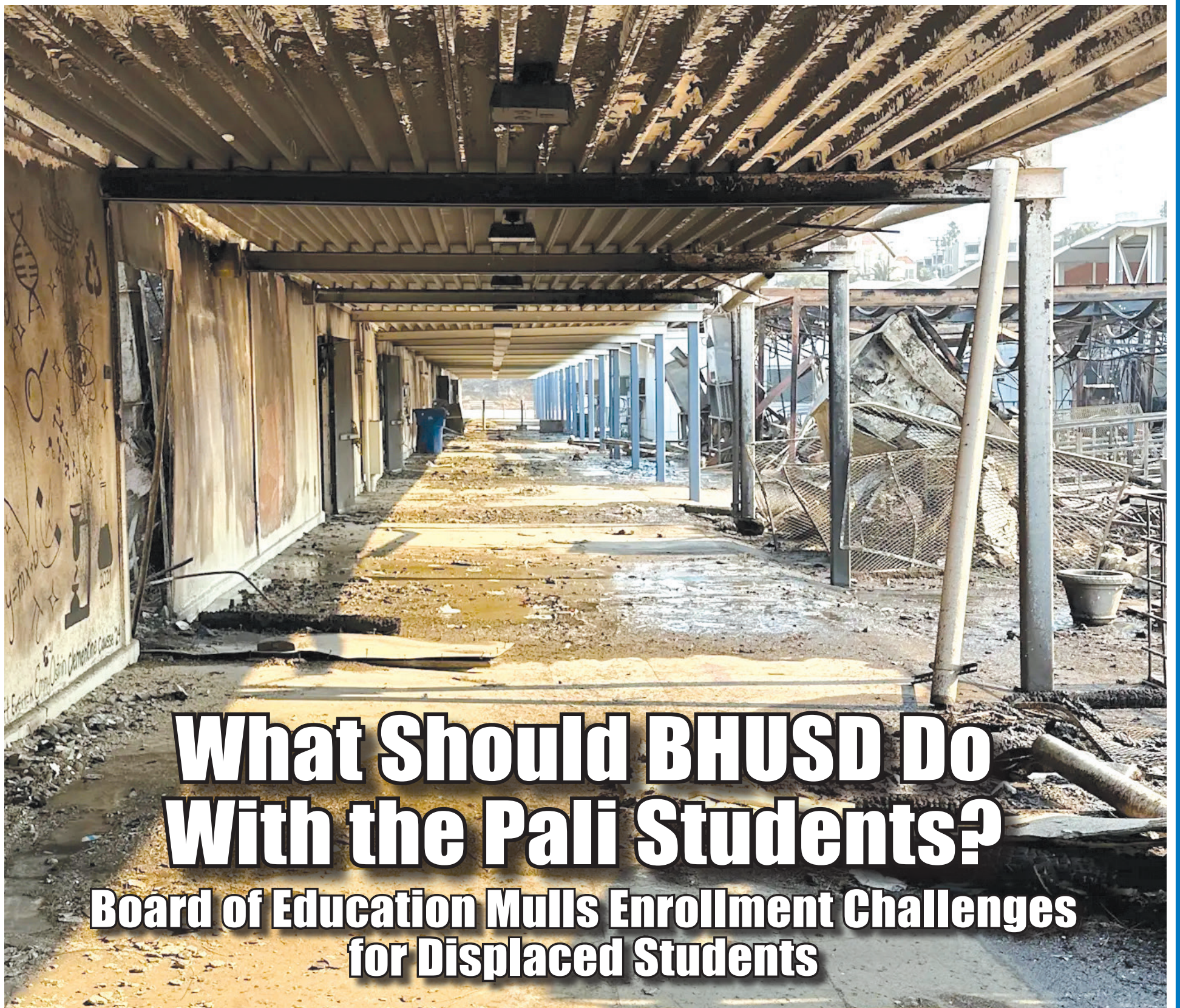


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"Media Teacher's Leave Sparks Debate Over Censorship"

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Members of the School Board do not have a history or memory of the important contributions made by KBEV Director Romeo Carey.

As a former Human Relations Chair and creator of the first anti-bullying video competition in our city, I knew I needed the support of our high school to ensure the success of the program.

At a time when bullying in the district was out of control, I met with this awesome educator, who immediately realized how important this contribution could be to our students and our district.

The collaboration, supported by Mr. Carey brought Students from all over to submit exceptional videos in support of anti-bullying.

The first of its kind allowed our students to create award winning videos of how bullying impacts everyone.

This is a credit to the type of involvement Mr. Carey exemplifies his desire to instruct and motivate our students.

My experience with Mr. Carey is just

one of many thousands that exist in the history of our schools.

Like many in our community, we are shocked that the Board and Superintendent have put Mr. Carey on administrative leave and are threatening to fire him, this without the existence of any student or parent complaints or allegations.

I ask the Board to reflect, listen to students, parents and the community and to instruct your superintendent to find a solution that rescues the possibility of losing this unique educator who has led KBEV and students to great success for over 20 years.

Ilona Sherman
Beverly Hills

briefs

KBEV Students Produce Video Advocating for Carey's Reinstatement

KBEV students aired a special Compilation Report on Monday, featuring a series of video clips advocating for the reinstatement of Romeo Carey as KBEV teacher for the BHUSD.

Carey has been on administrative leave for several weeks following the airing of a student-produced segment that criticized the behavior of a district administrator. Shortly after the segment was broadcast, Carey was placed on

leave, sparking concerns over censorship and student press freedoms.

The newly released student production, available on the district's YouTube channel, includes multiple video clips in support of Carey. The first clip features Superintendent Michael Bregy praising KBEV as one of the district's most successful programs.

Another clip, from an Aug. 7, 2024, Board of Education meeting, shows Carey voicing frustration over the restructuring of Career Technical Education (CTE) programs into the Beverly Hills Education Association (BHEA). He compares the lack of transparency in the reorganization to "buying a house without seeing the interior," arguing that CTE teachers were not properly consulted.

The video also includes footage from an October 2024 board meeting, where several district security employees, represented by the California School Employees Association (CSEA), raised concerns about the outsourcing of security services and working conditions within the district.

In another segment, Carey is seen making a public comment at that same October meeting, where he accuses the district of censorship. He refers to an incident on Sept. 26, in which a student was allegedly prevented from recording a PTA and CTE meeting.

The remainder of the video highlights public comments made at last Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, where

multiple speakers expressed support for Carey's reinstatement. His supporters argue that his extended administrative leave—now lasting more than six weeks—is a direct response to his refusal to compromise journalistic integrity and his defense of students' free expression under California Educational Code 48907, which protects student journalists from censorship.

As of press time, a petition calling for Carey's reinstatement has gathered 848 signatures.

BHPD Arrests Suspects Connected to Residential Burglary Series Throughout State

On Thursday, January 16, Beverly Hills Police Detectives arrested three suspects believed to be responsible for several recent residential burglaries in Beverly Hills and the surrounding area.

