westwood United Methodist Church in Los Angeles at 7:30 p.m. is free and open to the public. Advance registration is required at ushmm.org/events/faith-la.

For more information, contact the museum at 310-556-3222 or email western@ushmm.org.

Correcting The Record

In last week’s article Behind The Business Of Bragging About BOLD, the Courier incorrectly stated that Robbie Anderson spoke on behalf of Bernard Arnault of LVMH and other landowners. Robbie spoke on his own behalf at the City Council Study Session on BOLD Summer 2019. The Courier apologizes for misstating his stance in the Courier. He does not represent LVMH.

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“We flew to London on British Airways with a 10-hour layover. John and I planned on visiting Michael and Shakira Caine,” informs Wendy Goldberg, who, with son John Mirisch, was heading to Jerusalem for the 33rd annual International Mayors Conference.

John will be installed to a third term as the mayor of Beverly Hills on March 20. His 12-year-old son Vincent, who speaks Polish, Swedish and is studying Mandarin, will perform the installation with mom Wendy holding the Bible.

In Israel, their first stop, Herzliya is the coastal resort proudly claiming to be the sister city of Beverly Hills. Herzliya remains the wealthiest community in the state. Lauded as the second to Tel Aviv for its business startups.

Arriving at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Jerusalem, they immediately visited the Western Wall. Among the world’s holiest sites where Jews are permitted to pray. A highly emotional moment for Wendy.

They toured the traditional route in the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion.

They later attended the opening ceremony dinner in the Jerusalem City Hall. Where Mayor Moshe Lion and long-time Israeli advocate Jack Rosen, (President of American Jewish Congress and Chairman on the American Council for World Jewry) along with wife Phyllis addressed the 30 visiting mayors from the U.S., Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia.

They discussed the behind-the-scenes of Israel’s next-generation technologies. And the way cities manage their water systems (let us remember that Israel is founded on a desert territory). To the way cities manage a crisis, thus fortifying cities like Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to be smarter and safer.

In Tel Aviv, Wendy and John were deeply affected during their walk through of Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center. Both were impressed with the technological advancements of the virtual reality tours. For instance, the horror of the concentration and death camps are precisely and realistically constructed, providing a terrifying authentic experience.

A poignant moment for Wendy was the museum’s latest edition of a three-dimensional holographic projection of an actual Holocaust survivor. “You experience stories first hand, and many asked the survivor questions that are chillingly informative and strike a universal chord today.”

They met with American Ambassador David Friedman and stopped at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Later they were pleased to find that every afternoon once a week the senior citizens gather for food, dancing and convivial conversations at the City Hall.

Wendy hails the Israeli youth for their loyalty. Both sexes join the military. They are raised to serve and protect, their focus in keeping Israel safe is their strength. The Israeli Air Force ranks among the best in the world.

Apropos of today’s Anti-Semitic headlines, Wendy reflects, “How did we get here? Enough is enough. Stop the hate. Who could imagine doing these things? A lot is still going on, have we learned nothing? We must educate our children about the Holocaust, so that it will never happen again.”

Online at www.bhcourier.com/category/george-christy

“Among the highlights of our visit to Israel was visiting the Wailing Wall,” says Wendy Goldberg who accompanied her son John Mirisch to the 33rd International Mayor’s Conference in Israel.

“Afterwards we visited the Masada a week ago. An ancient stone fortress, the Masada protected the citizenry.”

George Schlatter and wife Jolene joined the celebrities during the 50th-anniversary celebrations of George’s iconic series at the Dolby Theater.
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Jerry Jolton may be reached at 310-285-7503 or by visiting his website at JerryJolton.com.
Children's Author Patricia Rust Urges Kids To Put Down Their Phones And Explore, Learn And Grow

Patricia Rust has taped into a social phenomenon. She wants children to put down their Smart phones—and other electronic devices—and be kids.

Rust is the author of other children's books like Jackie the Angel (2018 and named after her mother) and the wildly popular The King of Skittledeedoo (1999), has now written Step Away from the Phone to help children disconnect, tap into their imaginations and seek out friendships with other children. She will take part in a reading and book signing at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 23 at Book Soup, 8818 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood.

Rust got the idea for her latest book when she was at a doctor's waiting room and noticed children texting and talking on their parents' phone. “There were no books, just children glued to their phones,” Rust says.

A long-time advocate for children's literacy through her nonprofit Power for Kids, Rust has been working and planning the book for several years and even gave early drafts to psychiatrists for review. Some told her they had treated children as young as 5 for cell-phone addiction.

“The response so far has been terrific and I think I've really taped into something," says Rust who has a Ph.D. in child psychology. Rust's goal of the book is to transport children to other places and impart magic into their imaginations.” The book begins with a boy riding his bike and encouraging friends to “stop texting and come over and play.” What follows is a series of adventures where readers chase rainbows, swim with turtles, and create with friends. Each page also includes a vocabulary word brought to life through the whimsical illustrations by local artist Aiden Khuiphum.

“I tried to think of wacky and fun things kids would do to tap into their creativity, other than looking at a screen,” says Rust. So for “listen,” children dance to an animal band and for “big” they enjoy giant cupcakes.

Rust has even thrown in some earth-friendly messages, so for “care” children plant a tree and for “grow” they plant a seed.

Rust, who has written for several Emmy-winning TV shows, and Disney TV and features, is currently finishing Head Over Heels, a screenplay about her Beverly Hills' born-and-bred Mother Jackie Knox Rust, and her life before WWII broke out. Jackie was a classmate of Betty White at BHHS and went on to serve as president and program chair of the Beverly Hills Women Club, where Rust is now an active member.

