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☀️ Thursday	70° 65°

National Night Out Signals Strength of Police, Community Relations



Photo courtesy city of Beverly Hills

Mayor Dr. Julian Gold and members of the Beverly Hills City Council joined Fire Chief Greg Barton (far left) and Chief of Police Mark Stainbrook (far right) at the National Night Out Aug. 1.

BY RYAN TOROK

The Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) convened a well-attended gathering marking National Night Out, an annual community-wide event promoting police-community partnerships with the goal of creating more secure neighborhoods.

Held on the 400 block of N. Rexford Drive, outside the city's public library and

fire department headquarters, the Aug. 1 outdoor block party brought together more than 3,000 community members who spent the warm summer evening interacting with local police officers, learning about BHPD's law enforcement tools and enjoying the comforting feeling of community.

"From the city's point of view, National Night Out is an opportunity to showcase the
See NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, page 17

Appeal Filed Against La Cienega Mixed-Use Development

BY CLARA HARTER

An environmental group has filed an appeal against the approval of the 105-unit "Stinking Rose" mixed-use development located at 55 N. La Cienega Drive, arguing that the project should not have received an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Council members unanimously voted this week to consider the appeal during their upcoming Sept. 12 meeting.

The project was approved by the Planning Commission on June 22 and consists of a six-story building with ground floor retail space, 94 market rate apartment units, 11 very low-income apartment units and a three-level subterranean parking lot.

The mixed-use development will replace a surface parking lot and a vacant commercial building that was previously home to the Stinking Rose restaurant. The property is owned by Westland Real Estate Group.

The appeal, along with a \$6,694 fee, was filed on July 5 by a group called Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility. This group is funded by the Southern California District Council of Laborers, which represents several regional construction worker unions and has a history of

See MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT, page 7

Tina Wiener Begins Term as BHEF President

BY DAVE MASON

Tina Wiener loves when students recognize they have just learned something new and exciting. "I realized when I started teaching, there's nothing more rewarding than when a student is having an 'aha!' moment—a connection with what they're learning," Wiener told the Courier this week.

Today, the former teacher is working to spread "aha!" moments throughout local schools as the new president of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation (BHEF). She began her one-year term July 1 in the volunteer position and is excited about the prospect of growth.

"As we bring on more businesses and community members as donors, as we begin to grow our endowment, and as we attract individuals interested in legacy naming



Tina Wiener, the new President of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation

opportunities at our school sites, we will be able to finance more programming aligned with BHUSD (Beverly Hills Unified School District) initiatives for excellence in education," said Wiener, who has been married

See TINA WIENER, page 18

Preliminary Injunction Granted in Robertson Tree Case

BY CLARA HARTER

Tree advocates have won a key legal victory in their lawsuit against the city of Beverly Hills. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge James C. Chalfant issued a preliminary injunction on July 27 forbidding the removal of 36 Ficus trees on Robertson Boulevard until the case concludes.

The preliminary injunction replaces the temporary restraining order that first halted the removals in April.

See ROBERTSON TREES, page 14

Courier Calendar

NOW - AUG. 6

**DUGAN'S BACKYARD PLAYHOUSE:
"TEVYE IN NEW YORK."**

FRI.-SAT. 8 P.M.

SUN. 7 P.M.

Dugan's Backyard Playhouse presents Tom Dugan's revival of his solo piece about the beloved milkman in his new land. J.P. Hubbell directs this production. The performance is at Dugan's Backyard Playhouse in Woodland Hills. (Patrons will be given the exact address after making a reservation.)

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NOW - AUG. 6

VIBRATO GRILL JAZZ: LUKE CARLSEN AND THE FRESH RHYTHM, TONY GALLA, AND MATT CATINGUB BIG BAND "FROM SAMOA TO SINATRA"

7 P.M., 7:30 P.M., 9:30 P.M.
Vibrato Grill Jazz will host three shows from Aug. 4-6. On Aug. 4, Luke Carlsen and the Fresh Rhythm play Big Band Jazz. On Aug. 5, Tony Galla performs R&B and Soul. Both performers have shows at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Cover is \$25 for these shows. On Aug. 6, the Matt Catingub Big Band presents "From Samoa to Sinatra," a swinging journey of standards, jazz and Sinatra in honor of Matt's "Mommy," Mavis Rivers. The show is at 7:30 p.m. and cover is \$40 or \$20 at the bar. Reservations are available online. vibratogrilljazz.com

NOW - AUG. 20

SKYPILOT THEATRE COMPANY: "A BLACK AND WHITE COOKIE."

FRI.-SAT. 8 P.M.

SUN. 3 P.M.

SkyPilot Theatre Company presents the West Coast premiere of "A Black and White Cookie." In this comedy, directed by Tudi Roche and written by Gary Morgenstein, an aging Black Republican teams up with a burnt-out Jewish radical to face off against a corporate developer.

Performances are at the 905 Cole Theatre, 905 N. Cole Ave., Hollywood. skypilottheatre.com

NOW - AUG. 23

THEATRE 40:

"DORIS AND IVY IN THE HOME."

2 P.M., 7:30 P.M.

Theatre 40 presents "Doris and Ivy in the Home," a play written by Norm Foster and directed by Warren Davis. In this comedy, two mature ladies set their caps for the same dapper gent in a senior community. Theatre 40 is located at 241 S. Moreno Drive, Beverly Hills. theatre40.org

NOW - SEPT. 4

SANTA MONICA PLACE:

"WORLD OF BARBIE"

WED.-THURS. 12-6 P.M.

FRI. 12-8 P.M.

SAT.-SUN. 10 A.M.-8 P.M.

Mattel presents the immersive exhibition "World of Barbie." Guests can visit Barbie's Dreamhouse, see her full-size DreamCamper van, built by West Coast Customs, see an exhibit of more than six decades of Barbie dolls and accessories and more. Ticket prices vary by day. Advanced reservations for set times are available online. Anytime tickets are available without a set arrival time for an additional fee. Discounts are available for children (up to 12 years old), military, students, first responders, and seniors. "World of Barbie" is located at Santa Monica Place at 395 Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica. theworldofbarbie.com

NOW - OCT. 1

DESCANSO GARDENS: "LIVING IN A WILDLIFE CORRIDOR"

9 A.M.-7 P.M.

Descanso Gardens hosts "Living in a Wildlife Corridor," an art and nature exhibition in the historic Boddy

House. The exhibit showcases up-close photography capturing the intricate details of native fauna, accompanied by life-size sculptures that bring these creatures to life. Complementing the photography and sculptures is a curated selection of original paintings, prints, and drawings that celebrate the beauty and diversity of the wildlife found within Descanso Gardens' extensive landscape. Displays in this impressive exhibition also include artwork and traditional knowledge shared by Tongva Culture Bearers, the latest scientific and research expertise from conservationists, and insights into the specific challenges and opportunities around conservation in the greater Los Angeles area. Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$11 for seniors and students with a school I.D., \$5 for children 5 to 12, and free for children under 5. descansogardens.org

AUG. 6

THE SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER:

MUSE/IQUE 2023: MUSIC = POWER:

"BERNSTEIN AT HEART: LEARNING IS LIVING"

7:30 P.M.

MUSE/IQUE continues its yearlong concert series, MUSIC = POWER with "Bernstein at Heart: Learning is Living" on Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at The Skirball Cultural Center in West Los Angeles. The ensemble is joined by soprano Anna Schubert, tenor Ashley Faatoalia and, from the Colburn School, Australian youth violinist James Birch. Program includes "Westside Story" ("Mambo," Copland's "Appalachian Spring" ("Simple Gifts"); James Taylor's "Fire and Rain"; Ginestera's "Estancia" - Malambo movement; John Lennon - "In My Life"; Mozart - Concerto #4 - movement #1; Bach - Prelude in F minor; "On the Town," "Times Square"; and West Side Story Concert Suite No. 1 ("Maria," "One Hand,

One Heart," "Somewhere," "Balcony Scene"). MUSE/IQUE membership begins at \$225 and MUSE/IQUE members receive complimentary admission to all MUSE/IQUE events. Admission for non-members starts with a trial membership of \$100, which includes three consecutive performances. The Skirball Cultural Center is located at 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles. muse-ique.com

AUG. 10

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA: TEICHOLZ FILM SERIES "WOMEN IN THE HOLOCAUST": "VALIANT HEARTS"

6-8:30 P.M.
As a part of the Teicholz Film Series, Holocaust Museum LA presents a special virtual screening of "Valiant Hearts." Suspenseful and heartfelt, "Valiant Hearts" tells the true story of exceptional bravery and survival against all odds. The film stars acclaimed French actress Camille Cottin ("House of Gucci," "Stillwater") and recounts the odyssey of six Jewish children in August 1942, who are forced to take refuge where no one will ever think to look for them: amidst the Louvre Museum artworks hidden in the Château de Chambord. Between fear, outbursts of laughter, and unexpected encounters, the children learn about independence and discover solidarity and friendship amid tumultuous circumstances. The character played by Camille Cottin was inspired by Rose Valand, a conservator at Paris's Jeu de Paume Museum and a member of the resistance who, for the full duration of the war, spied and documented artwork thefts carried out by Nazi officers. This event is free. holocaustmuseumla.org

AUG. 15

HOTEL BEL-AIR: SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: "TOP GUN"

6 P.M.

With the return of Bel-Air Under the Stars, the hotel's Front Lawn transforms into a luxury cinematic experience as guests sip wine and roast marshmallows in their own private fire pit. Each classic movie inspires a new menu for the night, featuring bites from Executive Chef Connor McVay and gourmet sweets by Executive Pastry Chef Christophe Rull. The featured film for Aug. 15 is "Top Gun." The menu paired with the adrenaline-pumping blockbuster will feature culinary delights including Maverick Macho Nachos, Goose Wings, Top Gun Tacos, Charlotte Churros and more. General admission requires a minimum food and beverage spend of \$100 per person. Private fire pits are available with a minimum spend of \$950 and can seat up to six people. The event is hosted at The Restaurant at Hotel Bel-Air at 701 Stone Canyon Road, Los Angeles. sevenrooms.com/events/the-restaurant-at-hotel-belair



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Emma Mackey, Simu Liu, Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling and Kingsley Ben-Adir in the movie "Barbie," the release of which coincides with the "World of Barbie" experience at Santa Monica Place



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BHFD Investigating Two Apartment Fires



Photo by Ryan Torok

The BHFD is still investigating the cause of two apartment fires.