The suspects were taken into custody after being served search warrants at their residences in the City of Los Angeles. The search warrants were served in a coordinated multi-agency operation involving Detectives from the Glendale Police Department, who took an additional suspect into custody.

During the service of the search warrants, BHPD Detectives seized stolen property connected to the burglaries, including stolen firearms, jewelry, watches, luxury handbags, designer clothing, and other luxury items belonging to the victims. Additionally, detectives seized



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evidence connecting the suspects to the crimes, including clothing, cell phones, and signal jammers.

Detectives have linked this criminal ring to several residential burglaries across California, including Beverly Hills, Glendale, San Marino, Los Angeles, Burbank, Pleasanton, Bakersfield, Ventura County, Orange County, and San Mateo County. Detectives are actively following up on leads and other crimes the suspects may have been involved in.

Arrested/Charged include the following:

- Joaquin Vergara-Contreras, a 29-year-old male charged with four counts of 459 PC – Residential Burglary.
- Juan Antonio Silva Loeza, a 43-year-old male charged with two counts of 459 PC – Residential Burglary.
- Elias Moncada Reyes, a 30-year-old male arrested for 459 PC – Residential Burglary and an outstanding residential burglary warrant out of Pasadena.
- Leidy Dayana Manrique, a 30-year-old female currently in custody in Ventura County on related charges, was Charged with one count of 459 PC – Residential Burglary and two counts of 496 PC – Receiving Stolen Property.
- Matias Jesus Soto-Barraza, a 22-year-old male, was taken into custody during the joint operation by the Glendale Police Department.

Anyone with information about this crime can call the BHPD at 310-550-4951.

Beverly Hills City Council Reviews Election Timing for Mayor and Vice Mayor

The Beverly Hills City Council has been actively updating its City Council Policy Manual, last published in 2009, to address inconsistencies arising from changes in state election laws. At the September 17, 2024, study session, the Council directed the Elections Ad Hoc Committee to review the policies governing the timing of mayoral and vice mayoral elections.

The City Council was expected to discuss this matter at its special Wednesday meeting, which occurred after the *Weekly's* deadline.

Historically, from 1997 to 2017, City Council elections were held in March of odd-numbered years, with new Councilmembers installed later that same month. The mayor and vice mayor were elected annually in March. However, the passage of Senate Bill 415 in 2015 required cities to align municipal elections with statewide elections, shifting them to even-numbered years. Further modifications occurred in 2020 with the passage of SB 970, which established the following election cycle:

•March in presidential election years (e.g., 2020, 2024, 2028)
•June in non-presidential election years (e.g., 2022, 2026, 2030)

Currently, the installation of the mayor and vice mayor takes place in April each year, regardless of municipal election dates. In presidential election years, two new Councilmembers are elected in March and installed in April alongside the mayor and vice mayor. In non-presidential election years, three Councilmembers are elected in June and installed in July, creating a scenario where two separate installation ceremonies occur in the same year.

A concern is the possibility that a Councilmember elected in June of a non-presidential election year could serve as mayor or vice mayor for only three months, April to July, before their term ends. The City Council was expected to examine whether this situation should result in a 9-month or 12-month mayoral term for the successor.

The Election Ad Hoc Committee recommended the following:

- Retaining the annual mayoral and vice mayoral election in April.
- Maintaining the current election cycle (March in presidential election years and June in non-presidential years).
- Ensuring the third-place vote-getter in non-presidential election years does not serve as vice mayor or mayor.

Beverly Hills Expands Mobile Parking Payment Options with Flowbird

The City of Beverly Hills has implemented a mobile parking payment system, in an effort to make it easier and more convenient for drivers to pay for parking across the city, according to an agenda item for Thursday's Traffic and Parking meeting.

The new system, powered by Flowbird, is being introduced in three phases and has already seen widespread adoption among residents and visitors.

The Beverly Hills Parking Services Bureau manages 14 gated public parking structures, five surface lots, and 2,600 metered on-street parking spaces across the city. With the launch of Flowbird, drivers now have the ability to pay via a mobile app or pay-by-text system, eliminating the need for cash or credit card transactions at meters and kiosks. The system also allows users to set alerts and extend parking sessions remotely.

To prevent fraud, Beverly Hills has opted not to use QR codes for payments, addressing concerns over recent scams reported in other municipalities, according to a city staff report. Instead, payments are linked to vehicle license plates, in an effort to ensure a secure transaction.

The first phase launched in March 2024, rolling out mobile payments at the Santa Monica 5 parking lots along North and South Santa Monica Boulevards. Since its introduction, these garages alone have recorded more than 76,000 transactions through the Flowbird app.

Building on the first phase, the city expanded the system to single-space on-street parking meters between September and November 2024.

Since its implementation, over 24,000 mobile transactions have been recorded for on-street parking. City staff have noted a shift in user preferences, with some credit card users transitioning to mobile payments, while coin payments have also remained stable.

The final phase, scheduled for late 2025, will introduce mobile payment options at all 14 city-owned parking structures.

The ongoing annual cost for maintaining the Flowbird system is estimated at \$5,000 per year, which will be covered by the Parking Operations budget. The system also includes license plate enforcement measures.

Metro's Purple Line Extension Progresses, Road Closures Expected

The Purple (D) Line Extension project continues its expansion of Metro's rail system, linking Downtown Los Angeles to West Los Angeles with three construction phases, according to an informational update on the Traffic and Parking agenda. Two of these sections

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run through Beverly Hills.

The extension, designed to cut travel time between Downtown LA and Westwood to approximately 25 minutes, is unfolding in three phases:

- Section 1 (Wilshire/Western to Wilshire/La Cienega) – Opening in 2025
- Section 2 (Wilshire/La Cienega to Century City, including Wilshire/Rodeo) – Opening in 2026
- Section 3 (Westwood/UCLA and Westwood/VA Hospital) – Opening in 2027

Metro is preparing for construction at the Wilshire/Rodeo Station, focusing on deck removal and street restoration beginning in late February.

The work will require:

- 18 weekend closures (13 weekends on Wilshire Blvd, five weekends on Beverly Dr.)
- Closure times: Fridays at 8:00 PM through Mondays at 7:00 AM
- K-rail enclosures along Wilshire Blvd (Beverly Dr. to Crescent Dr.) from February to early 2026

Metro has proposed an alternative approach to replace the 18-weekend closures with a full three-week closure of Wilshire Blvd between El Camino Dr. and Crescent Dr. from March 17 to April 7. This would allow additional water main restoration, potentially saving 3-4 months of additional work.

If approved, K-rail enclosures would be installed in May 2025, and street restoration would be completed by November 2025.

South Reeves Drive may also close for six weeks for deck removal and restoration.

The Beverly Hills City Council reviewed these proposals on January 28, 2025, and will continue discussions at its meeting on February 5, which occurred after the *Weekly's* deadline.

Construction at Wilshire/La Cienega Station is progressing, with work expected to wrap up by fall 2025.