Rust's books are available on Amazon.

—Steve Simmons
4th Annual Masters Of Taste Featuring L.A.’s Top Tastemakers Set For April 7th

By Laura Coleman

Enjoy the culinary side of life at the upcoming 4th annual "Masters of Taste," L.A.’s premier outdoor, luxury food and beverage festival. Set for Sunday, April 7, from 3-7 p.m. on the field of the iconic Pasadena Rose Bowl, the event promises to be a celebration of food, fun and new experiences.

More than 2,500 food and beverage enthusiasts are expected to attend the afternoon festival, which will feature fare from over 95 culinary masters and restaurants, in addition to an array of delectable sweets, handcrafted cocktail tastings, select wineries, local craft breweries, cold-pressed juices, cold brew coffee, live entertainment and more.

Chef Michael Hung will serve as this year’s host chef. Hung’s career includes stints at San Francisco’s Jardinière and overseeing the kitchen at Roland Passot’s Michelin-starred La Folie, before he moved down to L.A. to open Faith & Flower. He later opened Viviane in the Avalon Hotel.

"Cooking and serving people on the field of the Rose Bowl could be a once-in-a-lifetime dream, but I have been lucky enough to get to do it for the past two years, and this year, the honor to be able to formally host the event," Hung said. "And, while the festivities are amazing, what is most impressive is that Masters of Taste donates 100 percent of proceeds from this event to Union Station Homeless Services each year."

In the last three years Masters of Taste has raised over $1.5 Million in support of Union Station’s life-saving programs. Tickets are only available for guests 21 and over. For more information, visit MastersofTasteLA.com/Tickets.
Judge Orders Hadid To Tear Down Parts Of 901 Strada Vecchia Megamansion

By Matt Lopez

A Los Angeles Superior Court judge has ordered demolition of developer Mohamed Hadid’s monstrous megamansion at 901 Strada Vecchia in Bel Air, dubbed the Starship Enterprise by neighbors.

Judge Craig Karlan demanded that the illegal third floor of the more than 30,000-square-foot megamansion must come down within the next two months. Additionally, the megamansion’s massive pool deck – which was constructed without permit – must be removed by September 15, 2019.

Karlan was taking no chances with any issues that might arise to delay the teardowns. He ordered that L.A. city inspectors will make two unannounced visits to the site each weekday, and once on Saturday’s, in an effort to make sure the demolition is being carried out in a safe and timely manner.

Hadid will foot the bill for those inspections.

Additionally, a “Certified Safety Monitor” is required to be on site for any demolition work, which is to be carried out by a licensed contractor.

The order to tear down the unpermitted work came after six court hearings that were held in an effort to reach a resolution for concerned neighbors who feared that given that large portions of the home were constructed illegally, it posed a threat to the hillside.

No explosives or bulldozers will be allowed in the demolition, and a five-foot high chain-link fence lined with plywood will be erected before the pool deck is removed.

The illegally-built third story must be torn down by May 15, said Karlan, and demolition of the pool deck is to start no later than April 15, with a September 15 finish date.

After the hearing, Hadid told British tabloid Daily Mail that he would adhere to Judge Karlan’s orders, but attempted to leave some wiggle room open on timing, telling the paper that with “the heavy rain we’ve been having in LA, that could delay the demolition work and we may have to go back to the judge to ask for an extension.”

Hadid claims that once demolition is complete, he plans to replace the illegal pool deck with a smaller deck and swimming pool.

Report: United States New Home Sales Slow In January

Sales of new US homes in January unexpectedly fell to their slowest pace in three months while prices edged downward, the government reported Thursday.

But the slowdown followed a major upward revision to December in the erratic data, suggesting consumer demand remained healthy, according to the Commerce Department.

Sales of new single-family homes fell a steep 6.9 percent to an annual rate of 607,000 units, the slowest pace since October, below what economists had been expecting.

The result in the data, which had been delayed due to the five-week December-January government shutdown, put the first month of the year 4.1 percent below January of 2018.

Officials also warn housing numbers, which fell well within broad margins of error, are subject to major revisions and clear trends may not emerge for six months.

With interest rates falling and supplies rising, a pickup beginning in late 2018 could reverse last year’s decline, which had caused analysts to worry growth in the U.S. economy had peaked.

But gains in construction and a recent decline in mortgage rates have helped ease some pressures on the market.

Inventories fell marginally to 336,000 homes on the market in January, representing a supply of 6.6 months at the current sales pace, up 4.8 percent.

Median prices fell 0.6 percent to $317,200, while the average price was essentially unchanged at $373,100.

Ian Shepherdson of Pantheon Macroeconomics said the January dip could be ignored.
THE MARKETPLACE
BY
MICHAEL J. LIBOW

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School Of Gymnastics Sets Open House, Spring & Summer Programs

The L.A. School of Gymnastics (LAGS) will open its doors, from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 7 for the school’s annual Summer Camp Open House.

The free event will allow visitors to tour the facility, meet the safety-certified instructors, sample camp activities, win freebies and even meet and greet members of the USA National Team who will perform onsite.

The 2019 Spring Camp program will run March 18-April 19.

The 2019 12-week summer camp program, which will run from June 5-Aug. 25, is the perfect answer for children’s need for structured activities during those long summer months.

