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'My Father Was in the Mob'

The startling backstory of *Hidden Figures*' director

The D.C. Deserters

Stars get spooked by the White House Correspondents' Dinner

'I'm Scared'

Fox's casting exec on Trump's TV impact

Grammys' Battle of the Divas

Former boy wonder Timberlake is now 36, a dad, an Oscar nominee, starring in a Woody Allen movie and grappling with 'faint' childhood memories — and what he wants out of life: 'I'm not gifted at anything else'

Rethinking Justin

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Power Dining



Walden



Pacino

Steve Tisch dined with Peter Morton and Steve Shapiro at Nerano. Irving Azoff sat nearby. Dana Walden, Sean Parker, Frank Mancuso and Peter Benedek also were in separately. ... Courteney Cox, Jennifer Meyer and Sara Foster lunched at The Beverly Hills Hotel's Polo Lounge. Henry Winkler also was there. Another night, Al Pacino held court. ... Bette Midler checked out Kali. ... CAA's Nick Khan and ESPN's Stephen A. Smith met at The Palm. Also in, Lionsgate's Sandra Stern, Sony TV's Zack Van Amburg and Jamie Erlicht, WME's Paul Haas and Fox's Stacey Snider.



HOT NEW RESTAURANT

The Mar Vista The Quick Pitch

Gentrifying Mar Vista locals, already cheering news of the Santa Monica Airport's long-hoped-for closure, now can boast a rare destination dining spot offering an assured spin on contemporary California cuisine staples, powered by farmers market finds. The grape and Gorgonzola salad with candied garlic is mandatory.

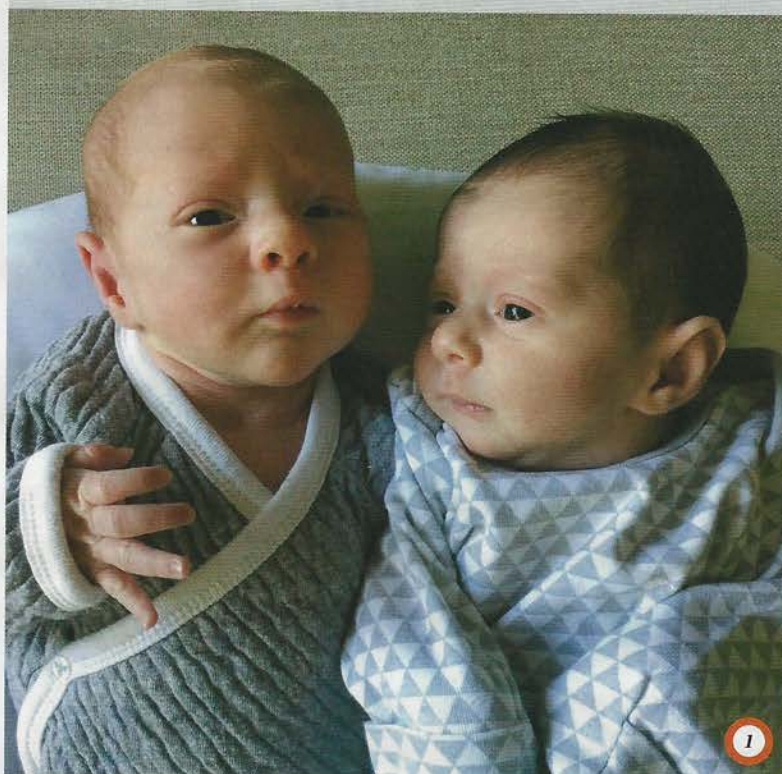
The Inside Dish

Executive chef **D. Brandon Walker**, a winner on Food Network's *Chopped*, spent nearly a decade as the executive chef at St. Joseph's Bread and Rose Cafe in Venice (which serves more than 750 gourmet meals to the homeless each week) while also working as a private chef for **Russell Simmons** and **Helen Hunt**. 12249 Venice Blvd.

— GARY BAUM

Hitched, Hatched, Hired

Inside the industry's celebrations and news



Births

Sony Pictures vp national publicity **Sara Reich** and her wife, **Sarah DiLeo**, executive producer of integrated production at Tool of North America, welcomed twin daughters **Stella Hawk** and **Vivienne Rose Reich-DiLeo** on Jan. 20 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.



Oona Eibhilin Grian

Colin Brady, corporate development executive at CAA, and wife **Patricia Hughes**, an independent art consultant, welcomed daughter **Oona Eibhilin Grian Brady** on Dec. 19.

1 Vivienne Rose (left) and Stella Hawk
2 Geer
3 Gardner

Congrats

Russell Hollander was named national executive director of the Directors Guild of America on Feb. 5.

Veteran TV producer **Rob Wade** was named Fox's president of alternative entertainment and specials Feb. 6.

20th Century Fox Film elevated **Dean Hallett** to senior executive vp operations and strategy Jan. 31.

All3media International appointed **Amreet Kaur Chahal** to sales manager, Asia Pacific, based in Singapore, on Feb. 1.

Truly Original upped **Bryan Hale** to executive vp development and **Nikki Borrelli** to executive vp production Feb. 1.

Universal Filmed Entertainment Group named **Cindy Gardner** executive vp global communications and NBCUniversal corporate affairs on Feb. 1.

Stuart Nichols was upped to CFO at APA on Feb. 1.

Deaths

David Shepard, a silent film preservation giant and archivist, died

Jan. 31 in Oregon after a long illness. He was 76.

Frank Pellegrino, the *Sopranos* actor-cum-restaurateur, died Jan. 31 in New York of cancer. He was 72.

Hal Geer, a film editor, writer, director and producer for animation at Warner Bros. and Disney, died Jan. 26 in Simi Valley, Calif. He was 100.

Birthdays

FEB. 9

Tom Hiddleston, 36

FEB. 10

Elizabeth Banks, 43 →
Laura Dern, 50
Vince Gilligan, 50
Bob Iger, 66

FEB. 12

Darren Aronofsky, 48

FEB. 15

Matt Groening, 63



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