Current efforts include:

- Underground work: Elevator/escalator installation, flooring, and station finishes
- Street-level improvements: Sidewalk restoration on both sides of Wilshire Blvd
- Ongoing utility work: Lane reductions during night shifts

Beverly Hills Moves Forward with Will Rogers Park Restroom Replacement Project

The Beverly Hills City Council is expected to possibly approve a new contract for the long-awaited replacement of the Will Rogers Park restroom facility, a project aimed at enhancing accessibility and accommodating increased visitor demand.

The consent calendar item was listed on Wednesday's special meeting agenda, which occurred after the *Weekly's* deadline.

After an initial bid for the demolition phase was canceled to streamline funding and construction, the city has selected BBS Construction, Inc. as the low-

est responsible bidder for the project, including demolition and replacement. The total contract amount is \$1,895,500, with an additional \$227,460 (12%) contingency, bringing the approved funding to \$2,122,960.

Will Rogers Memorial Park, the city's first municipal park, was established in 1915 and is a designated historic landmark. The current restroom facility, built in 1976, is outdated, undersized, and does not fully comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations, according to a city staff report. The replacement will expand the facility to 500 square feet, tripling the number of toilet fixtures in both the restrooms.

Additionally, the project includes 2,300 square feet of site improvements, including upgrades to the park's pond pumps and control equipment to better support aquatic life.

The project qualifies for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, with \$714,168 allocated to support ADA compliance. However, with rising construction costs, the final bid exceeded the original \$1.55 million budget. The engineer's estimate for the project midpoint was \$1,834,974.

The project is scheduled to begin in early 2025 and is expected to be completed within 180 days, with an estimated completion date of September.

The City Council was also set to vote on a resolution that will allow the City to continue participating in the Los Angeles County Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for fiscal years 2024-25 through 2026-27. This resolution ensures that Beverly Hills remains eligible for federal grant funding to support local improvement projects and community programs.

The Participating City Cooperation Agreement between Beverly Hills and the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) governs the participation in the program. This agreement automatically renews every three years unless either party chooses to withdraw. Historically, Beverly Hills has used CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation programs and senior citizen services.

In June 2023, the City adopted a resolution, reaffirming its participation in the program. However, at that time, no specific project had been identified for the funding. The new resolution modifies the previous decision and would formally designate \$714,168 of grant funds for the Will Rogers Park restroom renovation project, scheduled to begin in February.

BHUSD Unveils 2025-2026 Academic Course Guide

The BHUSD announced the release of the 2025-2026 Pathways to Success Academic Course Guide, detailing a range of academic opportunities from middle school through high school.

This year's guide, titled *From Bulldogs to Normans*, simplifies the academic planning process by showcasing extensive elective options, graduation requirements, and letters

from our school leaders. Additionally, the guide highlights key resources, including the College & Career Center, which supports students in navigating post-secondary planning.

"This guide supports our commitment to Educational Excellence and helps students and families make well-informed decisions aligned with their academic goals. Early planning creates a clear roadmap for success, and we are here to provide a comprehensive look into what BHUSD offers—whether you're an 8th grader, a prospective TK family, or a community member. As you set the foundation for a future filled with opportunities, this guide will be an invaluable resource," Superintendent Michael Bregy said.

The Pathways to Success guide is now accessible online at bhUSD.org/pathways.

Beverly Vista Middle School Named a "School to Watch"

Beverly Vista Middle School has been officially recognized as a "School to Watch" by the California League of Middle Schools, a designation that highlights middle schools across the state for their commitment to academic excellence, student engagement, and continuous improvement.

The announcement follows an application and evaluation process that began in March 2024 and culminated with a school visit earlier this week.

The "Schools to Watch" recognition is awarded to middle schools that demonstrate strong leadership, innovative teaching practices, and a dedication to fostering student success.

"Being recognized as a 'School to Watch' is a tremendous honor and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and community," said BVMS Principal Richard Waters. "This achievement validates the efforts we have put in since our district's reconfiguration in 2019, proving that in just five years, we have built one of the strongest middle school programs in the nation. I could not be more proud of our Bulldogs."

On Tuesday, a team from the "Schools to Watch" California division visited BVMS to conduct classroom observations and interviews with students, teachers, parents, site and district administrators, and Board of Education members based on The National Forum, which established criteria that are the basis for the Schools to Watch Program.

"BVMS has set a remarkable standard in a short amount of time," said Superintendent Michael Bregy. "This achievement reflects the dedication of our students, educators, and families. We are incredibly proud and look forward to continuing to elevate the learning experience for all BVMS students."

The team highlighted several areas of excellence:

- A welcoming school culture where students feel safe and supported
- Advancements in math instruction and plans for new curriculum adoption

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•Robust athletics and numerous extra-curricular programs that enrich student experiences

•Highly engaged staff who are dedicated and committed to student success

•Clean and well-maintained facilities that reflect pride in the school environment

•A diverse selection of elective courses offered through the Pathways to Success program

•Strong site and district-level support from the administration and the Board of Education

“Our vision has always been to provide an outstanding middle school experience that prepares students for success in high school and beyond,” said Dustin Seemann, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services. “This designation affirms our commitment to academic rigor, student-centered learning, and ensuring all students have access to high-quality education.”

Former Owner of ‘Timepiece Gentleman’ Luxury Watch Store Sentenced to Nearly Six Years in Federal Prison

A Los Angeles man who ran a Beverly Hills luxury watch consignment business and was known as “The Timepiece Gentleman” was sentenced to 70 months in federal prison for swindling dozens of his customers out of a total of at least \$5.6 million.

Anthony Farrer, 36, formerly of downtown Los Angeles, was sentenced by United States District Judge Josephine L. Staton.

Farrer pleaded guilty in October 2024 to one count of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud. He has been in federal custody since November 2023.

From November 2022 to November 2023, Farrer used his business – also called “The Timepiece Gentlemen” – to connect purchasers and sellers of high-end watches. In a typical consignment sale, a client would ship a watch to The Timepiece Gentleman and Farrer would take possession of the watch, agreeing to display it at his Beverly Hills store and through online and social media marketing. The items involved in this case included luxury watches by Rolex, Richard Mille, and Patek Philippe, among others.

Once the watch was sold, Farrer was supposed to remit the sales proceeds

back to the client, minus a consignment fee, which typically was approximately 5% of the sales price. If the watch did not sell within a specific time or for a specified price, Farrer was to return the watch to the client.

But instead of remitting watch sales proceeds – or the unsold watches themselves – back to the clients, Farrer sold the client watches and kept the proceeds for himself. He also used client watches – without the client’s knowledge or permission – as collateral for loans that he took out from lenders.

When a client asked about the status of a watch on consignment sale, Farrer lied and said that the watch had not yet been sold. In fact, Farrer already had sold the watch or otherwise disposed of it, keeping the funds for his own personal benefit.

