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## Around Town

*With Bonnie Carroll*

### A SPECIAL DAY

It is difficult to know what to give that fantastic woman who keeps life running smoothly for everyone in the family, but perhaps one of these unique gifts ideas might be right for her. The Beverly Hills hotel properties gearing up for another memorable Mother's Day Brunch include The Beverly Hills Hotel, The Peninsula and The Regent Beverly Wilshire, as well as Loew's Hotel and The Four Seasons Hotel at Beverly Hills. If a day spa experience will please the lady, you might try Hands On Spa on Beverly Drive, or a new makeup look from Bobbe Joy is a happy face possibility. Some familiar dinner venues that say 'you are the best' include Jaan, Il Cielo, Spago, Frida, and Ruth Chris. If you have no budget you might give her flowers from Harry Winston; a broach with ruby and diamond roses would be nice, or a get-away spa weekend and Sunday brunch at Bacara

Resort in Santa Barbara could be a sweet thank you. My favorite mother's day gifts were always the little treasures my kids made for me at school. It's really is the thought that counts. Happy Mother's Day.

### THUMBS UP FOR NEW BH LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

The Beverly Hills City Council approved the funding for 36 new on-site automated external defibrillators for use in the Public Access Defibrillation Program. AED's will be available for use by the Beverly Hills Police Department in patrol cars. According to Sonia Berman, BH CPR coordinator, the new equipment is designed for children and adults.

### CHEERS FOR NORMA AT THE PANTAGES

Friends and supporters of the Actor's Fund of America exploded with delight and approval following the all-star reading of the original Paramount screenplay of Sunset Boulevard by Charles Brackett, Billy Wilder and D. M.

Marshaman, Jr., which was adapted for the stage by David Rambo. The portrayal of Norma Desmond by Anjelica Huston was stunning, and the entire theatre went silent as she delivered the line "I'm ready for my close up, Mr. De Mille." Patrick Wilson was outstanding as Joe Gillis, Sir Ben Kingsley was a sehr gut Max Von Mayerling, and Stephanie Powers was a very powerful Hedda Hopper. Wonderful readings were given by a stage filled with Hollywood's greats, including Charles Durning, Frederic Forrest, Marvin Kaplan, Steve Guttenberg, Stanley Donen, Robert Morse, Wilmer Valderrama, Marissa Jaret Winokur, Noah Wyle, Ed Begley, Jr., Lauren Ambrose, James Cromwell, and Ken Howard. It was a great show for a great cause. (see over for images)

### SPRING FUN FOR KIDS

How lucky we are to live in the middle of entertainment venues that provide a world of fun and education to our children. The Museum of Television and Radio on Beverly Drive is a treasure

trove of entertainment history in an environment that invites kids to delve into the library of films and radio shows, and they are family rated. A great finale to a visit to the MTR is a root beer float at Johnny Rockets across the street. LACMA always offers an adventure for kids, and great food for parents at the Patina onsite cafe. The Petersen Museum is a favorite of my grandson Cody Hilton. He was thrilled with the latest 'Hot Wheels' exhibit. The May Family Center at the Petersen features full wall displays of the Beverly Hills Police Department and Beverly Hills Fire Department in action. A tour of the BHPD or BHFD can be a fun outing, and gives kids a chance to bond with the men and women who protect and serve them. Special days are planned for visits to these facilities. Go to [www.beverlyhills.org](http://www.beverlyhills.org) for information.

### THE ULTIMATE BIRTHDAY BASH

The hottest ticket in town was a performance given by actor/



Anjelica Huston as Norma Desmond in Sunset Boulevard



musician Dennis Quaid, which fell on his birthday. The entire audience joined Quaid's band, The Sharks, in a lively version of "Happy Birthday." The Austin, Texas native was visibly surprised and delighted by all the fuss, and gave a highly energized and entertaining performance.

### **NEW GM AT THE REGENT BEVERLY WILSHIRE**

We welcome Mr. Radha Arora, who will replace Peter O'Colmain as the new General Manager at The Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Radha comes to Beverly Hills from the Four Seasons in Maui, Hawaii, and is a twenty year veteran in the hotel management industry. He has served as a general manager for Four Seasons properties in Canada, India and

Philadelphia.

### **FARMER'S MARKET IS COOKING**

The schedule for the Beverly Hills Farmer's Market is packed for the coming summer. On June 6th talented bakers will compete at the "Pie Bake a la Beverly Hills" to win valuable cash prizes. Musical entertainment is on the menu, along with great shopping. For information go to [www. Beverlyhills.org](http://www.Beverlyhills.org).

August 1 will be the 10th Anniversary of our Farmer's Market, and will feature a very exciting Chili Cook Off contest with some exciting attractions. It will feature celebrity chefs and fun activities for children and adults. For applications and information go to [www.Beverlyhills.org](http://www.Beverlyhills.org).

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Anjelica with adaption writer David Rambo



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