BY RYAN TOROK

The Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) is investigating the causes of two apartment building fires, which occurred on Aug. 1 and 2, at 220 S. Lasky Drive and 433 N. Palm Drive.

There were no injuries caused by either incident, according to BHFD Chief Greg Barton. However, two dogs died in the fire on S. Lasky Drive.

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City Council Considers Varied Agenda



The City Council met Aug. 1.

BY RYAN TOROK

The Beverly Hills City Council took up a varied agenda at its Aug. 1 meeting, including the upcoming League of Cities Annual Conference, a proposed Day of Wellness and more.

Councilmember John Mirisch was designated as the city's voting delegate to the 2023 League of California Cities Annual Conference. Councilmember Sharona Nazarian was named primary alternate voting delegate and Municipal Affairs Program Manager Cynthia Owens was named the secondary alternate voting delegate to represent the city at the annual conference, which is being held Sept. 20-22 in Sacramento.

Designating delegates allows the city to vote on resolutions that establish policies for the upcoming year.

The council also expressed support for the upcoming "Beverly Hills Day of Wellness," a new event that will bring health and wellness practitioners to Roxbury Park to provide complimentary sessions to the public at a time when community mental health needs are front and center.

"This event stands as a testament to the city's unwavering commitment to fostering a healthy

mind and spirit," Human Relations Commission Chair Noelle Freeman said in a statement. "Whether you seek to enrich your own mental health journey, or want to learn the impacts that stress has on our bodies with chair yoga, experience the therapeutic joy of playing with puppies, or discover the tranquility of meditation, this day welcomes you with open arms."

The event is scheduled to take place Sept. 10 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Roxbury Park Community Center. The gathering will be open to people of all ages and feature programming in the park's community center rooms and patio as well as the grass area near picnic tables.

Day of Wellness is a collaboration between the Human Relations, Health and Safety and Recreation and Parks commissions. In May, Councilmember Lili Bosse and Vice Mayor Lester Friedman, serving as liaisons on the Beverly Hills City Council/Human Relations Commission Committee, signaled support for the event.

The proposed activities for the day include a drum circle, hypnosis, tai chi, yoga, Pilates, sound baths and discussions examining teen mental health issues and social media safety. Additional programming will include a dream catcher station and therapeutic coloring. Also, information booths will be displayed by Our House Grief Support Center and Maple Counseling, among other organizations.

Vice Mayor Lester Friedman was particularly interested in programming focused on social media safety for kids.

"I think children have been subjected to things on social media that need to be highlighted," the vice mayor said. "I think we all have seen mental health issues in our community, and I think this is a great way to introduce solutions-or possible solutions-to those problems."

Recreation Services Manager Chris Paulson said the city was preparing a robust marketing plan that will include press releases, advertisements in print and online, social media outreach and spotlights in various city newsletters. The city plans to work with Roxbury Park staff, where there's already extensive senior programming, to publicize the September event, Paulson said.

Stephanie Harris, director of community services for the city, said they're preparing to accommodate a couple hundred people throughout the day. Meanwhile, the anticipated fiscal impact, according to a city report, is no more than \$5,000 for special event needs such as printing, permits and supplies, along with the use of Community Services department budgeted-staff time.

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School Board Weighs Student Phone Use, Approves Hawthorne Turf Replacement



Playground turf will be replaced at Hawthorne Elementary School.

BY RYAN TOROK

The July 25 Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) board meeting reviewed the student cell phone policy on the district's campuses, approved a \$408,000 construction project to replace playfield turf at Hawthorne Elementary School and introduced a career academy for high school students.

Continuing an ongoing, impassioned discussion on student cell phone use, the board heard and approved a first reading of a policy regarding smartphones and other mobile communication devices. Read out loud by Board Member Judy Manouchehri, the policy says that the district's TK-8 students may not use cell phones, smartphones and other devices while on campus and their devices must be turned off throughout the day. For high school students in grades 9-12, students may use devices during non-instructional time.

The policy says that a student who commits a third repeated offense of the rules receives after-school detention. This, however, garnered some pushback.

"I'm not a fan of detention for these violations," Board Chair Noah Margo said, addressing his colleagues on the six-member board as well as Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy.

Board Vice President Amanda Stern talked about innovative ways district teachers are employing cell phones in the classrooms, such as facilitating polls among students. She asked that language addressing acceptable cell phone uses be incorporated into the policy.

Bregy said changes will continue to be made to the language.

During the two-hour meeting, the board also approved an approximately \$408,000 project to replace 28,149 square feet of synthetic turf on the north field at Hawthorne Elementary School. The artificial turf currently on the field failed to pass this year's Gmax testing, which measures impact

attenuation, or the ability of a playing surface to absorb the shock from a collision, such as a player falling to the surface of the field.

"There's no intervention other than replacement at this time," said Ken Haas, executive director of construction and facilities for the district.

The contractor, The Hellas Group, is working on a 30-day timeline to complete the turf replacement. There are also plans for turf replacement under another structure at the elementary school's play area. The project is smaller in scope and will take less time than the replacement of turf on the north field.

The meeting also included a presentation by BHHS Co-Principal Drew Stewart and Career Education Coordinator Cindy Dubin on BHHS Career Academy, which provides the district's high school students with business immersion experience and the opportunity to explore various careers, including business, marketing and event planning.

"One of the most important things we do for our students is preparing them for college and for careers," Stewart said.

Dubin highlighted plans for student internship opportunities this fall in the hospitality sector. Students will get the chance to work at six of the city's hotels, including Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel, The Beverly Hilton and The Beverly Hills Hotel.

Additionally, the board discussed the district paying dues for membership in the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). Currently, BHUSD pays the membership for only the superintendent and assistant superintendents. They weighed the board's approval of ACSA dues for directors, coordinators, principals and assistant principals, beginning in the upcoming school year. The fiscal impact would be approximately \$31,500.

Membership in ACSA would support the
See BHUSD, page 18

Two Robbed at Gunpoint Outside Craig's in WeHo



Police released a video of an earlier robbery in West Hollywood.

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Two individuals were robbed at gunpoint in the early hours of Aug. 3 outside the popular West Hollywood eatery Craig's on the 8800 block of Melrose Avenue. According to a spokesperson for the Los Angeles County

Sheriff's Department, the victims were approached by perpetrators armed with semiautomatic weapons who demanded jewelry and watches. The robbers, described as males in their late teens or early 20s, fled in a white sedan driven by a third person. At
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City Council Presentations

Beverly Hills Mayor Dr. Julian Gold and the City Council recognized former president of the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills JR Dzubak at their Aug. 1 meeting. Dzubak (who honored the Courier with its "Spirit of Service Award" earlier this summer) was cited for his engagement with the community, fundraising prowess and commitment to the Rotary Club's mission of service. The mayor and council also recognized The Cheese Store of Beverly Hills, which has recently moved to a new location on South Santa Monica Boulevard, with a 60-Second Shout Out.



The City Council recognized JR Dzubak for his achievements. Pictured (from left): Councilmember Lili Bosse, Vice Mayor Lester Friedman, Dzubak, Mayor Dr. Julian Gold, Councilmembers John Mirisch and Sharona Nazarian



A 60-Second Shout Out went to The Cheese Store of Beverly Hills. Pictured (from left): Councilmember Lili Bosse, Vice Mayor Lester Friedman, Norbert Wabnig, Dominick DiBartolomeo, Mayor Dr. Julian Gold and Councilmembers John Mirisch and Sharona Nazarian

Letter to the Editor

Dear Beverly Hills Courier:

I wish to congratulate Al Brooks on his retirement, and thank him for his kindness and friendliness for the many years he served as news dealer and Beverly Drive Ambassador.

Al always welcomed me and my generations of golden retrievers, currently Buddy, on our walks through the city. News stands are becoming fewer and fewer, and it is encouraging to know that this one will continue to operate under new ownership. The best news of all is the management team of Eddy and Glenn will still be on hand and in charge every day as they have been. Eddy for several years, devoted to Al, and more recently Glenn, a great addition. Our community needs a news stand, and we are fortunate having these gentlemen managing ours.

Thank you,
Barry Alexander and Buddy



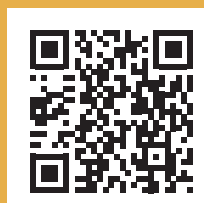
Al's Newsstand owner Allan Brooks

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Rendering courtesy of Reed Architectural Group

An environmental group is appealing the Planning Commission's recent approval of the 105 unit mixed-use development at 55 N. La Cienega Blvd.

MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT, from page 1 appealing approval of large housing projects and asking for more environmental review.

The group filed a similar appeal to the approval of a 108-unit building in downtown Long Beach, which was rejected by Long Beach's City Council in January 2022.

In the case of the Stinking Rose project, the appellants are claiming that a full CEQA review is needed due to air quality concerns stemming from chemicals that

may be contained in the building's materials. The Planning Commission previously ruled that the project was exempt from CEQA.

The appeal states that the project "will likely expose future residents living at the project to significant impacts related to indoor air quality, and in particular, emissions of the cancer-causing chemical formaldehyde."

According to the appeal, formaldehyde is present in many composite wood products

commonly used in flooring, cabinetry, baseboards, window shades, interior doors, and window and door trims.

Planning Commissioner Peter Ostroff said it is "extraordinarily unlikely" that the appeal will be successful.