In addition to his consignment sale business, Farrer also purported to purchase watches on behalf of his clients. Typically, a client sent funds to Farrer, often by wire transfers to his bank accounts or through payment processors such as Zelle, for the purpose of Farrer locating and buying a specified watch on the client’s behalf.

But Farrer took the clients’ money and used it for other purposes, including to fund his lavish lifestyle such as buying or leasing luxury automobiles, apartments, and other luxury goods.

When a client who had sent him money asked Farrer about the status of a watch purchase, Farrer often sent another watch to the client to tide the client over or lull them into a false sense of security regarding the status of the purchase. Like a Ponzi scheme, the other watch Farrer sent to the client often belonged to other clients who had themselves sent him that watch for a consignment sale. These clients were unaware Farrer was using their watches for that purpose, rather than attempting to sell the watches on behalf of the clients.

In total, Farrer fraudulently obtained money and property belonging to more than 40 victims and caused total losses of at least \$5,691,005. Farrer also will be subject to a restitution order for payment owed to victims in amounts to be determined later.

Beverly Hills Volunteers Needed for 2025 LA County Homeless Count

Officials are asking Beverly Hills residents to volunteer for the 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, a large-scale effort aimed at assessing the region’s homeless population. The count,

originally scheduled for January, will now take place from February 18 to 20.

Covering more than 4,000 square miles, the count is an initiative requiring thousands of volunteers, who will be divided into 8,000 shifts. Volunteers will work in teams of four to document the number of individuals, as well as tents, vehicles, and makeshift shelters within their assigned areas, according to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

Residents interested in participating can sign up online. Individual volunteers will be paired with teams, while groups can register together. Each shift lasts approximately three to four hours. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old to participate.

“Last year’s Homeless Count marked the first decrease in street homelessness that Los Angeles has seen in years,” said LAHSA CEO Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum. “As we gear up for this year’s count, community support is crucial. We need thousands of volunteers to join us in counting our unhoused neighbors so we can better understand where they are, the services they need most, and what it will take to bring them home.”

The 2024 count estimated that 75,312 people were homeless in Los Angeles County.

Visit <https://count.lahsa.org/> to register.

Proposed Rodeo Drive Art Partnerships for 2025 in the Works

The Rodeo Drive Committee reviewed a proposal for two major public art installations on Rodeo Drive in 2025. The proposed partnerships will feature artists Mr. Brainwash and Richard Orlinski, continuing the tradition of public art displays in an effort to attract visitors.



Richard Orlinski with Panther Sculpture

The display, “Rodeo Drive is a Work of Art” by Mr. Brainwash is an interactive art experience, featuring 17 pieces, including large and small frames that incorporate the shopping district into the artwork.

The display will include reimagined versions of Van Gogh’s Starry Night and da Vinci’s Mona Lisa, each with a Beverly Hills twist.

The display “Rodeo Drive Season 2” by Richard Orlinski (July 2025 – January 2026), will build on his 2024 exhibi-

tion of large-scale animal sculptures, Orlinski is proposing a new collection featuring his signature Kong and Panther sculptures in custom chrome, patterned, and openwork designs.

Additional elements may include an art-themed coffee and sweets cart with interactive animation accessible via QR codes.

The installation will be coordinated with Rodeo Drive’s seasonal events and holiday decorations.

City to Hold Affordable Housing Informational Outreach Meeting

The City of Beverly Hills is inviting residents to an informational outreach meeting on Monday, February 10, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, to discuss its Affordable Housing Program. The session will be held in person at City Hall and will also be accessible virtually via Zoom.

Hosted by the city’s housing consultant, HouseKeys, the meeting will provide details about the Affordable Housing Placement Program, income eligibility criteria, rental rates for affordable units, and current housing inventory within the city. While there are currently no available units, the session will offer guidance for those seeking affordable housing opportunities in Beverly Hills.

Participants will also receive updates on the Affordable Housing Guidelines, including recent City Council actions. In October 2024, Phase I of the Affordable Housing Guidelines was adopted, focusing on rental units. A future update (Phase II) will address for-sale units. Additionally, a revised occupancy priority standard for affordable housing tenants, enacted in November 2024, is now in effect.

For more information about the Affordable Housing Program or the application process, residents can visit www.housekeys20.com.

City Council to Review Request for “Run of the Stars” 5K Event

The Rodeo Drive Committee reviewed a request from Not Today Cancer to host the “Run of the Stars” 5K Run/Walk. The event, scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025, requires a special event permit.

Not Today Cancer has proposed using sidewalks and parking lanes to ensure participant safety, with no full street closures anticipated. A professional traffic control company, in coordination with Beverly Hills Police, will oversee traffic control measures. Five Traffic Control Officers are expected to be stationed at key intersections to assist participants.

The event aims to support children and families affected by cancer. To min-

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By Peter Ostroff

An Approach to Rebuilding

In Beverly Hills, we were most fortunate not to have personally experienced the horrendous and tragic fire events that occurred largely in the Palisades and Altadena. While the fires, particularly the Sunset Fire, which prompted evacuation warnings very close to our homes, caused some stress in our neighborhood, it was nothing compared to what the Palisades and Eaton fires inflicted on the residents of those areas. This time, we dodged a bullet.

I have great sympathy for and understanding of the grief and sadness for the families whose neighborhoods, homes and schools were destroyed.

But now the question for our region is what should be done in those areas?

Two guiding principles come to mind.

First, it is said that there are **five stages of grief**:

- 1) Denial
- 2) Anger
- 3) Bargaining
- 4) Depression
- 5) Acceptance.

Second, to paraphrase a number of leaders from Winston Churchill to Rahm Emanuel, **never let a serious crisis go to waste**. In other words, a crisis can present a unique opportunity to do things that could not have been done before.

It shall soon be time to invest some thoughtful attention to what the future holds for the vast tracts of land in prime locations now largely cleared of structures by the Palisades and Eaton fires. While the stages of grief are not necessarily linear or the same for everyone, it is important to bear in mind that the political forces that have arisen in the immediate aftermath of the unimaginable tragedy could evolve as time passes and denial and anger resolve inevitably into acceptance.

Specifically, the reality is that the neighborhoods and communities that have been destroyed are gone and cannot be magically restored in short order.

For better or worse, this will not happen. No irrevocable decisions should be made until this reality has been accepted.

Once this has occurred, it is vitally important that **we look forward to what could be, not backward to what was**.

I suggest that these centrally located highly desirable areas provide a once in a millennium opportunity for **comprehensive planning** of sections of one of the world's most important cities. In my mind this opportunity outweighs the value of trying to reconstruct structures on an ad hoc basis as thousands of individual owners may see fit.

The objectives of comprehensive planning would include minimizing the prospect of future fire damage, seismic problems and other perils AND ensuring that substantially more housing, market and affordable, be created in the now empty (but for toxic and other debris) tracts.

Comprehensive planning can best be done by the **State of California through use of its power of eminent domain to acquire much or all of the devastated areas**. While there are Constitutional limits on the exercise of this power, the state could lawfully take privately owned property for planned redevelopment provided that it pays just compensation to property owners.