Participants can sign up for day sessions, 9 a.m.-noon for half day and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for full day, full weeks, extended hours for working families, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., or even take advantage of customized scheduling.

The camps, organized in Kiddie Camp for children starting at 18 months, Day Camp and Teen Camp, with an 8-to-1 student-teacher ratio, are open for children of all skill levels and include daily gymnastics, martial arts, crafts and a hot lunch available for purchase.

At the summer camps, attendees have an optional swim day with a splash pool available for non-swimmers.

A rhythmic gymnastics camp, for girls of all ages, led by guest trainers from the Russian national team, will be available for girls of all ages.

“This is a unique opportunity to receive a high-quality summer camp experience,” said Tanya Berenson, the school general manager.

At LAGS we recognize we have a responsibility to continue to promote health and wellness to the community, especially the children,” explains Alla Svirsky, the school director.

Instructors follow rigorous safety guidelines for training and are OSHA and infant CPR certified after thorough background checks.

As the largest gymnastics facility in California, campers can use three 3,000-foot spring tumbling floors, full-size trampolines, multiple beam bar stations, spotting belts and the foam filled pit to guarantee their endless energy can be directed somewhere else other than the computer screen.

Besides gymnastics, some of the camp activities include hip-hop with world-renowned dance instructors from UCLA, yoga, swimming and rock-climbing.

Nowadays children find enjoyment through tablets, cell phones and video games. Here at LAGS we will redirect their enjoyment towards foam-filled pits and trampolines,” continues Berenson.

“Whether your child is interested in gymnastics for fun, recreation or has high ambitions in the sport, we provide an educational, healthy, safe and professional environment for the kids,” Berenson says.

About Los Angeles School of Gymnastics

Named by Los Angeles Magazine as the “best gymnastics center in L.A.” the LAGS is a nonprofit Olympic-quality gymnastics training center. It is considered among the top facilities in the country, which has been training L.A. youth since 1975.

Led by Alla Svirsky, LAGS has produced several Olympians and internationally-ranked athletes.

For camp information visit www.lagymnastics.com. To reach the corporate offices for the school, call 310-204-1980 or email info@lagymnastics.com.

Beverly Hills Community Services Spring Class Registration is Open

By Victoria Talbot

With spring comes another season with hundreds of classes offered from babies to senior-level through the Beverly Hills Community Services Department. Classes will begin soon; registration is open.

Find the one that fits among the many classes, activities and programs offered through the City.

Spring is the perfect time to get in shape for the summer. The City offers everything from Baby Boot Camp to Tai Chi, Pilates to Zumba. The City also offers extensive Aquatics classes for every age. For more information visit www.beverlyhills.org/bhrec.

For teens, the action is leadership and volunteering, activities that will look good on those college applications. For youths (5-14 years old) there is everything from tutoring to gardening, Etiquette & Social Skills or Advanced Cheerleading.

The Community Services Department is dedicated to helping residents to be healthy and fit and offering classes that offer something for everyone.

Visit www.beverlyhills.org/bhrec to see the online catalogue and register. Classes are filling up fast, so enroll soon.
Dr. Sarah Shulkind Chosen To Lead Milken Community Schools

After an extensive search, the Board of Trustees of Milken Community Schools has announced the appointment of Dr. Sarah Shulkind as the incoming Head of School effective July 1.

Dr. Shulkind will join Milken Community Schools after a highly successful, seven-year tenure as the Head of School at Sinai Akiba Academy.

Under Dr. Shulkind’s leadership, Sinai Akiba grew its endowment fund substantially, and Dr. Shulkind was successful in attracting gifts for both programs and capital projects.

She also promoted several important educational initiatives. She greatly expanded their J-STEAM and early childhood programs and introduced design thinking as well as differentiation particularly focused on advanced learners.

Dr. Shulkind earned her undergraduate degree in English and History at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. She went on to earn an M.Ed. in Teaching and Curriculum from Harvard University, and the Ed.D. degree in the Educational Leadership Program from UCLA.

Lise Applebaum, chair of the Milken Board of Trustees noted that, “All those involved in the search process were extremely impressed by Dr. Shulkind’s broad experience in educational leadership, including having previously served right here at Milken Community Schools as our Middle School principal. The Board of Trustees was also very impressed by her profound understanding of current trends in private school education.”

Dr. Shulkind will succeed Dr. Robert Wexler who is currently serving as the Interim Head of School for the 2018-2019 academic year.

The Method Fest 2019 Lineup Draws Attention to Homelessness And Immigration And LGBT Issues, To Honor Edward And Michael Olmos

The 2019 Method Fest Independent Film Festival has announced its full feature film lineup for this year’s festival at Laemmle’s Ahrya Fine Arts Theatre, 8556 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills, Friday through Thursday, March 22-28.

The program will showcase story-driven U.S. and International feature films that tackle current topics including homelessness, immigration and LGBT issues. The festival will feature seven world premieres, seven L.A. premieres, and two U.S. premieres.

- Stockholm, a psychological thriller starring Ethan Hawke and Noomi Rapace, will be the opening night film of the festival.
- In the film lineup, Max Carlson’s Princess of the Row shines a light on homeless youth in Los Angeles, with an all-star cast including Martin Sheen, Edi Gathegi, Tayler Buck and Ana Ortiz.
- Another film tackling social issues is Darko Stante’s Consequences, which presents a look into the life of a boy struggling with his sexuality.
- Additionally, the festival will host the L.A. premieres of Michael and Thomas Mathews’ Slamdance hit Lost Holiday and Meryem Benn’Barek-Aloïsi’s award winning Sophia.
- The festival’s closing night feature will be Windows on the World.