"It (the appeal) doesn't seem to have any merit," he said. "I believe that the (CEQA exemption) report that was presented to the Planning Commission thoroughly anticipated these issues and on that basis we found the project exempt."

Regardless of the likelihood of success, the appeal process drags out an already long process for the property owner to redevelop the project site.

The owner first proposed building a four-star hotel on the site in 2016. Over the years, the hotel plans went through several iterations—ranging from seven to nine stories, between 169 to 247 guest rooms, and between 164,645 and 287,384 square feet.

It repeatedly failed to gain city approval as the Planning Commission determined that a hotel of that scale was not an appropriate use for the project site. After the most recent rejection in January 2021, the owner pivoted to a mixed-use concept.

This was allowed under the new mixed-use ordinance that the council passed in

November 2020 to encourage more developments that combined residential units and commercial spaces in commercially zoned areas of the city.

So far, the Stinking Rose project is the only mixed-use development to gain city approval since the ordinance was passed. Three additional, yet smaller scale, mixed-use developments are currently making their way through the approval process.

The latest Stinking Rose development was opposed by some residents, not due to environmental concerns, but rather concerns over the density of the project and impact on nearby residences.

Under new state housing regulations, the project was entitled to several density bonuses in exchange for including 11 units reserved for very low-income households. This allowed the property owner to increase the building height from three stories to six and the total number of units from around 70 to 105.

"I think it was appropriately approved," said Ostroff. "We have got to comply with the law and state law says that they have a right to certain additional entitlements in exchange for providing a certain level of affordable housing." •

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'Oppenheimer' A Prometheus of Mythical Proportions



Photos courtesy of Universal Pictures

Cillian Murphy as J. Robert Oppenheimer

BY NEELY SWANSON

"Oppenheimer," the extraordinary film written and directed by the redoubtable Christopher Nolan, tackles not just the history of one man and the seminal event that came to define him, but also the complex intersection of science, politics and the cult of personality. Rarely have I left a movie feeling smarter than when I went in, but "Oppenheimer" is just such a film and it elevated my thinking, especially in regard to the science of politics and the politics of science. More amazingly, I still don't understand physics beyond Newton's third law of motion that "every action has an equal and opposite reaction." And yet, curiously, that quote also applies to the emotional reactions of the protagonists in the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer, father of the atomic bomb.

Based on what is arguably considered the best biography written about Oppenheimer, "American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer" by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin who spent 25 years researching and writing it, Nolan took this base material and focused on the successful attempt to dismantle Oppenheimer's reputation, building the background by going backwards and forwards in Oppenheimer's life. Much like Prometheus, the Greek god of fire who was punished by Zeus for giving fire to humans, the post-World War II life



Cillian Murphy and Robert Downey Jr.

of Robert Oppenheimer doomed him to serve penance for what many saw as conceit compounded by his many human frailties—sexual, political and intellectual. But this modern-day Prometheus who unleashed the power of atomic energy could be more closely associated with Icarus, the mortal who dared to fly too close to the sun to escape a labyrinthian prison. This movie is a labyrinth of storytelling.

Tracking between time frames in his

life, Nolan smoothly transitions from the 1953-54 Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) Kangaroo Court instigated by AEC Chairman Lewis Strauss to relieve Oppenheimer of his security clearance, to Oppenheimer's early career as he finds his way to theoretical physics in England and Germany. We follow Oppenheimer from his ambivalent dabbling in left-wing and Communist circles, to his leadership in the Los Alamos branch of the Manhattan Project. We see the consequences

of Strauss' harassment of an intellectual foe with a still deep base of support from the scientific heavyweights of the time. In poker terms, this is a study of the consequences of overplaying your hand. It is a complicated story centered on a complex individual who is understood by many and misunderstood by most.

Oppenheimer's initial focus was chemistry, but he soon found his way to physics and pursued that course at Cambridge. It



Top: Cillian Murphy and Emily Blunt, Bottom: Robert Downey Jr.

was there that he discovered he loathed lab studies and was unsuited for experimental physics. An encounter with Max Born (Nobel Prize 1959) led him to the University of Göttingen in Germany where the field of theoretical physics and quantum mechanics were starting to take hold. Under the tutelage of Born, Oppenheimer received his P.h.D. in 1927. It was here that he encountered and befriended future theoretical physics giants such as Werner Heisenberg and Pascual Jordan, both pioneers in quantum mechanics and future Nazis. Also with him at Göttingen were Edward Teller and future Nobelists Erwin Schrödinger (as in the cat), Paul Dirac, Wolfgang Pauli and Enrico Fermi. Fermi would later lead the University of Chicago section of the Manhattan Project. Teller would join Oppenheimer in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Returning to the United States, Oppenheimer received appointments at both Caltech and Berkeley. His residency at Berkeley was significant both for his championing and establishing a group focusing on theoretical physics, where none previously existed, and his association with experimental physicist Ernest O. Lawrence, the pioneer of the cyclotron that would be instrumental in developing the atomic bomb. It was also at Berkeley, a bastion of left-wing ideology long before the 1960s, that Oppenheimer flirted with Communism, never joining but always

cavorting. His brother Frank, urged on by his wife at the time, joined, and Oppenheimer's lover, the volatile Jean Tatlock, was an active member. Oppenheimer's political leanings were decidedly to the left of center, possibly far left, but his ambivalence was probably more fueled by his avoidance of being identified as one thing or another.

As war loomed in Europe and rumors of Jewish annihilation in Nazi Germany began to surface, Einstein, now living in the United States, wrote a letter to President Roosevelt warning him that Germany was researching the use of uranium in bombs and that the U.S. needed to begin such a project immediately. Thus were sown the seeds of the Manhattan Project, a multi-pronged, rather decentralized program to harness the new physics of the atom into practical military usage. General (or soon to be) Leslie Groves was appointed to head the project and choose the sites for research as well as those individuals to head up each division. He chose Oppenheimer, a curiously counter-intuitive selection based on his assumed politics and lack of managerial expertise, for the Los Alamos project, a site suggested by Oppenheimer.

Cutting back and forth between the history of Los Alamos and the creation of the atomic bomb and events that would be his undoing after the war, Nolan creates an urgency that lends a thriller aspect to the

film. The result leaves the viewer even more invested in Oppenheimer the man.

The film focuses on Strauss' long-running animus toward Oppenheimer. Among other things, Strauss orchestrated the hearing, which denied Oppenheimer his security clearance renewal. Though the resentment is deep seated, it ultimately does not overshadow Oppenheimer's brilliance.

Nonetheless, there is no doubt that our modern-day Icarus flew too close to the sun. He was against the creation of the hydrogen bomb and nuclear proliferation, both loudly supported by Teller and Strauss. Never apologizing for the use of the atomic bomb on Japan, Oppenheimer campaigned against its further implementation. Teller never forgave Oppenheimer for not pursuing his model of the hydrogen bomb at Los Alamos despite the fact that Oppenheimer allowed him to continue his research on this infinitely more powerful weapon undisturbed.

Oppenheimer's inability to control his libido didn't help him in his personal life, choosing his paramours from among the wives of his colleagues. His own marriage and its shotgun aspect may have fueled some of his ambivalence to fidelity but his leanings were well-established early on.

Nolan assembled a cast of thousands, well at least many, and all of them deliver some of the best work in their vast repertoires. Cillian Murphy as Oppenheimer is a revelation of depth, drama, intelligence and complexity. Like others in this film, it is impossible to think of any other actor who could play this role. Nothing in his previous work with Nolan ("Dunkirk," "Inception") would lead you to believe that he would be the natural lead for a movie about one of the most important scientists of our time, and yet he is.

Robert Downey Jr. as Lewis Strauss gives the performance of his career, one that will allow you to forget that he has spent the last decade playing comic book superheroes. His Strauss is subtle, devious and duplicitous all couched smoothly in the skin of a patriot. The very embodiment of a paranoiac, Downey effectively conveys the feelings of the very smart when they encounter true genius. Bland, almost obsequious in his early dealings with Oppenheimer, he is the proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing, luring his surprisingly naive and blindered prey to cliff's edge where only a tap on the back will yield the precipitous fall he has engineered almost from the start of their relationship.

An unrecognizable Emily Blunt plays Kitty Oppenheimer, the long-suffering and

insufferable wife. The anger smoldering just below the surface and her overall dissatisfaction is one that she makes understandable to all who would laud her husband. She is an actress of incredible range and Nolan successfully makes use of it.

There are far too many amazing actors, most of whom make a meal of the small roles they play. Foremost among them is Matt Damon as General Groves. One never doubts the seriousness of his task and yet Damon is able to leaven many of his moments with a subtle humor that makes you smile. His was one of my favorite roles.

Florence Pugh plays Jean Tatlock as the unhinged and passionate temptation that Oppenheimer is never able to resist. Josh Hartnett portrays Ernest Lawrence as a charmer, one who is comfortable in his brilliant skin. Tom Conti has a wonderful cameo as Einstein and Benny Safdie is a very petulant Edward Teller who can see no other way than his own. Gustaf Skarsgård, son of Stellan and brother of Alexander, is a sympathetic Hans Bethe, a friend through thick and thin of Oppenheimer. Kenneth Branagh plays Niels Bohr. And, in a notable role as Roger Robb, the vengeful Strauss loyalist and lead of the secret committee meeting to emasculate Oppenheimer, Jason Clarke gives the kind of chilling performance that makes the hair on your arms stand up. But these are only a few of the more recognizable actors among the many, many fantastic men and women who play noticeable roles in "Oppenheimer."

As a side note, in 2022 Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Secretary of Energy, ordered that the decision to revoke Oppenheimer's security clearance be reversed.