In a 2005 United States Supreme Court decision in *Kelo v. City of New London*, the Court held that **community revitalization through acquisition and sale** of previously privately owned property by a state to private developers was a public purpose that allowed for acquisition by eminent domain. (It was a 5-4 decision in which the then conservative minority was on the losing side. What the Court as currently constituted would do with this issue is beyond the powers of my crystal ball. For now, I assume that *Kelo* is good law.)

Prior to the fires, these now destroyed areas were very attractive communities of approximately 40,000 people with homes, largely single family, schools, places of worship, and substantial com-

mercial activity.

While some areas remain with minor damage, many are gone entirely. They may be replaced in some fashion but they will not be replicated. Ad hoc efforts to rebuild on an individual basis will be chaotic. Without voluntary coordination, likely unattainable, the process of debris removal on a lot by lot basis, let alone construction, will be a nightmare.

Together, the amount of devastated land area in the Palisades and Altadena is in excess of 40,000 acres or more than 60 square miles. That is the area of Washington, D.C. and 150% of the area of the city of San Francisco. Both of those cities have populations of around 1,000,000 residents within the city limits.

I understand that much of the damaged acreage is in mountainous terrain or otherwise in areas that cannot be developed. However, there are large contiguous areas that can be redeveloped. Properly planned, there is undoubtedly ample room for substantially more residents in areas very attractive for a number of reasons.

Undeniably, California has a severe shortage of housing and affordable housing. That shortage is the result of the fact that for decades California population and job growth has vastly exceeded construction of residential housing units, perhaps among other causes. The State of California continues to struggle, largely unsuccessfully, to address this issue effectively. As a result of the shortage and consequent lack of affordable housing, sprawl of metropolitan areas and construction of housing in high fire risk areas continues unabated.

With proper planning, the now devastated land areas could support many times more residential units than the housing that has been lost. Plans could require community design and construction that would minimize, to the extent current technology and foresight allows, risk of loss due to fire, seismic and other hazards. The State could adopt provisions to expedite the entitlement process given that by definition all construction must be consistent with the overall comprehensive plan.

With a reasonable combination of single family and multi family units, the land available could accommodate many, many more residents and all of the schools, places of worship and com-

mercial areas (and jobs) to service them. While Washington DC and San Francisco are far from optimally planned, both include large numbers of government structures, monuments, public spaces, enormous parks (such as Rock Creek Park in DC and Golden Gate in S.F.) and numerous sports stadiums. The possibilities for comparably sized urban "blank slate" land are infinite. Of course, a reasonable percentage, say 20-25%, of the new residences should be "affordable" as currently defined and/or a bit below market.

These thoughts would not be complete without an acknowledgment of the political realities.

In the short term, while we are in the denial and anger stage, politically, the idea that the state would acquire the fire ravaged properties and then plan their redevelopment is a non-starter.

Our leaders are falling all over themselves to pander to the grief-stricken Palisades and Altadena residents' wishes to restore their homes and neighborhoods as they were and do it at warp speed. While this restoration cannot and will not happen, pretending that it can and taking actions such as "eliminating red tape" and facilitating some immediate efforts to restore what has been destroyed could create facts on the ground that would preclude comprehensive planning once denial has evolved into acceptance.

Notably, if eliminating red tape involves relaxing building standards, that is exactly the wrong thing to do in a fire zone or where there are earthquake faults.

Beyond that, there remain other threshold issues including cost and limitations of California law. The costs would be recouped by resales to persons who would effect the comprehensive plan(s). Federal and California tax laws that might apply to gains realized by property owners when their property is purchased through eminent domain can be modified. Zoning limitations could be changed to facilitate the Plan(s) and allow redevelopment to "pencil out."

I recognize that developing an optimal plan is complex. But decisions can and should be made without undue hand-wringing. It will take time, but that is true whether we attempt to restore what was or strive for something better.

While one "door" has closed, another "door" has opened. Let's not waste the opportunity to do what is best for our region and state.

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imize disruptions, the organization will notify residents along the race route at least two weeks in advance. Marketing efforts will include social media, local print advertisements, and Nixle alerts for residents within a half-mile radius.

A riser stage and truss for the start/finish line will undergo standard safety inspections and amplified sound will be permitted only after 8:00 AM.

The organization has requested a waiver of city permit fees and personnel

costs totaling \$4,928.

Not Today Cancer is expected to cover all non-city-related expenses, including traffic control, neighborhood notifications, and signage.

Dine LA Restaurant Week Features Beverly Hills Restaurants

Dine LA Restaurant Week will take place until February 7 across Los Angeles County, including several participating restaurants in Beverly Hills. The event offers diners the opportunity to

visit selected establishments and order from special Dine LA menus.

As part of its wildfire relief efforts, LA Tourism has pledged to donate \$5 per reservation to The American Red Cross, with Banc of California matching the contributions.

Participating Restaurants in Beverly Hills include the following: Kazan (Japanese), Matū (Steakhouse), Beverly Bar (American), Chubby Curry (Japanese), Costa Covo Osteria (Italian), Crustacean Beverly Hills (Asian), Gyu-Kaku Japanese BBQ (Japanese), Il Cielo

(Italian), Il Fornaio (Italian), Lawry's The Prime Rib (Steakhouse), Mastro's Steakhouse Beverly Hills (Steakhouse), Mr. Chow (Chinese), Nusr-Et Steakhouse (Steakhouse), Ocean Prime (Seafood), Seabutter (Sushi), Spago Beverly Hills (Californian), Tagine (Moroccan), The Belvedere Restaurant at The Peninsula Beverly Hills (European Brasserie), THE Blvd Restaurant at Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel (Californian), The Hideaway Beverly Hills (Mexican), and The Terrace at The Maybourne Beverly Hills (Californian).

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WHAT SHOULD BHUSD DO WITH THE PALI STUDENTS?

Board of Education Mulls Enrollment Challenges for Displaced Students

By Danielle Berjikian

In the wake of the Palisades Fire, which erupted on January 7 and destroyed approximately 40% of Palisades Charter High School, displaced students and their families have sought alternative educational options. Many have turned to the BHUSD for enrollment.

At Tuesday's special board meeting, the Board of Education addressed the issue of enrolling students displaced by recent wildfires under an executive order. While efforts have been made to accommodate affected families, capacity constraints and policy concerns have created challenges.

To date, nearly 50 displaced students have been enrolled across all four high school grades. However, further enrollment has reached its limit without hiring additional staff.

A total of 151 additional students have expressed interest in enrolling. However, without the ability to expand staff, the district cannot admit more students at this time. The process has been particularly complicated because transcript evalua-

tions must be conducted individually to determine class sizes and teacher availability.

A key point of discussion during the meeting was the interpretation of what qualifies a student as "displaced." Board member Russell Stuart questioned whether the district followed its own understanding of the executive order or a third-party legal interpretation. The discussion centered on whether priority should have been given to students who lost homes versus those impacted in other ways, such as school closures or poor air quality.