URBAN L.A. DRAMA — The Princess of the Row, starring Tayler Buck and Edi Gathegi, about homeless youth, will screen at The Method Fest.

World, a family-driven film, tackling issues of immigration in which a Mexican son travels to NYC post 9/11 to find his father, a worker at the Windows on the World Trade Center.

Directed by Michael D. Olmos, the film features a performance by Michael’s father, actor Edward James Olmos.

Before the screening, Edward and Michael Olmos will receive the festival’s Generations of Cinematic Excellence Award.

- Other highlights include Matthew A. Brown’s Bronx crime drama Albanian Gangster, Brad T. Gottfred’s college thriller Confessional, William Wayne’s Lost Angelas starring Korrina Rico, Duncan Coe and Elena Weinberg’s A Room Full of Nothing, Josh Lobo’s Tapped the Devil, Renji Philip’s drama The Wake of Light and Liz Manashil’s time-travel film Speed of Life.

“The Method Fest takes great pride in being a discovery festival, looking to help launch the works of fresh filmmakers and to discover breakthrough performances by bold new actors,” said Don Franken, executive director of The Method Fest in an official statement. “At The Method Fest, we have helped launch 140 films that have gone on to get distribution.”

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Visit the website, www.methodfest.com for a complete schedule of screenings, and to purchase tickets for screenings and galas.

Venues

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11th The Method Fest Independent Film Festival
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FAMILY AFFAIR — Actor Edward James Olmos, (left) working with his son, director Michael D. Olmos, on Windows on the World, which will have its L.A. premiere at The Method Fest. The pair will receive the festival’s Generations of Cinematic Excellence Award. The film tackles issues of immigration in the story about a Mexican son who travels to NYC post 9/11 to find his father, a worker at the Windows on the World restaurant atop the World Trade Center.

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Thriller *Stockholm*, Crime-Drama Albanian Gangster Star At The Method Fest

**TOUGH GUY**—The Bronx crime thriller Albanian Gangster will get its world premiere at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 25 at The Method Fest at Laemmle’s Ahrya Fine Arts, 8556 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills. The film introduces John Rezaj (above) in the title role of Leon, a real-life tough guy who after making a couple of movies, now wants to pursue a career as an actor. The film’s director Matthew A. Brown did months of research, diving deep and spending many long nights in the Albanian neighborhoods of Throgg’s Neck and Morris Park in the Bronx and Astoria, Queens. “I knew if I was going to tell a truly authentic story about this virtually impenetrable community — at least mostly impenetrable to even the FBI — I decided our mission was to grant viewers a unique and fresh take on the gangster genre. I therefore had to get to know the actual guys, the way they live, breathe, move.” After immersing himself in the pockets of NYC where Albanians have put down roots over the years, Brown met a man who at first introduced himself as a real estate agent, but then later revealed that the real estate business was just a front and he was actually a bookie working for a known criminal organization. Trusting the filmmaker more and more, he told Brown of another guy, a major guy in the Albanian mafia world, and offered to set a meeting, saying that if this guy wanted, he could help, but after that it was all on Brown to follow through. The meeting went better than Brown could’ve imagined. “This guy told me he has the right guy for me and what I was looking to do. So, after layer upon layer, I was introduced to John Rezaj.” Brown just drove across the country from New York, followed closely by his wife Ashley Williams (who plays Leon’s love interest in the film) and their two children. Having chosen The Method Fest a months ago for the launch of the film, the family is now putting down permanent roots in L.A.

**STOCKHOLM SYNDROME**—Ethan Hawke stars as Kaj Hansson in *Stockholm*, based on the true story of the 1973 bank heist and hostage crisis in Stockholm. The film will be the opening night film of The Method Fest Independent Film Festival, at 7 p.m. at Laemmle’s Ahrya Fine Arts Theatre in Beverly Hills. Launched in 1999 at the Laemmle Playhouse in Pasadena, The Method Fest has showcased and honored the work of such iconic actors, directors and casting directors as Bruce Dern, Naomi Watts, Bill Paxton, Frances Fisher, Dennis Hopper, Christopher Plummer, Lily Holleman, Melissa Leo, Richard Jenkins, Jeff Bridges, Beau Bridges, Michael Madsen, Julie Harris, Ruby Dee, Kevin Pollak, David Carradine, Martin Landau, Crispin Glover; Martha Coolidge, Chazz Palminteri, Ronnie Yeskel, Peter Falk, Lainie Kazan, Diane Ladd, Henry Jaglom, Mark Rydell, Agnieszka Holland, Rod Steiger, Mali Finn, James Earl Jones, Karen Black and Maximilian Schell. After 12 years, festival co-founder Don Franken took a leave of absence to produce such films as The Kid:Chamaco starring Martin Sheen.
Transplant At Children’s Hospital Los Angeles Turns A Baby’s Heart Around—Literally

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) recently performed its first dextrocardia heart transplant. The child, known as Baby Ruben, was born with dextrocardia and complex heart defects. Dextrocardia is a syndrome—including a single ventricle and discontinuous pulmonary arteries, along with other defects. The child received a heart transplant at CHLA at 2 years of age.

Before the surgery, Ruben Corona’s pre-operative heart, was sitting backwards in his chest, pointing toward the right side of the chest instead of the left.