The score by Ludwig Göransson pulsates and underpins the action sequences and those of the lushly filmed light explosions. The music heightens the urgency attached to the work in Los Alamos. Shot gloriously in Imax by Hoyte Van Hoytema, he has captured lightning in a bottle with his clips of light explosions and chemical reactions that fill the screen. He has made the desert, almost a moonscape, another character in the film. See "Oppenheimer" in a theater and on an IMAX or XD formatted screen if at all possible. Cinematically, emotionally, this movie carves out a world that is filled, in equal measures, with optimism and despair. Oppenheimer and "Oppenheimer" are more than the sum of their respective parts. It is, quite frankly, the human condition.

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Neely Swanson spent most of her professional career in the television industry, almost all of it working for David E. Kelley. In her last full-time position as Executive Vice President of Development, she reviewed writer submissions and targeted content for adaptation. As she has often said, she did book reports for a living. For several years she was a freelance writer for "Written By," the magazine of the WGA West, and was adjunct faculty at USC in the writing division of the School of Cinematic Arts. Neely has been writing film and television reviews for the "Easy Reader" for more than 10 years. Her past reviews can be read on Rotten Tomatoes where she is a tomato-approved critic.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Thursday, August 24, 2023

TIME: 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: Meeting will be held in person at:
Commission Meeting Room 280A
Beverly Hills City Hall
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Members of the public may also participate via teleconference; details provided below

PROJECT ADDRESS: City Wide

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at a REGULAR meeting on **August 24, 2023**, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING ARTICLE 47 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 10 OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING NON-STOREFRONT, DELIVERY-ONLY MEDICAL CANNABIS RETAIL AS A CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED IN PORTIONS OF THE C-3 ZONE AND ADDING ARTICLE 23 TO CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 4 OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING REGULATORY AND OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR SUCH RETAILERS AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

In September 2017, the City Council adopted Ordinance 17-O-2734, adding Article 47 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) to generally prohibit the establishment of commercial cannabis uses and activity in the City, with certain exceptions as required by state law, and made findings that prohibitions on commercial cannabis activity were necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City.

In 2022, Senate Bill 1186 (“SB 1186”), referred to as the Medicinal Cannabis Patients’ Right of Access Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) passed in the state legislature and was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 18, 2022, adding Chapter 26 (commencing with Section 26320) to Division 10 of the Business and Professions Code. The Act prohibits local governments, beginning January 1, 2024, from adopting or enforcing any regulation that prohibits or effectively prohibits, the delivery of medicinal cannabis to patients or primary caregivers within their jurisdictions.

The draft ordinance incorporates proposed code changes to the BHMC for SB 1186 compliance and will be presented to the Planning Commission for their review and feedback. The draft ordinance proposes code changes in the BHMC, that may include but are not limited to the following:

- Adds Article 23 to Chapter 2 of Title 4 to establish regulatory and operational requirements for non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail businesses.
- Amends Section 10-3-1604 of Article 16 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to add “Non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail” as a conditionally permitted use, with the remainder of Section 10-3-1604 to remain unchanged.
- Adds paragraph “E” to Section 10-3-1654 of Article 16.5 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to prohibit non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail uses in a pedestrian oriented area with the remainder of Section 10-3-1654 to remain unchanged.
- Amends paragraph “B” of Section 10-3-3800 of Article 38 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to add non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail as a conditionally permitted use with required findings with the remainder of Section 10-3-3800 to remain otherwise unchanged.
- Amends Section 10-3-4701 of Article 47 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to add definitions of certain terms.
- Amends Section 10-3-4703 of Article 47 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to add paragraph “D” providing an exemption from the general prohibition on cannabis activity for certain non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail, with the remainder of Section 10-3-4703 to remain unchanged.
- Adds Section 10-3-4705 to Article 47 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to specify the standards and requirements for non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail use.

Staff will present a draft ordinance for the Planning Commission to review and will recommend that the Commission adopt a resolution recommending the approval of the draft ordinance to the City Council. Once the Planning Commission has completed their review, the draft ordinance will be presented to the City Council at a future public hearing for discussion and adoption. At such time, any associated application and inspection fees will also be presented to the City Council for review and adoption.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. The project will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The businesses authorized under this zone text amendment are similar to already existing permitted general uses such as retail, with the only difference being the product sold (i.e., medical cannabis and medical cannabis products). The draft ordinance does not change the zoning for any properties, meaning that they do not create negative environmental impacts or result in physical changes to the environment. Accordingly, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to find the project categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Cynthia Owens, Municipal Affairs Program Manager** in the Policy & Management Department at (310) 285-1026, or by email at cowens@beverlyhills.org. Copies of the project materials are on file in the Policy & Management Department and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

Sincerely:
Cynthia L. Owens
Municipal Affairs Program Manager

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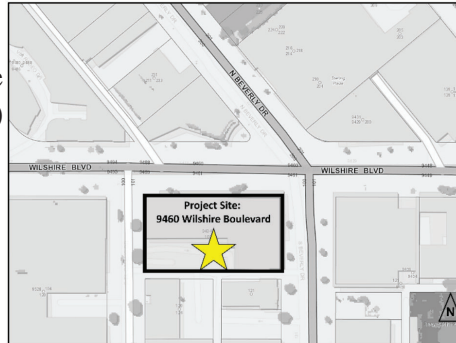
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PROJECT

ADDRESS: 9460 Wilshire Boulevard (Cross Street: El Camino Drive)

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following:

Conditional Use Permit. A request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a vehicle sales use located at **9460 Wilshire Boulevard**. The applicant proposes to occupy the ground floor of an existing multi-tenant building for the establishment of a Rolls Royce vehicle showroom. The project site is zoned Commercial (C-3) and, pursuant to BHMC §10-3-1604, vehicle sales are a permitted use with the approval of a CUP.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the project appears to qualify for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Existing Facilities) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15301 of the state CEQA Guidelines. This exemption is applicable to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. Accordingly, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to find the project exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Judy Gutierrez, Senior Planner** in the Planning Division at **(310) 285-1192**, or by email at jgutierrez@beverlyhills.org. Copies of the associated application materials are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by contacting the project planner listed above.

Sincerely:
 Judy Gutierrez, Senior Planner



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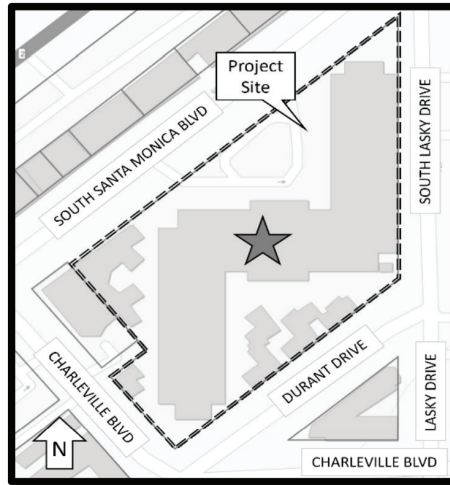
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PROJECT ADDRESS: 9882 South Santa Monica Boulevard
(nearest cross street: South Lasky Drive)

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on **Thursday, August 24, 2023**, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following:

Extended Hours Permit. A request to renew the existing Extended Hours Permit to allow the continued operation of hotel's (The Peninsula Hotel) rooftop and ground floor dining areas at **9882 South Santa Monica Boulevard**. Additionally, the renewal includes an amendment request to remove the required renewal periods (currently required every two years).

Conditional Use Permit. A request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow an addition to an existing hotel (The Peninsula Hotel). The CUP involves a request to increase the size of an existing villa by approximately 1,200 square feet, which would allow for an internal reconfiguration of the villa and the construction of an additional bedroom. Pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) §10-3-2862, a CUP is required to allow for any expansion of the building envelope of an existing hotel and any intensification of a hotel use that would allow a greater number of guests to reside at a hotel.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the project appears to qualify for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Existing Facilities) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which is applicable to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Accordingly, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to find the project exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA, pursuant to Section 15301.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact Alexandria Smille, Associate Planner in the Planning Division at (310) 285-1162, or by email at asmille@beverlyhills.org. Copies of the project plans and associated application materials are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by contacting the project planner listed above.

Sincerely:
Alexandria Smille, Associate Planner



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard**, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES TO AMEND CERTAIN RECREATION FEES AND FACILITY RENTAL RATES FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

The City Council will consider a resolution which will increase and make amendments to certain fees and service charges that are charged to the public for the various activities and services as set forth in the Schedule of Taxes, Fees, and Charges for fiscal year 2023-2024. In the Community Services Department, fees are proposed to be adjusted to reflect ease of convenience for customer payments and accurate reflection of services to the community.

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all comments. All interested persons are invited to attend and speak or provide written comments on this matter.

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- Email: cityclerk@beverlyhills.org
- Video (during public comment only): <http://beverlyhills.org/comment>
- To Watch Video Live: <http://beverlyhills.org/live> or [On-Demand: http://beverlyhills.org/on-demand](http://beverlyhills.org/on-demand)
- In-Person: Submit a Speaker Card to the City Clerk at the meeting

How to Submit Public Comment (Email/Video):

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The City Council/Parking Authority may act on any item listed on the agenda.


In-Person Participation:

Please be advised that pre-entry metal detector screening requirements are now in place at City Hall. Members of the public are requested to plan visits accordingly.

All interested persons are invited to attend and speak on this matter in person. Please see the above information on the location and time of this meeting.

The proposed Resolution will be available on the City website. For additional background information on the fees or if there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Finance Department's Revenue Division at **(310) 285-2458**, or by email at revenue@beverlyhills.org.

HUMA AHMED
City Clerk

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"My clients are ecstatic and relieved because the removal of trees is permanent and a lot of heart and soul went into preparing this motion for preliminary injunction," attorney Jamie T. Hall told the Courier. "Our clients are thankful that the judge enjoined the city from removing the trees so that we can have a full, fair and complete trial on the merits (of the lawsuit)."

According to the opinion, Chalfant weighed two key factors when considering the injunction: whether the plaintiffs were likely to succeed on the merits of the lawsuit and which party was likely to suffer more harm.