No one enrolled has lost their home as a result of the fire.

According to the executive order, the mandate "urges" but does not mandate enrollment for displaced students, meaning the district retains discretion in setting enrollment parameters. Concerns were raised that restricting access could lead to complaints from families who feel the district is being too selective.



Palisades Charter High School After the Palisades fire

Another topic of discussion was co-residency requirements.

Effective immediately, new enrollments from fire-impacted areas, including the 90272 zip code, will be subject to specific criteria. Students must have lost their home or have a residence deemed uninhabitable to qualify. Families must provide documentation such as a FEMA card or insurance claim proof.

To ensure compliance, periodic residency checks will be conducted throughout the school year. These measures aim to equitably allocate resources while prioritizing support for the most affected families.

During the January 28 BHUSD board meeting, parents of displaced students expressed frustration over the district's enrollment policies. Several families claimed they had been led to believe their children could enroll, only to be denied

later. One Palisades High parent voiced her disappointment, stating that her children had already endured significant trauma, witnessing their school, community, and in some cases, their own homes burn. She emphasized that false hope only compounded their suffering.

Beverly High has a total enrollment of approximately 1,200 students with a capacity for 2,500.

While BHUSD has played a role in supporting displaced students, it is not the only district to do so. Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD), Las Virgenes Unified School District and others have also helped in this matter.

Palisades Charter High School had a student population of nearly 3,000 before the fire. Although the school pivoted to online learning, many families sought in-person options for their children's education.

There are no tickets or passes required for participation. Guests simply need to visit a participating restaurant and request the Dine LA Restaurant Week menu. Due to expected high demand, advance reservations are strongly recommended.

WHIPLASH in Concert at The Saban Theatre

The Saban Theatre will celebrate the 10th anniversary of WHIPLASH with a live-to-film spectacular including an 18-piece jazz band and world class drummer conducted by Academy Award Winning composer Justin Hurwitz.

Show Dates and Times are as follows:
•February 7: Doors open 6 P.M., Show 8 P.M.

•February 8: Doors open 1 P.M., Show 3 P.M.

•February 8: Doors open 6 P.M., Show 8 P.M.

Visit wheremusicmeetsthesoul.com/saban-beverly-hills for more information.

iLe to Perform at The Wallis

On February 21, iLe will perform at The Wallis at 7:30 p.m.

iLe, known for her time as the lead vocalist of Calle 13, has since established a solo career that has earned her a GRAMMY award. Her music incorporates traditional Latin rhythms with electronic elements. Her debut album,



iLe

iLevitable, received critical acclaim, while her follow-up, *Almadura*, experimented with a combination of ancestral beats and modern digital sounds. Her latest release, *Nacari-le*, features

collaborations with artists such as Mon Laferte and Ivy Queen.

Visit <https://thewallis.org/show-details/ile> to purchase tickets.

Galentine's Soirée to Take Place at The Maybourne

The Maybourne Beverly Hills will host a Galentine's Soirée on February 13, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The event, located at 225 North Cañon Drive, is organized in collaboration with the Women's Business Network and the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce.

The event will take place under the Garden Terrace Canopy and will include a variety of activities. Attendees will receive a complimentary welcome drink, with specialty cocktails available for purchase throughout the evening. The event will also feature passed appetizers and light bites, a photobooth, and a

silent auction.

All ticket proceeds will go to Project:Camp, an organization that provides temporary camps for children affected by wildfires in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. The nonprofit offers free, trauma-informed childcare for displaced families.

Visit <https://www.maybournebeverly-hills.com/> for more information.

California Crosswalk Daylighting Law Takes Effect

The Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) would like to remind everyone about California Assembly Bill 413, commonly known as the "Crosswalk Daylighting" law, which went into effect throughout the state on January 1, 2024. This law aims to enhance pedestrian safety by improving visibility at intersections.

This law prohibits parking:

- Within 20 feet of any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- Within 15 feet of crosswalks with curb extensions (bulb-outs).

This new law was enacted to address California's disproportionately high pedestrian fatality rates. According to the California Office of Traffic Safety, the state records the highest number of pedestrian deaths in the nation, approximately 25% above the national average.

Throughout 2024, only warnings were

issued for violations to allow time for public education and awareness. However, as of January 1, citations are now being issued for non-compliance.

Residents are reminded to consider this new law when parking near intersections. Similar to restrictions near fire hydrants and other no-parking zones, the law does not require the presence of posted signs or painted red curbs to enforce compliance.

Human Relations Commission Kicks Off Kindness Week

The Human Relations Commission will commemorate National Kindness Week with a kick-off Donation Drive event at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market on Sunday, February 9th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This is intended to support local charities which include Foster Love, Midnight Mission, Safe Parking LA, Step Up on Second, Los Angeles Animal Services and the Westside Food Bank. Donated items needed include new stuffed animals, feminine hygiene products, dog toys, travel-size toiletries, socks and canned goods. New and rarely used (or gently used) items include shoes, clothing, towels, blankets and pet supplies.

Additional activities for Kindness Week include the following:

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•Monday, Feb. 10 – 1pm — Senior Valentine’s Day Dance at Roxbury Park Community Center, sponsored by Beverly Hills Active Adult Club with special guests from City Council and the Human Relations Commission.

•Tuesday, Feb. 11 – 10am – Kindness-themed Library Story Time in the Beverly Hills Public Library’s Children’s Theatre.

•Wednesday, Feb. 12 – Banner of Gratitude, honoring our first responders at El Rodeo and Horace Mann Elementary Schools where students will contribute words of gratitude.

•Thursday, Feb. 13 – Kindness Pledge at Beverly Hills High School where students, accompanied by Boys & Girls Clubs of America, will speak on kindness at lunch assembly.

•Friday, Feb. 14 – Social Media Challenge. Share Love, Share Kindness. Share with the community someone who has shown unconditional love or strong friendship, or share something about yourself and how people can show YOU kindness. Post an image or words and tag five friends and @communitylifebh. Use hashtags #BH-Kindness and #KindnessCures.

•Saturday, Feb 15 – Self-Care Saturday. Find a way to engage in self-care and share on social media; tag us @communitylifebh! #BHKindness #WhatsYourKindness

For more information, view beverlyhills.org/csevents.

Senior Sophia Diamond to Attend Brown University

As part of the district’s College Decisions Series, Beverly High announced that Sophia Diamond will be attending Brown University this fall. As an advocate for sustainability, Sophia will be pursuing Environmental Science at the Ivy League institution

Sophia joined Beverly High as a

sophomore from Chicago and quickly excelled in AP Chemistry and Physics while demonstrating a commitment to environmental advocacy. As president of the Plastic Free Club, she has led initiatives to promote sustainability on campus, working to reduce plastic waste and encourage eco-friendly practices among her peers.

She also serves as one of the stage managers to assist in school productions.

“Sophia is a true leader, both in and out of the classroom,” said Superintendent Michael Bregy. “Her dedication to science and sustainability, along with her drive to create meaningful change, sets her apart. We have no doubt that she will continue to make an impact at Brown and beyond.”