CHLA cardiothoracic surgeons performed a Glenn procedure (the second of three Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome palliative surgeries). In the new, transplanted heart—the misplaced blood vessels have been rearranged to accommodate the normal donor’s heart.

An animated graphic illustrating the “before and after” of the surgery may be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFLssyxaeZ&Action=share.

“I tell my trainees all the time, ‘You don’t get to complain about complex anatomy,’” says Dr. Cynthia Herrington, surgical director of the Heart Transplant Program at CHLA. “Because that’s what we do. This is what we thrive on here.”

“It was all doable,” says Dr. Herrington, who had performed one other dextrocardia transplant earlier in her career. “We just took the steps and worked through it.”

Dr. Sarah Badran, one of Ruben’s CHLA cardiologists, watched much of the surgery and describes it differently. “It was a massive reconstruction from head to toe to accommodate the normal donor’s heart.”

“She brought the liver and inferior vena cava veins over, the amount of extensions she had to use to make things connect and not be twisted—it was amazing. I don’t know of a lot of surgeons who could have done that, Badran added.”

Providence St. Joseph Health, Cedars-Sinai Expand Healthcare In The San Fernando Valley

Two of Southern California’s leading nonprofit healthcare organizations have agreed to create a joint venture that will own and operate Providence Tarzana Medical Center.

Providence St. Joseph Health and Cedars-Sinai are coming together to enhance access to highly skilled medical care, specialized services and advanced health programs for the Tarzana community.

The new name will be Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center. Providence will retain control of the medical center, which will retain its Catholic identity while respecting the diversity of all faiths. Cedars-Sinai will jointly continue the build-out and redevelopment of the Tarzana campus, including a new hospital tower with all private rooms, an expanded Emergency Department, adult and pediatric inpatient and outpatient care, and enhanced outpatient and ambulatory services already under development. The hospital is set for completion in 2022.

This unique partnership brings together two mission-focused organizations that will work together to build the hospital of the future on the Providence Tarzana campus and provide high-quality care close to home,” said Erik G. Wexler, chief executive, Providence St. Joseph Health Southern California.

The joint venture will expand primary and specialty care services throughout the Providence Tarzana campus as well as enhance other programs, including heart, cancer and women’s services.

For particular services, such as those serving transplant patients, the partnership will provide a continuum of care that ensures access to high-quality care during every phase of the healing process.

“By 2022, the greater San Fernando Valley community will see the completion of a best-in-class medical center campus,” said Dale Surowitz, chief executive of Providence Tarzana Medical Center. “This is an exciting time as we usher in a new era in healthcare for the communities we serve.”

Through the joint venture, Providence and Cedars-Sinai will both continue to operate as separate, independent healthcare organizations.

Providence Saint John’s Sets Forums On Heart Health, Stroke

Providence Saint John’s Health Center will hold free educational forums on stroke and heart health and stroke and stroke from 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 26 and from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 27 at the Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.

The leading causes of disability and death in the U.S. are cardiovascular disease and stroke, affecting more than 3 million people and remain the No. 1 cause of death in the U.S. The good news is that with increased knowledge and commitment to positive change, it may be possible to modify people’s risk for cardiovascular disease, enhance their health and extend their life. Providing the clinic’s Irma Tarpley, interventional neurologist and medical director of the Stroke Center at PSJHC, speaking about clot-causing strokes and who is at risk.

Dr. Raymond C. Lee, medical director of cardio surgery, PSJHC and assistant professor of clinical surgery, division of cardiothoracic surgery, USC’s Keck School of Medicine, discussing how technology is making a difference in heart valve disease and heart failure treatment.

On Wednesday, Dr. Richard F. Wright, cardiologist with The Pacific Heart Institute, a Saint John’s Physician Partners Medical Group, explaining how the healthy heart works, heart failure and how it is managed.

Dr. Serena  A. van der Zee, a cardiovascular radiologist with The Pacific Heart Institute, discussing new technology and heart rhythm abnormalities including atrial fibrillation.

Dr. Lee will “repeat” the Tuesday technology and heart disease lecture and Dr. Tarpley will speak about cerebral aneurysms and hemorrhagic stroke.

Each panel will conclude with a Q&A session. To make the required reservations, call 310-829-8453.
The weekly update of local and SoCal events.

Temple Of The Arts Sets ‘Rally To Condemn Anti-Semitic Racism

In response to recent anti-Semitic acts and racism, Rabbi David Baron, founder of the Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts at the Saban Theatre, will lead a “Rally to Condemn Anti-Semitism and Racism,” as part of a Shared Heritage of Freedom Shabbat Service at 8 p.m., today at the temple, 444 S. La Reina St.

Service participants also include Cantor Illysia J. Pierce, Music Director Sharon Farber, the B’nai Mitzvah Choir, and two choirs from the Leading Edge Choral Ensembles. The worship service will be followed by an interfaith conversation at the temple.

The event is free and open to the public for more information, visit www.bhjudaist.org.

Members of Rex & Friends joined by a live band and CRE Outreach guests including Coco Head, Kenny Lee, Matthew Saracho and Rio “Soulshocka” Willms.

Tickets are $20 and available at https://www.bluedoor-culver.com/rex-friends-unplugged or at the door if seating remains.

For more information visit https://creoutreach.org

Beverly Hills resident and jazz singer Debbie Joyce will present Debbie Joyce Sings Nancy... Never Let Me Go from 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 at Pips on LaBrea, 11356 La Brea Ave., L.A.