Ultimately, Chalfant sided with the plaintiff's claim that the city's tree removal and sidewalk repair plan was not exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

"Obviously, we were disappointed by the issuance of the preliminary injunction and felt that this activity falls squarely within the (CEQA) categorical exemption for repair and maintenance of existing facilities, including existing sidewalks and gutters," Beverly Hills City Attorney Laurence Wiener told the Courier. "While the court believed that our interpretation was reasonable the court decided to interpret the exemption narrowly."

The preliminary injunction only affects the removal of the 36 trees and the rest of the sidewalk repair program will continue as planned, Wiener added.

Hall believes that the judge's interpretation of the CEQA exemption indicates that the plaintiffs are likely to succeed on the merits of the lawsuit.

"I'm very optimistic (about the case) because the judge held as a matter of law

that the categorical CEQA exemption did not apply," said Hall. "I don't see how the city is going to get around that at trial."

When it comes to the matter of harm, the judge acknowledged that the damage caused by tree removal is permanent. However, he was not convinced by the city's claim that it would incur damages of \$10,000 a week by halting the removals, stating "the city fails to show how it owes the contractor any amount for project delay."

In February, the city began carrying out its plan to replace 86 Ficus trees with crape myrtles and Mexican fan palms to perform sidewalk repairs on Robertson. The city is arguing that the trees must be removed as a matter of public safety due to tripping hazards and infrastructure damage caused by their roots.

This plan sparked alarm from a group of residents who sought to preserve the mature shady trees and believe that the replacement trees will not provide equivalent shade or environmental benefits. After an effort to have City Council halt the removal failed and 50 trees were felled, the group filed a lawsuit on March 29.

If the plaintiffs prevail with their lawsuit, the city will be required to perform a full environmental analysis under CEQA before resuming the sidewalk repair program, said Hall. Alternatively, the city could reach a settlement with the plaintiffs and agree to a new approach.

"There are alternatives (to tree removals)," said Hall. "Ficus trees are extremely tolerant to root pruning and there are other technologies that exist that would prevent the roots from lifting up the sidewalks on an ongoing basis." ●



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The city has now been enjoined from removing trees on Robertson.



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JUST SOLD

608 N. Linden Drive \$8,800,000
Charming redone 2sty 4BD Trad with a modern flair. Huge great rm. Dark wd floors, beams, glass walls. Fab kitch. Priv yrd w/pl/spa/deck/BBQ/lawns.

Brentwood Circle



NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

101 N. Woodburn Drive \$7,650,000
Fab updated 2sty Trad charmer. 5BD 5.5BA Sep den, sun room, family room. Wood floors. French doors. Pool/spa/patios/lawns. Huge flat lot. Guard-gated.

Beverly Hills



JUST SOLD

512 N. Elm Drive \$6,499,000
Represented Buyer. Charming 1sty 4BD 3BA Tradit. Den. Sunlit rms. Immaculate condition. Large yrd with pl. Endless possibilities. Best quiet 500 block.

Beverly Hills



JUST SOLD OVER ASKING

503 N. Alta Drive \$6,495,000
1st time for sale in 56 yrs. Total charm. Classic 2sty 1937 Trad. 4Bd + mds. Fam rm. Wd flrs. Perfect flr plan. Updated kitch. Huge deep yard. Lawns/patios.

Beverly Hills



JUST SOLD

305 El Camino Drive \$4,295,000
Spacious dramatic 2sty Spanish. Wd flrs. Hi clngs. Huge 2sty liv rm. 5BD 4.5BA. Paneled den. Big yrd w/patios/lawns/fp. 60ft wide lot. Curb appeal.

Beverly Hills



JUST SOLD

245 S. Oakhurst Drive \$3,495,000
Beaut updated spacious 2sty modern Spanish. 4BD 3.5BA + den. Hi clngs. Wd flrs. Huge cook's kitch. Big yrd w/pergola. Curb appeal. Uber prime quiet road.

Mid-Wilshire



NEW X | DO NOT DISTURB OCCUPANTS

1053 S. Mansfield Avenue \$1,835,000
Stunning spacious sunlit updated English duplex. 3BD 2BA per unit. Dining/dens. Brkfst rm/office. Wd flrs. Hi clngs. Central AC. W/D in each unit. Fab kitch/bas. Gated prkg. Curb appeal!

Beverly Hills



JUST SOLD

318 N. Maple Drive Unit 304 \$1,495,000
Sunlit spacious older 1-level SW front corner unit. Coveted steel /concrete bldg. 2BD 2.5BA. Great rm. Side x side prkg. Pl/spa/on-site supervisor.Potential!

Beverly Hills



JUST SOLD

406 N. Oakhurst Drive, Unit 205 \$995,000
1st time avail in 44 yrs! Spacious older unit. 2BD+ den 2.5BA. 1,471 sq ft. Lg covered balc. Quiet sunlit rear location. Low HOD's. Side x side prkg.

Sunset Strip



NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

1634 Blue Jay Way \$38,000/mo
Panoramic city/ocean vus. Long gated drive. Seclusion. Elegant 1.5sty 4BD 3.5BA Trad estate. Near 4,000SF. 3 FP's. Screening rm. Pl/patios. Long-term Furnished.

Los Feliz



NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

2441 Chislehurst Drive \$19,000/mo
Head-on city vus. Secluded. Walled. Gated. Spacious sunlit redone Spanish estate. Motorcourt. 4BD 3.5BA Huge primary. Patios/pl/spa/grdns/privacy. Long-term.



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COMPASS

Barbie Comes to Life: A Psychological Perspective

BY EVA RITVO, M.D.

“Barbie” is the talk of the town, even gracing the cover of TIME Magazine. People everywhere are flocking to theaters (\$780.7 million in revenue as of Aug. 1), dressing themselves (and even their pets) in hot pink attire and purchasing Barbie merchandise. While not everyone is on board, with some even adopting a harsh attitude, there’s no denying that Greta Gerwig and her team have ignited a sensation unparalleled in recent memory.

Making history during its debut weekend, “Barbie” became the highest-grossing film by a female director—a beautiful demonstration of Oscar Wilde’s 1889 quip, “Life imitates art far more than art imitates life.” Gerwig and Barbie prove that women are truly capable of anything.

Barbie at 65 years old instead of retiring is being reinvented. She is once again a cultural phenomenon and an agent of change. By bringing us together to play, stimulating our innate beauty receptors, connecting us to our childhood, and challenging us to confront substantial social issues, Barbie is a real star. The movie doesn’t merely bring a beloved doll to life—it also provokes us to engage in deeper societal discussions about femininity, empowerment, social structures, mental health and more. In her new avatar, Barbie once again encourages us to believe in the boundless potential within each of us—this time for women and men alike.

Here are some of the key themes in “Barbie” that are striking a chord in all of us:

The Timing is Perfect: We are all emerging from our cocoons to experience joy together again. The mid-summer release ignited our desire to return to theaters with friends and family. This marks the biggest movie opening since 2019, a clear indication that we are moving past the trauma and enthusiastically resuming public gatherings.

A Longing for the Past: A dash of nostalgia can alleviate anxiety and uplift moods. Childhood, for many, was a carefree period, and revisiting it is comforting. Additionally, our brains conserve energy by processing familiar experiences, making them feel rewarding.

Our Concept of Beauty: Attributes such as clear skin, shiny hair, long eyelashes, a curvaceous figure and symmetry are considered “beautiful” in women. These features signal optimal fertility, triggering our biological programming to find them attractive—a constant across time and cultures. When Barbie emerged in 1958, she showcased these traits in an exaggerated manner, instantly stimulating our innate beauty receptors. Now, Margot Robbie’s portrayal brings Barbie to life and triggers those same receptors.

“Girl Power” Personified: Barbie has always signified feminine potential—conveyed through hues of pink, sparkling glamor, radiant smiles, friendships and



Simu Liu as Ken in “Barbie”

Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures

boundless spirit. Since her inception, Barbie has been a catalyst for change, morphing from a doll modeled after a sex worker into an emblem of unlimited potential. She has stirred the imaginations of children for decades, and this excitement is heightened as she takes on the full range of emotions in the film. Ruth Handler, the creator of Barbie, said “My whole philosophy of Barbie was that, through the doll, the little girl could be anything she wanted to be. Barbie always represented the fact that a woman has choices.” This is certainly a message that resonates now!

Overcoming Anxiety: In recent years, societal anxiety about death has been near universal. Seeing a life-sized Barbie sharing our fears is validating. Just as we emerge from our collective trauma, the Barbies band together to save their society. Overcoming trauma acts as a catalyst for growth in both Barbieland and the real world.

The Power of Play: The joy of communal movie-watching evokes childhood memories. Dressing up, sharing laughter, tears and stimulating discussions is a welcome departure from the isolation imposed by the pandemic. As social creatures, the limitations of at-home viewing on platforms like Netflix become clear when we contrast it with the enthusiasm being generated by Barbie.

A Study in Contrasts: Barbie’s hyper-femininity contrasts perfectly with the hyper-masculinity of the protagonist of “Oppenheimer.” The simultaneous release of both movies undoubtedly augmented

both of their successes. The “Barbenheimer” weekend was a unique moment in cinema history, unlikely to be replicated soon without seeming contrived.

The Power of Exaggeration: In the digital age, exaggeration often captures attention by simplifying information processing. This inclination towards rapid, energy-efficient stimuli becomes more evident amidst the vast sea of digital content. Gerwig expertly used exaggeration and hyperbole to capture and hold our attention.

Layered Content: The fast-paced, multi-dimensional movie engages viewers of all ages and sexes. In fact, 35% of viewers on opening weekend were men. The clever storyline and content, with numerous references to old films and other social phenomena, is delivered in a visually stimulating way. Gerwig managed to tackle big issues such as identity, relationships, existential crisis and patriarchy versus matriarchy. In fact, the monologue about the difficulty of balancing motherhood and work moved many to tears. There is something for almost everyone in this film.