Public Library to Host Author Talk with Waubgeshig Rice

On Tuesday, February 11, at 4:00 PM, bestselling author Waubgeshig Rice is set to discuss his latest book, *Moon of the Turning Leaves*, in a virtual conversation. The novel is the sequel to *Moon of the Crusted Snow*, a widely recognized work of post-apocalyptic fiction.

Moon of the Turning Leaves follows protagonist Evan Whitesky and his daughter Nangohns as they navigate life in a world that has been without modern infrastructure for over a decade. After fleeing into the wilderness in the wake of a widespread blackout, Evan’s community has sustained itself through traditional Anishinaabe practices. However, with local resources becoming scarce, Evan and a small group set out on a journey to their ancestral homeland



Sophia Diamond

along the north shore of Lake Huron, encountering both challenges and uncertainties along the way.



Waubgeshig Rice

Waubgeshig Rice, originally from Wasauksing First Nation, is an award-winning writer and journalist. He has previously worked for CBC News and hosted *Up North*, a CBC Radio program focused on northern Ontario. His literary works include *Midnight Sweatlodge*, a collection of short stories, and *Moon of the Crusted Snow*, which gained national recognition.

The event will feature a discussion on Rice’s new novel, his writing process, and the broader themes of survival and Indigenous identity explored in his work. Registration is required for those interested in attending the conversation.

Visit <https://libraryc.org/beverlyhillspubliclibrary/66909> to register for the event.

Cake Decorating Class to Be Held at The Peninsula Beverly Hills

On Wednesday, February 12, The Peninsula Beverly Hills will host a cake decorating class led by pastry chef and Food Network personality James Rosselle. The event is scheduled to take place from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM.



James Rosselle

Participants will have the opportunity

to design their own heart-shaped cakes under Rosselle’s guidance while enjoying Champagne and an assortment of small bites.

The cost of attendance is \$175 per person. Space is limited, and early booking is recommended.

Visit <https://www.peninsula.com/en/beverly-hills/special-offers/events/valentines-cake-decorating-class> to register.

Museum of Tolerance to Host Film Screenings

The Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles will host a series of special film screenings in February 2025, featuring films nominated for the 97th Academy Awards®. Each event includes free admission with RSVP and complimentary underground parking.

On Feb. 8, at 7PM, the museum will present, *The Seed of the Sacred Fig*. Presented by NEON, this screening will feature a Q&A with filmmaker Mohammad Rasoulof and actress Setareh Maleki (Sana). The film is nominated for Best International Feature Film. *The Seed of the Sacred Fig* follows a narrative that explores themes of resilience and human struggle in a world undergoing change.

On Feb. 10 at 7:00PM, the museum will present *September 5*. Presented by Paramount Pictures, this screening recounts the 1972 Munich Olympics hostage crisis and is nominated for Best Original Screenplay. *September 5* brings to life the events that unfolded during the games, offering a retelling of the crisis that changed history.

On Feb. 11 at 7:00PM, the museum will present *Sugarcane*. Presented by National Geographic, this documentary explores cultural genocide and the resilience of an Indigenous community.

Visit <https://www.museumoftolerance.com/> for more information.

--Briefs Compiled by Danielle Berjikian

detention&arrestsummary

Beverly Hills Weekly received the information that appears below from the Beverly Hills Police Department. This information is released each week to the public. We assume no responsibility for errors or omissions in the Detention and Arrest Summary.

SMITH, JUAN MARQUES, 41, arrested on 12/18/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia.

BALDWIN, TERRY, 51, arrested on 12/17/24 for causing a fire of property.

WALLACE, SCOTT HUGH, 59, arrested on 12/18/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, and having an outside misdemeanor warrant.

DAY, MICHAEL TRUMAN, 41, arrested

on 12/19/24 for having an outside felony warrant.

MORALES, JOSE ZACARIAS, 50, arrested on 12/19/24 for grand theft auto.

BUCHANAN, JOSHUA DAVID, 36, arrested on 12/19/24 for theft or driving of vehicle and possession of meth/etc.

DAVIS, ANDREW MICHAEL, 31, arrested on 12/19/24 for public intoxication.

NEAL, DARRANCE LASHAWN, 46,

arrested on 12/20/24 for resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical technician, and having an outside misdemeanor or warrant.

VERTUCCIO, JONPAUL NICHOLAS, 38, arrested on 12/20/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of meth/etc, amount of defacement damage or destruction is \$400 or more.

DUMITRU, AGRIPINA, 32, arrested on 12/20/24 for grand theft - shoplifting.

KORPMAN, DILLON, 30, arrested on 12/20/24 for false imprisonment, battery against defendant who had been dating, engagement, marriage or domestic relationship, remove, destroy or damage wireless equipment to prevent calling for

help.

FRANCO, RICHARD ANTHONY, 41, arrested on 12/20/24 for petty theft - shoplifting.

PASHAE, KAMYAR, 51, arrested on 12/20/24 for driving while license suspended for DUI, and having an outside misdemeanor warrant.

NAVARRO, JONATHAN EFRAIN, 35, arrested on 12/20/24 for driving unlicensed on the highway.

SAMARINETO, SAMUEL, 29, arrested on 12/21/24 for resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical technician, assault on police officer, evading a peace officer, and grand theft auto.

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ALLAH, GABRIEL SHARIEFF, 46, arrested on 12/21/24 for resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical technician, and petty theft.

DOMINGUEZ, AIDA MINASIAN, 59, arrested on 12/21/24 for grand theft - shoplifting, and having an outside felony warrant.

RUSS, RICHMOND GAROTEH, 32, arrested on 12/21/24 for defrauding innkeeper, etc, obtains food, fuel, services, accommodations without paying under \$400, and having an outside felony warrant.

CRUZ, ABELARDO, 31, arrested on 12/22/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of meth/etc.

ULLOA, ELDER NOEL, 46, arrested on 12/22/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of meth/etc.

NEITZKE, SCOTT DAVID, 56, arrested on 12/22/24 for having an outside felony warrant.

WEAVER, CHRISTINA RENE, 35, arrested on 12/22/24 for resisting or obstructing a public officer, and residential burglary.

DOMMINGUEZ, BLADIMIRO, 49, arrested on 12/23/24 for theft or VEH parts.

PORTILLO, PEDRO A, 50, arrested on 12/23/24 for driving unlicensed upon highway, driving with an open container, appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate the owner and restore property to them.

BANKS, DONALD VIRGIL, 63, arrested on 12/23/24 for having an outside felony warrant.

FEWELL, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT, 53 arrested on 12/23/24 for burglary - shoplifting.

MARTIEZITURBE, MIGUEL ANGEL, 52, arrested on 12/24/24 for driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving under the influence with blood alcohol over .08.

BENTLEY, DAYWUAN DARNELL, 38, arrested on 12/24/24 for public intoxication.