Joyce is the niece of the late song stylist Nancy Wilson, known for such hits as (You Don’t Know) How Glad I Am, Can’t Get It Out of My Head and Save Your Love For Me.

Joyce, who for many years was featured at the Monterey Jazz Festival, will be accompanied by the Tony Campondico Trio, with Campondico on keyboards, Paul Borrin on bass and Jon Stuart on drums.

For more information, visit http://pipsonlabrea.com/live_music_cal.html

The sixth annual Mariachi Women’s Festival will begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 30 at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, 320 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel.

Presented by Leonor Xochitl Perez, the event will feature Grammy-winning Mariachi Divas, Grupo Bella, Catherine John from San Francisco’s Mariachi Femenil Orgullo Mexicano, London’s Las Guadalupes UK and a special guest from Dublin, Ireland, Ballet Folklorico de Los Angeles as the featured dancers.

An outdoor pre-concert at Playhouse Plaza launches the festival at 5:30 p.m. showcasing mariachi women and girls from the community. A mini Mercado will provide food, arts and crafts throughout the festival.

Tickets, starting at $25, are available by calling 800-745-3000 or at the box office one hour prior to the performance.

For more information, visit https://missionplayhouse.org/e ve n ts/mariachi_women’s_festival.html
Following her introduction by Angelica Houston, Bundchen echoed Streisand's passion, further urging everyone in the room to find ways to use our unique gifts and collaborate with each other to keep this magical planet racing, so future generations can continue thriving and enjoying it.

Richie Akiva and 10AK hosted an after party following the evening's spectacular events.

Children’s Burn Foundation—Honored during the 24th annual “Giving New Hope Benefit” at The Beverly Hilton and honored Wendy Wachtell and Bob Graziano with the Giving New Hope Award and The L.A. Troupe with the Spirit of Humanity Award.

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Our foundation bestows these awards to leaders within our community who have given young people hope for a better future,” stated Kathy Toppino, trustees’ chair.

The L.A. Troupe, starring Koni McCurdy and Nicholas Dalton-Pawle, received its honor for its partnership with the foundation aimed at bringing theatrical fire prevention and burn safety education to schools and communities. So far more than 1 million students have been educated by its interactive shows.

The event was hosted by Ellen Danna, benefit chair along with dinner co-chairs Esther and Tom Wachtell and Carol and Doug Mancino. More than $15 million has been raised since 1996 for state-of-the-art medical treatment for children who have suffered severe burn injuries, as well as fire safety and burn prevention programs for children and families.

KNBC's Fritz Coleman was the emcee while Kechi Okwuchi,烧 survivor and finalist of American Idol, performed. In Feb. 2017, the robot’s creator—an Italian artist known as “Norma Jean”– lost all contact and communication with “ShyBot.” Some thought the art robot was “bot-napped,” but in July 2018, an off-road vehicle was found in a desert with “ShyBot” and, via a code on its body, it was able to find and return its remote. The exhibition is meant to combine the installation with the evening’s inspiring video created by filmmaker Natalie Toppino and narrated by veteran Sam Elliott.

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Beverly Hills High has been active in providing security measures for the school district. The school district has installed cameras in various locations, including from smart phones. As of now, there are roughly 100 functional cameras inside Horace Mann, providing visual intel into virtually every crevice of the campus, excluding inside classrooms and bathrooms. In addition to BHPD, top administrators and principals have access to the cameras, including from smart phones.

Hertz said that each of the other schools in the district

will eventually be on par with Beverly Hills next year, with the goal of having a few dozen operational CCTV’s inside Horace Mann by the beginning of fall 2019.

In addition to providing direct feeds for various individuals, the fusion center will be able to actively monitor the cameras.

“They’re not there for discipline,” Hertz emphasized. “They’re built for law enforcement.”

Through the Joint Powers Agreement, the City helps the district maintain and operate the cameras.

Additionally, the school district just rolled out Share911, an internal communications system that allows people within a building to stay in touch with each other during a crisis.

“This tool allows any person in that building or on that channel to check in and give updates during the crisis,” Hertz described, underscoring how useful it could be in a lockdown situation. “Everybody would know instantly in that situation that there’s a dangerous situation and to take shelter.”

“Combined with cameras, it’s a real game changer,” he said Executive Chairman, MikeAbram. “We believe in the safe and sound growth of our financial institution, while always providing the best possible service and value to our clients and shareholders.”

Partners Bank opens its Beverly Hills Branch

By Matt Lopez

Partners Bank of California this week opened a Beverly Hills branch at 8484 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 520.

The new Beverly Hills branch offers full-service business and private banking, as well as the bank’s full array of commercial lending solutions to clients in the Los Angeles area.

“We’re thrilled about how this expansion means to our bank and most importantly to our clients in Los Angeles,” said Executive Chairman, Mike Abram. “We believe in the safe and sound growth of our financial institution, while always providing the best possible service and value to our clients and shareholders.”

Partners Bank’s Beverly Hills location is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Headquarters in Viejo, Partners Bank had $257 million in total assets as of December 31, 2018.

BULLYING

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Last year, she estimates the Identification Bureau produced 50 identifications with DNA.

“We’re doing all aspects, we get to testify in court to complete all the stages of an investigation,” she said. “We are an independent department and we work closely with detectives.”

Detectives handle the cases, they arrest suspects, subpoenae are sent out. “We represent Beverly Hills in court.”

Sometimes, however, subpoenas do not go out. “A lot of times, a D.A. (District Attorney) will say, ‘We’re working so hard, day in and day out but so are the burglars.’”