Thought-Provoking Innovation: The movie takes the familiar character of Barbie and presents her in an entirely new way. While some worry that artificial intelligence may stifle creativity, it may also stimulate it. One of the men in our group said after the movie, “That was way better than it needed to be”—a sentiment I couldn’t agree more with! This was a movie unlike any we have seen before and many are already returning for a second viewing in order to catch more.

A Touch of Controversy: And last but not least, as P.T. Barnum said, “there is no such thing as bad publicity as long as they spell your name right.” The portrayal of men was perceived as insulting by many and nothing ignites conversation like feeling slighted. It seems that Gerwig sought to illustrate that both matriarchy and patriarchy are flawed, and the solution lies in finding balance. However, not everyone interprets the movie this way, and many have been vocal about their anger.

For these reasons and more, this is truly a movie with legs (pun intended). ●



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Photos by Ryan Torok

Beverly Hills law enforcement participated in National Night Out, an annual event bringing together law enforcement and community members with the aim of building safer neighborhoods.

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 amazing equipment and people who take care of us,” Mayor Dr. Julian Gold told the Courier. “It achieves a lot. Of course, the police and the fire guys eat it up. They love that interaction with the community, and it makes their job easier.”

The recent program included a live demonstration with the police force’s K-9s, a static display of the police department’s Real Time Watch Center drones and SWAT team weaponry, informational booths featuring the city’s nonprofits and kids-friendly activities.

The theme was “K-90210.”

The event took place from 6-9 p.m. A Beverly Hills Fire Department truck sat parked on one end of the block while a BHPD mobile command center sat on the other. In between, on the closed-down section of Rexford Drive, booths exhibited materials from the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD), Public Works and other organizations.

As the sounds of Backstreet Boys and Spice Girls filled the air, adults mixed and mingled while their kids lined up for balloons, face-painting and a fire-extinguishing activity under the supervision of the Beverly Hills Fire Department. Food trucks served up a variety of items, and a DJ spun tunes.

“National Night Out is a great way for the community and the officers to interact and get to know each other,” BHPD Chief Mark Stainbrook told the Courier. “This year’s was bigger than last year’s and it looked to me like the kids and the families were having a great time! The Beverly Hills Police Department values the amount of community support we receive and we strive to give it back every day with excellent service.”

All evening, BHPD Acting Public Information Officer Sgt. Jeffrey Newman was busy meeting those who’d turned out. In an interview, Newman told the Courier the gathering underscored the close relationship between the city’s police department and residents.

“Our community is unique,” he said. “It is a community that has overwhelming support for our police department. Having that face-to-face interaction shows we’re one team. The whole mission is to send a united message to criminals that the police department and the community stand together.”

Conceived in 1984, National Night Out aims to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while

nurturing a true sense of community. According to the National Night Out website, nearly 500 cities in California participated in the annual event, which is always celebrated on the first Tuesday of August.

Gold said the city has been involved with National Night Out since its inception.

“This notion of police and community joining together goes back decades, and we may have been one of the first cities in the country that reached out from residents to the police and created that kind of bond,” Gold said in an interview. “We were into it very early, and it’s very much a pattern of the city.”

This year, West Hollywood and Los Angeles also participated in National Night Out. West Hollywood’s program included potlucks, barbecues and block parties, and the Wilshire division of the Los Angeles Police Department threw a party and movie night at Poinsettia Park in collaboration with safety group Melrose Action.

Ahead of this city’s gathering, Beverly Hills officials publicized National Night Out through social media, and BHUSD spread word among school families.

Around 7 p.m., a live K-9 demonstration inside the fire station attracted a large crowd. Showing how the department’s K-9 dogs are trained in detecting explosives and narcotics, BHPD K-9 Officer Michael Downs led a demonstration where he hid an explosive scent somewhere in the station. Then, the hyper-intelligent Darco, one of the police force’s six K-9 dogs, followed his nose to the elusive odor within a few moments.

The discovery garnered a raucous round of a-paws—er, applause.

For Newman, events like National Night Out are crucial reminders of the human element behind policing as society grapples with increasingly antagonistic attitudes toward police officers. Ultimately, bringing ordinary people together with their local law enforcement is more needed than ever, said the BHPD sergeant.

“When you get to know an officer on a one-to-one basis, you get to find out they’re humans—brothers, fathers, sisters, wives, you name it,” he said. “When you discover the human nature of this work, it comes into perspective the important responsibilities the men and women of this police department have on a daily basis, and it encourages and fosters support for this organization and city.” ●



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The Beverly Hills Education Foundation team at National Night Out included (from left): Teen BHEF members Charlie Brach and Camille Kaiserman, BHEF Vice President Jill Egerman, board members Amy Wolken, Rose Kaiserman, President Tina Wiener and Dela Ronan. (Teen BHEF is affiliated with BHEF.)

TINA WIENER, from page 1

since 1992 to Beverly Hills City Attorney Laurence Wiener.

“Our sole mission is to fund world-class educational experiences for students,” said Wiener, who can be reelected to two additional, one-year terms.

The 21-member BHEF board devotes its time to finding money to fund everything from sports to performing arts to science fairs in BHUSD.

“I know that this group is energized and ready to take BHEF to the next level,” Wiener said about the board, which meets once a month at the BHEF office or the BHUSD board room.

BHEF was started in 1978 to raise money for music and art programs in the BHUSD after state funding was cut. The nonprofit went on to help in other areas such as drama, dance, audio production and robotics. This year, the organization awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships to seven graduating seniors.

The foundation also provides funding for the TK-12 Science & Engineering Fair and Science Olympiad, which take place at all district schools.

“Every year, I am in awe of the projects these kids do and their creativity, starting with the youngest kids to the incredibly detailed projects we get from high school students,” Wiener said. “One eighth-grade student designed a literal ‘money laundering project,’ using a UV light in a money drawer to kill bacteria on cash.”

In addition to science fairs, the foundation has presented grants to instructors on projects such as teaching math through guided play. (More details are at bhef.org.)

BHEF has also funded coaching positions at Beverly Vista Middle School for flag football, basketball, track and field, soccer, cross country, volleyball and cheerleading.

Wiener, a former president of PTAs at the middle school and Horace Mann Elementary School, said the ability to fund positions distinguishes BHEF from PTAs. And while PTAs are concerned with their respective schools, the foundation’s emphasis is on the entire Beverly Hills Unified School District.

“Members of the community are fortunate to be part of an elite school district, and BHEF provides a means for our community to invest in a superior public education for our kids,” Wiener said. “We are here to fill the needs of the district if they come to us and say, ‘We would like to keep this program going. We could use your support.’”

She said BHEF is the largest donor to the school district.

“My number one goal as president would be to increase the financial support we can offer to BHUSD to enhance educational experiences for all kids,” Wiener said, noting the foundation has the city of Beverly Hills as one of its largest donors.

BHEF’s Gold Business Partner is Jaguar-Land Rover of Santa Monica, and Wiener would like to recruit more businesses to provide financial and in-kind support.

Those with faith in Wiener’s ability to get things done include Jill Egerman, who has known her for about a dozen years.

“She has a unique way of connecting with people and finding out how they can help,” said Egerman, BHEF’s new vice president. “She figures out solutions for problems.”

A Los Angeles native, Wiener graduated from Ramona Convent Secondary School, an all-girls Catholic high school in Alhambra. She went on to earn her bachelor’s degree in geography with an option for urban analysis at California State University at Los Angeles. In 1988, she started working as a planner for the cities of Los Angeles, Commerce, Norwalk and Malibu.

“As much as I enjoyed being a city planner, I felt education was where I wanted to put my energy and my talents,” said Wiener, who moved with her husband to Beverly Hills in 1994.

While working toward her teaching credential in 1995, Wiener was a classroom assistant at Beverly Vista, back when it was an elementary school. After earning her credential, she taught sixth grade from 1996 to 2001 in the Glendale Unified School District.

“In 2001, my son (Daniel) was born, so I took some time off from teaching,” Wiener said.

She reduced her hours and worked part



Photos courtesy Tina Wiener

Tina and Larry Wiener during their trip to Africa

time as a professional development teacher instructing other teachers from 2001-2004 at UCLA. In 2005, she returned to Beverly Vista as a part-time Title I instructor before teaching second grade there in 2007-2008.

“Then we adopted our beautiful daughter (Ash, from Guatemala), and I became a (parent) volunteer at that point,” said Wiener, who served on the BHEF board before her current tenure as president. Today, Ash, 16, is a junior at Beverly Hills High School, and Daniel, 22, is a senior majoring in telecommunications at Pennsylvania State University.

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district’s entire leadership team, including about 30 staff members.

“Professional development is very beneficial to them,” Bregy said, explaining his support for the ACSA membership.

But Board Member Rachelle Marcus asked for more information before she could support the district paying more than \$30,000 for ACSA membership.

Ultimately, the board withdrew the motion, then tabled it for future consideration.

Their proud mother recently obtained some unforgettable education during a trip to Uganda and Tanzania – her first time in Africa. One day, Wiener and others in her safari group were walking through a jungle when they encountered silverback gorillas. Their guide told them when to stand still and when it was safe to walk.

“The gorillas knew we were there, but went about their own business,” Wiener said. “I didn’t expect to get so close and personal with these animals,” she added, describing a great “aha!” moment of her own. ●

At the conclusion of the meeting, Margo announced that BHUSD has been selected to lead a workshop at this year’s California School Boards Association’s AEC conference, taking place Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in San Francisco. The topic of the workshop will be board governance.

“We are thrilled,” Margo said, “because that is getting us back to where we want to be as far as our presence as a district.”

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Aug. 8 ●

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As members of the Council provided their feedback, Bosse said she expects it will be an “extraordinary day for our community”—support that was echoed by her colleagues on the council.