LUNA, JASON, 35, arrested on 12/24/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of meth/etc, and having an outside misdemeanor warrant.

GORDON, JESSICA MICHELLE, 45, arrested on 12/24/24 for having an outside misdemeanor warrant.

WITZZEL, LISA MARIE, 63, arrested on 12/23/24 for grand theft - shoplifting.

THOMAS, DERRICK LAMONT, 36, arrested on 12/23/24 for resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical technician, and petty theft.

MARTINEZ, LAWRENCE ANTHONY, 43, arrested on 12/24/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, having an outside felony warrant, and other misdemeanor charges not listed.

SELLERS, COLLIN OMAR, 40, arrested on 12/24/24 for grand theft shoplifting, and other felony charges not listed.

COCHRAN, SHIRLEY ANN, 63, arrested on 12/24/24 for possession, purchase, or use of stun gun by felon, and assault with stun gun or taser upon any person.

CANITZ, JASON ROBERT, 43, arrested on 12/24/24 for petty theft - shoplifting, and other felony charges not listed.

COLEMAN, JONATHAN TAYLOR, 36, arrested on 12/25/24 for resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer, peace officer, or emergency medical technician, battery against peace officer, emergency tech, etc, in performance of their duties, and trespassing: occupying property with consent.

ELLIS, DANIEL PATRICK, 36, arrested on 12/25/24 for public intoxication.

GUITEREZ, VICENTE ANTONIO, 45, arrested on 12/26/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of meth/etc, dirk/dagger, and having a BHPD misdemeanor bench warrant.

HOSSAN, ISTIAK, 39, arrested on 12/27/24 for possession for sale, possession for sale/cocaine base, possession of meth/etc, possession for sale of meth/etc, and public intoxication.

RODRIGUEZ PATINO, JOHAN CAMILO, 19, arrested on 12/26/24 for grand theft - shoplifting.

GONZALEZ, MICHAEL JESSE, 32, arrested on 12/27/24 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

MOORE, DANIEL, 52, arrested on 12/26/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CLEMENT, JAMES CHRISTIAN, 33, arrested on 12/26/24 for having an outside misdemeanor warrant.

PENALOZA, AARON, 40, arrested on 12/25/24 for public intoxication.

COLON, KIMBERLEE ANN, 39, arrested on 12/26/24 for grand theft auto, and embezzlement.

TAVAKOLI, JANET, 75, arrested on 12/26/24 for grand theft - shoplifting.

BLANCHARD, ADAM THOMAS, 54, arrested on 12/26/24 for possession of meth/etc, unlawful possession/use of tear gas weapon, and petty theft.

ROSALESQUIJADA, NICOLAS ALONSO, 38, arrested on 12/27/24 for having a BHPD felony bench warrant.

SANCHEZ, ALVARO, 40, arrested on

12/27/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, appropriates lost property for own use without making efforts to locate the owner and restore property to them.

MATA, MIA LIZETTE, 19, arrested on 12/27/24 for assault - domestic violence/inflicting corporal injury (spouse or cohabitant abuse).

CROWDER, DOUGLAS MICHAEL, 56, arrested on 12/27/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of meth/etc.

BURBANKS, MONIQUE ELYSE, 45, arrested on 12/28/24 for petty theft - shoplifting.

CRUZ, JOSE AMELIO, 27, arrested on 12/28/24 for petty theft - shoplifting.

SMITH, SHAWN LONELL, 25, arrested on 12/28/24 for showing false ID to a police officer, battery - use of force or violence upon another.

GUARDADO, MANUEL DE JESUS, 59, arrested on 12/28/24 for petty theft.

MILLER, HELLEN LUNA, 53, arrested on 12/29/24 for assault on person, and threatening crime with intent to terrorize.

JOSHUA, NECOLE DENEAS, 44, arrested on 12/29/24 for driving while license is suspended, driving under the influence of alcohol, and having an outside misdemeanor warrant.

LY, KEN QUANG, 40, arrested on 12/29/24 for appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate the owner and restore property to them, and having an outside misdemeanor warrant.

HOPKINS, TAVIAH RENAI, 49, arrested on 12/30/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia.

SHAHREZAEI, SHADI, 39, arrested on 12/30/24 for grand theft - shoplifting

RODGERS, JAY, 19, arrested on 12/30/24 for resisting, delaying or obstructing a public officer, peace officer, or emergency medical technician, showing false ID to a police officer, petty theft - shoplifting, having an outside felony warrant, having an outside misdemeanor warrant, and other misdemeanor charge not listed.

ESCH, MICHAEL EDWARD, 33, arrested on 12/30/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, petty theft- shoplifting, having an outside misdemeanor warrant, and other misdemeanor charges not listed.

HICKLEN, JAMAL BRIAN, 35, arrested on 12/31/24 for grand theft auto.

GRANT, DEON LAMAR, 31, arrested on 12/31/24 for petty theft - shoplifting, and having an outside misdemeanor warrant.

SATRIANI, DAVID, 56, arrested on 12/30/24 for petty theft - shoplifting

BROADY, JAMES, 26, arrested on 12/31/24 for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate the owner and restore property to them, and having an outside felony warrant.

WATTS, MICHAEL ANTHONY, 35, arrested on 12/31/24 for having a BHPD felony arrest warrant.

VALDIVA, ROGELIO, 42, arrested on 12/31/24 for public intoxication.

FRANCO, RICHARD ANTHONY, 41, arrested on 12/31/24 for petty theft from vehicle, petty theft with prior theft convictions, and having an outside misdemeanor warrant.

SKELTON, JASON BRUCE, 42, arrested on 1/1/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, obliterate color/markings to make imitation firearm to look like a firearm, appropriates lost property for own use without making efforts to locate owner and restore property to them, scavenging through solid waste containers.

ARIAS, ALEXANDER, 24, arrested on 12/31/24 for grand theft - shoplifting.

HAMMOUD, WISSAM SAMI, 52, arrested on 1/1/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, showing false ID to a police officer, appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate the owner and restore property to them, and having an outside misdemeanor warrant.

PONCE, SALVADOR, 37, arrested on 1/1/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of meth/etc, showing false ID to a police officer, and grad theft auto.

JIMENEZ-PEREZ, UBALDO, 20, arrested on 1/1/24 for person under 21 with blood alcohol of .01% or greater, driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving under the influence of alcohol over .08.

EDWARDS, ROBERT JACK, 56, arrested on 1/1/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia.

MCCULLY, SHANE, 39, arrested on 1/2/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia.

ERAZO, RANDY MAURY, 30, arrested on 1/2/24 for petty theft - shoplifting.

ARRIAZA, JERMIAS MOISES, 45, arrested on 1/2/24 for possession of drug paraphernalia, battery - use of force or violence upon another, appropriates lost property for own use without making efforts to locate owner and restore property to them, and having an outside felony warrant.

ROLDAN, BRYDON JAVIER, 51, arrested on 12/2/24 for battery - use of force or violence upon another.

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