Forensics specialists are not sworn police officers. They represent one of the many Departments that are staffed by dedicated civil servants, employees vital to the BHPD.

Non-sworn staff include Property and Evidence, Ditch, Jailer, Traffic Control, Traffic Specialists and Records, all fundamental to the functioning of the Department.

“Nothing is better than staying as a non-sworn civilian. We are just as important; the goal is teamwork. All of us share that goal – to solve crime and to keep Beverly Hills safe. We’re definitely there for the community.”

The job has an emotional component, Oz admits.

“I’m a nice Jewish girl. I’m working with death,” she said. “You can never forget traffic accidents. We align ourselves with the victims. With suicide and all tragedies, we have to process that information and find them. You feel their pain... We work for the victim. It definitely affects us.”

Oz, 12 years under the new Chief Sandra Spagnoli, the Department underwent a reorganization. For Oz, it was great. “It made everyone accountable for our jobs... For a residential burglary, at least two of us are going out [to crime scenes] now... This Chief has brought structure.”

Chief Spagnoli, she said, provides the Identification Bureau with whatever equipment they need so they can do their jobs.

“Oz is sure that soon, technology will be so good that Forensics could be able to profile DNA at the scene. ‘Databases are getting bigger, cross-referencing each other. Beverly Hills is staying on top of that, staying five years ahead. The Chief provides all the equipment and tools we need and she’s putting the right people in the right places.”

‘When the Courier spoke to her, Oz was getting additional training, something she says the Chief promotes.”

“We go to all the trainings and conferences. She really pushes for the training.”

Oz has reached the top of her profession, and she loves working at the Department. “Is it a big responsibility? Yes, that is one of the challenges. Human emotions... It’s not CSI. Its more complicated. There are real feelings, real life. But there is nothing better.”
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**MATH MYSTERY**

BY ADAM FROMM / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Adam Fromm lives in Providence, R.I. He works for a pharmaceutical company and moonlights as a singer-songwriter.

This puzzle is a throwback to his college days when he briefly majored in math — before switching to literature. He prefers subjects that "don't require the right answer, only a reasonable one." This is his fifth puzzle for The Times — W.B.

**ACROSS**

1. Get along (22)

2. New York’s largest parkway, with “the” (22)

15. Exude (22)

19. Exodus figure (22)

20. Well turned (22)


22. I, s.a.

24. Act II of “La Bohème” (22)

25. Vodka in a blue bottle (22)

26. Test for college entrance (22)

27. Instrument that represents the duck in “Peter and the Wolf” (22)

28. Lacrosse technique (22)

29. The Caribbean’s... (22)

33. Put at stake (22)

36. Police group with an assignment (22)

39. Mystery Writer of the America trophy (22)

40. ‘x’ + ‘y’ (22)

42. Certain red alga (22)

44. Mollusk mirth (22)

46. Fishmonger, at times (22)

47. (A or B) + C/7? (22)

50. Postwar German sobriquet (22)

54. Abbé on a phone dial (22)

57. Brent friend (22)

**DOWNS**

56. Single hair on a carpet, maybe (22)

59. Theresa May, for one (22)

60. “Likewise” (22)

62. Only places to find antistress in the U.S. (22)

63. Cablebox (22)

65. On point (22)

67. V166 (22)

71. Dawn goddess (22)

72. Blank section at the start of a cigarette (22)

74. Drop acid (22)

76.aren’t (22)

78. Beautiful spot (22)

80. Director Caro (22)

83. Free ad-plc. publication (22)

84. 80s X (22)

85. Spanish-speaking Muppet on “Sesame Street” (22)

87. A short while? (22)

88. Fictional Mr. (22)

92. Keep calm (22)

94. Quicksilver, par ex. (22)

96. Dermatologist’s concern (22)

97. Fashionable set (22)

98. Angular measurement (22)

101. Voting to radioactive element No. 52 (22)

103. Wrist ornament (22)

105. Booking for a wedding announcement (22)

106. Drop to zero battery (22)

111. Curse word (22)

115. Fishmonger, at times (22)

117. First female singer to have three simultaneous solo No.1s (22)

119. Elven’s middle name (22)

121. Guitar inlay material (22)

122. Sailor of Fennec Boreas (22)

124. Gas brand with an oval logo (22)

125. Pitched low (22)

126. Attempted something (22)

127. Opening an apology (22)

128. Taping haircut (22)

129. Nonmoving part of a motor (22)

130. Blanket “Li’l Abner” creature (22)

131. Painter whose workmaster is said to be the foremost Chapel frescoist (22)

132. Earth Science sub. (22)

134. The... Road in America (Nebraska’s Highway 30) (22)

135. Wynken, Blynken and Nod, e.g. (22)

136. Things that are warned not to be eaten (22)

137. Letters sometimes followed by D (22)

138. Handlebar (22)

139. Soldier food, for short (22)

140. Throw in the microwave, slamming (22)

141. R&B group with the TV theme No.1 hit “I Like the Way” (22)

142. Shy, in Portuguese (22)

143. Father-and-daughter boxing champs (22)

144. Pleon (22)

145. Mythical ball, e.g. (22)

146. Knock of despair (22)

147. Quakers (22)

148. Fictional Mr. (22)

149. Old-fashioned cry of despair (22)

150. Part of T.G.L.F.: Abbé (22)

151. W.W.II rationing A.P.? (22)
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students’ admission to prestigious universities. Buckingham is accused of paying $50,000 for an ACT proctor to take the test for her son Jack.