Additional items included Councilmember Sharona Nazarian’s recent meeting with Yousef Ahmed, deputy chief of missions from the embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The two discussed marking the upcoming three-year anniversary of the Abraham Accords, which, signed during the Trump administration in Sept. 2020, normalized relations between Israel and several Middle East countries, including

Bahrain.

While nothing has been finalized, Nazarian said, “I suggest we as a city celebrate that union.”

Mayor Dr. Julian Gold also met with the Bahraini official. The two explored Beverly Hills and Bahrain identifying areas of useful cooperation and potentially entering a Memorandum of Understanding, a formal partnership between two parties. Currently, Beverly Hills and Israel enjoy such a partnership.

“At this point I’m inclined to wait for him to respond,” Gold said, referring to the Bahraini representative. ●



Photo by Ryan Torok

The Day of Wellness will take place in September at Roxbury Park

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at least one watch was taken and no injuries were reported, according to sheriffs.

A similar robbery took place in West Hollywood on July 19. That crime was captured on video and took place shortly after midnight on the 800 block of Larrabee Street one block east of Santa Monica and San Vicente boulevards. The video posted on social media by the Sheriff’s Department shows three individuals (two armed with a handgun, one with a rifle) pulling up in a black SUV as a man walks on the sidewalk. The individuals exit the vehicle and proceed to shove the man against a fence. They then

knock him to the ground, pointing guns at him as they take his cell phone and wallet.

Despite published reports speculating that the two incidents are related, the Courier has not confirmed this as a working theory with the Sheriff’s Department as of press time. Law enforcement officials are, however, asking for the public’s help in both cases. Anyone with information about either of these incidents is urged to contact Detective Candice Gonzales with the West Hollywood Sheriff’s Station at 310-358-4011 or by email at c2mgonza@lasd.org. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477. ●

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Increase Slightly

As COVID-19 hospitalizations and emergency department visits increase slightly in Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is emphasizing protections such as testing and treatment, to help reduce the spread of infection and prevent people from becoming very sick from COVID-19.

Public Health officials are encouraging residents to reduce risk of infection by testing if exposed or experiencing symptoms such as fever or chills, coughing, runny nose, fatigue and body aches, and staying home and seeking treatment as soon as possible after the onset of symptoms. Free at-home tests are widely available through community partners and at libraries and public health clinics throughout Los Angeles County

For people who have tested positive, treatment is easy to access in Los Angeles County. Public Health offers free telehealth services that include delivering medicine directly to the person who needs it. Beginning treatment within five days of the start of symptoms can prevent serious illness and reduce the amount of time a person may test positive for COVID-19. Early evidence also suggests that treatment may lower the risk of developing long COVID.

With fall approaching, Los Angeles County residents also should begin talking with their health care provider about updating

protection against COVID-19, flu and, if 60 years or older or a very young child, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are expected to issue vaccination guidance for the anticipated fall COVID-19 vaccine in the upcoming weeks. Once approved, Public Health will work with community partners to make sure that residents have easy access to the updated COVID-19 vaccine and other recommended vaccines to protect against severe illness during fall and winter.

With the lifting of the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) vaccine requirements for health care workers on Aug. 5, Los Angeles County will rescind the current Health Officer Order, COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Healthcare Workers.

Public Health continues to monitor COVID-19 in Los Angeles County. The county remains in the CDC Low Hospital Admission Level with 3.0 weekly COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 people, reported on July 31 for the seven-day period ending July 22. Hospital Admission Levels replaced COVID-19 Community Levels.

Public Health reports COVID-19 data weekly. ●

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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Wisdom is the virtue that will keep you from spinning your wheels, wasting your time and squandering your money. Wisdom may not make you rich in dollars today, but it will make you rich in what matters more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Most things run when chased and hide when you're looking for them. Instead of seeking someone to love, resolve to love people in general. You'll meet many who are lovable and make a very special connection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are the best person for the job, which is why it falls to you. Don't waste a second in doubt; just assume you were meant for this and take the next step and the next, each with confidence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Drama seems to follow certain people, who you might even say are agents of chaos. To avoid getting swept up in it, skim the surface of social interaction. Keep things light and move the action swiftly along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It takes time for relationships to solidify. People need to settle in and relax before they can be receptive to the exchange. Once you place your trust, keep it there a while to see what happens.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to know what you're doing to get it done. Don't intellectualize this one. Your mind will light up when your body is in motion, so dive in and trust that the connection will happen naturally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As a leader you'll give your all and get back so much more than you give. Embrace expansion. Your group grows and yet doesn't become more work. A good group takes care of itself as it gets bigger.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In some ways, you feel like you are out to sea with no land in sight. But just because ocean is all that's visible doesn't mean your land doesn't exist. Hold on to hope and stay the course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You feel indebted, but are you really? Perhaps you're not valuing your own contributions. Your humble assessment will endear you to generous,

fair and greedy people alike. Ask objective parties what they think of your deal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Compliments may feel good, but what you prefer is the honest feedback that will help you fix or improve things. You'll welcome and receive constructive criticism to help you level up your work and relationships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those who risk rejection regularly become

somewhat immune to its otherwise crippling effects. You can be proud of today's opportunity because you earned it by being bold enough to try.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your inner commentator is loud and strong today, which works well when cheerleading and encouragement is going on but plays terribly if negatively focused. To stay inwardly optimistic, stick with supportive and nurturing environments.



This week, meet Sweet Tart. She is a 10-pound, long-haired dachshund mix and needs a new loving family. To meet Sweet Tart, please contact Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538.

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“Our firefighters made a quick attack, were able to keep the fires to the apartments of origin and protect the rest of the people,” Barton said. “There were no injuries to any personnel and civilians.”

On Aug. 1, around 8:20 a.m., a structure fire was reported at a two-story, eight-unit apartment building at 220 S. Lasky Drive. One apartment unit was heavily damaged, and the fire caused smoke damage throughout the rest of the apartments. The people in the heavily damaged unit had to be relocated.

On Aug. 2, around 8:30 p.m., there was a structure fire in a multi-unit, five-story apartment complex at 433 N. Palm Drive, prompting the closure of Palm Drive, between Beverly Boulevard and Civic Center Drive in both directions. BHFD and the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) responded to the incident. An alert went out to the community to stay out of the area until further notice. The damage to the one

unit involved was significant enough that tenants of that apartment unit had to be relocated.

As of press time, the causes of both fires were under investigation, Barton told the Courier.

Additionally, on Aug. 3, BHFD and BHPD responded to a gas leak around Olympic Boulevard and Oakhurst Drive. Construction crews working on a residential property adjacent to Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy hit a pipe, causing the gas leak. The strong smell of gas filled the air in area. A section of Oakhurst Drive was temporarily closed as firefighters responded to the scene.

Barton reminded the community of the importance of fire safety.

“It’s important that all residents have working smoke detectors and have access to fire extinguishers to help protect their units,” the Beverly Hills Fire Chief told the Courier. ●



Photo by Ryan Torok

Streets were closed on Aug. 3 due to the gas leak.



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Fun and Games

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THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE
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AURAL SURGERY
BY CHANDI DEITMER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Chandi Deitmer, of Cambridge, Mass., is an editor for Elevate Labs, a brain-training app. Her crosswords have appeared in The Los Angeles Times, USA Today, The New Yorker, The Atlantic and numerous "indie" outlets. This is her fourth puzzle for The New York Times — all Sundays. Her starting point for it was 58-Across. Chandi says, "I love the space a Sunday puzzle affords to be playful." — W.S.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Org. for Sandra Bullock in "Miss Congeniality"</p> <p>4 Shawarma wraps</p> <p>9 Tear things</p> <p>14 Sorry</p> <p>17 Dress (up), quaintly</p> <p>18 Dress up</p> <p>19 ___ nous</p> <p>20 Bring up to ___</p> <p>21 Nocturnal bird known for its distinct calls, informally</p> <p>22 -</p> <p>23 How things might go on the internet</p> <p>24 Fit</p> <p>25 ___ Moshfegh, author of the 2015 Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award-winning novel "Eileen"</p> <p>27 Collections of bets</p> <p>28 Response to a repeat introduction</p> <p>29 Respond to</p> <p>30 Some outdoor seats</p> <p>31 -</p> <p>32 14,000-foot volcano in California</p> <p>34 Hallmarks of Scottish accents</p> <p>35 Long walk</p> <p>37 Secret lairs</p> <p>38 -</p> | <p>40 Grammy winner Hill</p> <p>42 Green beginning</p> <p>43 Lifted, as spirits</p> <p>44 Swelling</p> <p>45 Sch. with the mascot Sparky the Sun Devil</p> <p>48 Zakat, in Islam</p> <p>49 Equivalent of one gallon</p> <p>50 -</p> <p>52 Some roofing material</p> <p>55 Part of a day care schedule</p> <p>56 From India or Pakistan</p> <p>57 Wee, in one spelling</p> <p>58 Hit Mach I ... or a hint to answering eight pairs of consecutive entries in this puzzle</p> <p>63 Run for it!</p> <p>64 Beneficent</p> <p>65 Denomination of Boston's historic Charles Street Church; Abbr.</p> <p>66 Real so-and-so</p> <p>67 "Anything you want!"</p> <p>68 -</p> <p>69 Nibble (on)</p> <p>70 Substance banned for agricultural use in 1972, for short</p> <p>71 Style that flares out from the waist</p> <p>73 One crying "Help!"?</p> <p>75 Big money exec</p> <p>78 Growing season</p> <p>80 Former magazine that featured male nudes</p> | <p>81 -</p> <p>82 Up there, so to speak</p> <p>83 Princess of Power, in the comics</p> <p>84 Let live</p> <p>86 2 vis-à-vis 8, 3 vis-à-vis 27, etc.</p> <p>89 -</p> <p>91 Lauder of cosmetics</p> <p>92 Amherst sch.</p> <p>93 Tied up</p> <p>94 Fade hairstyle sported by Grace Jones</p> <p>97 Stack up</p> <p>98 Skin marks</p> <p>99 Lollygagger</p> <p>100 -</p> <p>102 Among</p> <p>103 Lingered (on)</p> <p>104 Hit one out of the park</p> <p>105 Member org. of the Five Eyes alliance</p> <p>106 Something picked in an argument</p> <p>107 Habitat for vicuñas</p> <p>108 Some essays</p> <p>109 Couturier who created Le Smoking tuxedo, for short</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 "Victory!" in internet shorthand</p> <p>2 Clothing style with hippie influences</p> <p>3 "Look at the time!"</p> <p>4 Easily recognizable</p> <p>5 Responses prompted by an officiant</p> <p>6 Tugboat jobs</p> <p>7 Side by side, maybe?</p> <p>8 Show shot in Studio 8H, for short</p> <p>9 Gobbles up</p> <p>10 Marriages</p> <p>11 Copy command on a keyboard</p> <p>12 Offensive line in football, say?</p> <p>13 Fleur de ___ (seasoning)</p> <p>14 "Same here"</p> <p>15 Irene ___ ("the Woman," to Sherlock Holmes)</p> <p>16 411</p> <p>20 Fresh</p> <p>26 Nonsense, to Brits</p> <p>27 Medicare section that covers prescription drugs</p> <p>28 Comment when trying to get a discussion back on track</p> <p>29 U.S. Davis Cup player for 10 years</p> <p>30 Slippery stuff</p> <p>33 Heap praise on</p> <p>34 Believes, so to speak</p> <p>36 Something to pray on</p> <p>39 Pep</p> <p>40 Like many true-crime dramas</p> <p>41 Aslan's world</p> <p>43 Overdraft fees, e.g.</p> <p>44 Cap'n's subordinate</p> <p>46 Fenced-in patches of mud</p> <p>47 ___ guide</p> <p>49 Reality show fodder</p> <p>51 ___ Lingus</p> |
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ANSWERS FOUND IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...