Others have paid to have athletic profiles created to ensure that their children would gain admission as athletes in sports they never played.

In a statement, Jack Buckingham told The Hollywood Reporter, “I have been advised not to speak on the matter at hand but what I will say is this, I know there are millions of kids out there both wealthy and less fortunate who grind their ass off just to have a shot at the college of their dreams. I am upset that I was unknowingly involved in a large scheme that helps give kids who may not work as hard as others an advantage over those who do. To say I am upset is an understatement.”

For that I am sorry though I know my word does not mean much to many people as I am not doing it for fame or money and wealth being such a heavy factor in college admissions. Instead, I hope colleges and universities will consider an applicant’s character, intellect, and other qualities over everything else; it was probably not a smart idea to say anything but I needed to get that off my chest.

Jane Buckingham is alleged to have had plans to do the same for her daughter, Lila. Buckingham, a student at Harvard University, has also been involved in a social media influencer with 1.4 million followers on Instagram. An actress, she has also appeared on film and will appear in the upcoming film Spring Breakaway.

Hoping recently turned her settings to “private”. She did tweet, “hello beautiful people. thank u for your support. i love u all”.

The Buckingham arrest is the result of an FBI investigation labeled, “Operation Varsity Blues.”

William “Rick” Singer, 58, a Newport Beach resident, was charged with racketeering conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy, and theft of federal government funds.

Singer was one of three cooperating witnesses (CW-2). This scene you’re a part of today is Monday.

For the ACT – SAT scam, Singer will send his students to two specific test centers in a Washington, D.C., suburb and a Los Angeles school. He also spoke of his former college counseling and preparatory business. He served as the head sailing coach of Stanford University, John Vandemoer, was charged in an information with racketeering conspiracy and is expected to plead guilty. The former head women’s soccer coach at Yale University Rudolph Meredith Jr., was charged in an Information with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and honest services wire fraud as well as honest services wire fraud.

David Sidoo of Vancouver, Canada, was charged in an indictment with conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. Sidoo was arrested on March 8 in San Jose, CA, and appeared in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California Tuesday. A date for his initial appearance in federal court in Boston has not yet been scheduled.

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Singer was charged in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts to racketeering conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d); money laundering conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h); conspiracy to defraud the United States, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343; and obstruction of justice, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(c). He pleaded guilty on March 12.

Mark Riddell, a counselor at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, which bills itself, “the college prep school of the world’s largest and most advanced multi-sport training and educational institution,” on its website, was charged in an information with conspiracy to commit mail fraud and honest services mail fraud as well as conspiracy to commit money laundering.

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Singer was one of three cooperating witnesses (CW-2), who had “been cooperating with the government’s investigation since in or about October 2018, in the hope of obtaining leniency when he is sentenced. In or about October 2018, he began cooperating with the government, CW-1 alerted several of the individuals involved in the conspiracy to their presence.”

CW-2, Mark Riddell, began cooperating in Feb. 2019. Ex-Women’s Soccer Coach at USC, Rudolph Meredith Jr., began cooperating with the government’s investigation in April 2018.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Mar. 15). You’ve loved deeply and understood better than you think, so don’t hesitate to reach out. There will be celebrations, laughter, community, and education through the next six months. Invest in yourself. You’re worth it, but that probably isn’t your main concern. Will you make your money back? A resounding “yes.” Cancer and Virgo adore you.

PICTUES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20). Consider your next move for three days. Maybe “consider” is too strong a word for what you should do really. No active thinking, discussing or writing will be necessary. Give it a rest. You’ll know better on Monday.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19). This scene you’re a part of today is pretty challenging. Try this. Imagine you are the filmmaker who created this whole situation to set up your main character to shine in a later scene. That perspective can lessen your irritations.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20). No matter what headspace you’re in today, you have the ability to slip into a zone where everything is beautiful. Probably this involves that hobby or activity that’s become your happy place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Opportunities to stretch yourself usually happen organically, but when they don’t, why wait? Make deliberate efforts to chisel your way. This will be the difference between adequacy and greatness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The changing of an old guard is coming in the next few days. Expect the unexpected and be genuine and you’ll be well-considered when the time comes to move up. That said, there are certain injustices with which you’ll never go along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You’re enthralled by certain kinds of entertainment. It’s like some performances can spiral to deep layers of your consciousness, giving you deeply needed soul-nourishment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Saying “no” isn’t as hard for you as it is for some others. That’s why you don’t like to put people in a position of having to agree or disagree with you. Instead, you’ll present ideas (no pressure, no “ask”) and just see what happens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Volunteer. You’ll love who you meet through this. It won’t be all easy or fun-in-fact, this promises to be a completely mixed bag— but one special contact will make it all more than worthwhile. What is it?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Recovery, renewal and regeneration – three different stages. To expect them to happen all at once is to sign up to a world of frustration. Instead, relax and recognize the stage you’re in for it’s vital place in the chain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You hate to reject anyone, but saying “no” leaves an opening for a better step to step in. Don’t agonize over your choices, or your tone will bring others down. Look at the positive that you do by moving quickly on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one’s job is always easy. Even pampered kings, wealthy socialites and celebrities have problems. So waste not a second wishing for a different set of problems. There’s greatness waiting inside of the set you’re in today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Probably no one is going to tap you as the leader, so tap yourself. With your talent, drive and a few well-chosen words you can stir up the people and strengthen their spirit.
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