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| <p>52 Long-term security option, in brief</p> <p>53 Responded to "Speak!"</p> <p>54 Modernizes the equipment of</p> <p>56 "___ forget ..."</p> <p>57 Steamed food items eaten with the hands</p> <p>59 Recipient of a 2008 govt. bailout</p> <p>60 Scraping (by)</p> <p>61 Browser destination</p> | <p>62 Language group of sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>68 "That's ... so ... crazy!"</p> <p>69 Agog</p> <p>72 Many do this on the beach</p> <p>73 What an errant red sock may do in a load of whites</p> <p>74 All ___</p> <p>75 Humorously exaggerated</p> <p>76 Exemption from consequences</p> | <p>77 Shoppe descriptor</p> <p>79 Took a breather</p> <p>80 Things revealing basic truths?</p> <p>81 Like Zambia relative to Angola</p> <p>83 Feed, as a pup might</p> <p>85 Fades (out)</p> <p>86 Holy text divided into suras</p> <p>87 Savory quality</p> <p>88 Suffer an embarrassing loss</p> | <p>90 Sped</p> <p>94 Something that closes quickly</p> <p>95 Capital of Togo</p> <p>96 Parroted</p> <p>98 Sidewalk snogging, e.g., for short</p> <p>99 "Dexter" channel, familiarly</p> <p>101 ___ Penn, actor who held a post in the Obama White House</p> |
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Police Blotter

The following incidents of assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, robbery, theft and vandalism have been reported. Streets are usually indicated by block numbers.



ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED

7/31/2023, 3:22 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

7/29/2023, 8:20 p.m. at 100 Block of EL CAMINO DRIVE

ASSAULT - SIMPLE

8/1/2023, 1:23 p.m. at 400 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

7/31/2023, 3 p.m. at 700 Block of ALTA DRIVE

7/29/2023, 9:47 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

7/27/2023, 7:49 p.m. at 100 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

7/27/2023, 5:42 a.m. at 9800 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

7/21/2023, 1:16 p.m. at 400 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING

7/29/2023, 2:08 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

7/29/2023, 4:45 a.m. at 100 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

7/29/2023, 3:53 a.m. at 8600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

7/27/2023, 12:36 a.m. at 400 Block of N. CRESCENT DRIVE

7/26/2023, 4 p.m. at 200 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

7/23/2023, 3:05 a.m. at 400 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

7/21/2023, 4:30 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

7/21/2023, 4 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

7/21/2023, 4 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

7/21/2023, 2 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

BURGLARY - FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

7/28/2023, 12 p.m. at 700 Block of N. ELM DRIVE

7/20/2023, 8:05 p.m. at 200 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)

7/21/2023, 5:30 p.m. at 1200 Block of BENEDICT CANYON DRIVE

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

7/30/2023, 11 p.m. at 9900 Block of DURANT DRIVE

7/24/2023, 1 p.m. at 200 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

7/24/2023, 3:30 a.m. at 400 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

7/21/2023, 11 p.m. at 600 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

ROBBERY

7/31/2023, 1:21 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

THEFT - GRAND

7/30/2023, 12:15 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

7/29/2023, 6 p.m. at 400 Block of S. MAPLE DRIVE

7/28/2023, 12:30 p.m. at 200 Block of REEVES DRIVE

7/27/2023, 6 p.m. at 9400 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

7/27/2023, 2:20 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

7/24/2023, 3:26 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

7/24/2023, 10:48 a.m. at 100 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

7/21/2023, 3:08 p.m. at 300 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

7/21/2023, 12 a.m. at 300 Block of REEVES DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

7/28/2023, 4:30 a.m. at 200 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

7/28/2023, 4:30 a.m. at 200 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY

7/30/2023, 3:28 p.m. at 200 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

7/30/2023, 6:10 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

7/28/2023, 7:25 p.m. at 300 Block of S. ELM DRIVE

7/28/2023, 6:06 p.m. at 300 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

7/28/2023, 3:25 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

7/26/2023, 3:30 p.m. at 400 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

7/24/2023, 2 a.m. at 400 Block of S. PALM DRIVE

7/21/2023, 3 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

THEFT - PETTY (FROM VEHICLE)

7/28/2023, 4:45 a.m. at 200 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

7/28/2023, 4:30 a.m. at 200 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

7/23/2023, 12 a.m. at 400 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

VANDALISM

7/23/2023, 8 p.m. at 400 Block of S. PALM DRIVE

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 23SMCP00417
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of: **Saul Fitzmaurice Kozubei**
 To all interested person(s):
 Petitioner:
Saul Fitzmaurice Kozubei
 current residence address:
445 Edinburgh Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90048
 filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, on July 31, 2023** for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Saul Fitzmaurice Kozubei
Proposed Name:
SAUL FITZMAURICE KOTZUBEI

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
 Date: **October 2, 2023**
 Time: **8:30am**
 Dept: **K**
 Room: **203**
 The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, SANTA MONICA COURTHOUSE.**

Reason for name change: Petitioner would like to change the spelling of his last name to make it more phonetically accurate in the English language.
 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

Signed:
Saul Fitzmaurice Kozubei
Judge of the Superior Court: Lawrence Cho
Executive Officer/Clerk, David W. Slayton
 Dated: **July 31, 2023**
 BHC - 08/04/23, 08/11/23, 08/18/23, 08/25/23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO:

23SMCP00333
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of: **Ashley Stiles Turek**
 To all interested person(s):
 Petitioner:
Ashley Stiles Turek
 current residence address:
9663 Santa Monica Bl. Box 775, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, on July 25, 2023** for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Ashley Stiles Turek
Proposed Name:
Ashley Parrant Phillip Washington Adams Charlemagne Wie Amandpolandz Lalinopatar Drenkopqriskop Stiles

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
 Date: **September 15, 2023**
 Time: **8:30am**
 Dept: **K**
 The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, SANTA MONICA COURTHOUSE.**

Reason for name change: Petitioner is already known by her proposed name wishes to be known by her proposed name in all personal/business affairs.
 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

Signed:
Ashley Stiles Turek
Judge of the Superior Court: Lawrence Cho, David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk,
 Dated: **July 25, 2023**
 BHC - 07/28/23, 08/04/23, 08/11/23, 08/18/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT **2023142203** The following is/are doing business as: **SLEEP DOC LA 1521 Club View Drive. Los Angeles,**

CA 90024; Alex Hakim M.D. Inc. 1521 Club View Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90024; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed June 2023: **Alex Hakim, CEO:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: June 28, 2023; Published: July 14, 21, 28, August 04, 2023 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT **2023144944** The following is/are doing business as: **1) CHICK & CHOW, LLC**
2) RESTAURANT PANTRY LA 9301 W. Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90035; Chick & Chow, LLC. 9301 W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90035; The business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed June 2023: **Chick & Chow, LLC, Larry Graubard, President:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 3, 2023; Published: July 14, 21, 28, August 04, 2023 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT **2023120666** The following is/are doing business as: **CURIOSBITES 3271 Beaudry Terrace. Glendale, CA 91208;** Elita Minas 3271 Beaudry Terrace. Glendale, CA 91208; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Elita Minas, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: June 1, 2023; Published: July 14, 21, 28, August 04, 2023 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT **2023163393** The following is/are doing business as: **1) THE GROWCERY**
2) THE GROWCERY LA 5816-5818 W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90019; The Relief Collective, Inc. 5816-5818 W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90019; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on April 2018: **The Relief Collective, Inc. Rinaldo Randy Cruzado, CEO:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 27, 2023; Published: August 04, 11, 18, 25, 2023 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT **2023166375** The following is/are doing business as: **LEISURE LIFE INTERIORS 23324 Gleneagle Court, Valencia, CA 91354;** Meechi Design LLC., 23324 Gleneagle Court, Valencia, CA 91354; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Meechi Design LLC., Leonard De Los Prados, Treasurer:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 1, 2023; Published: August 04, 11, 18, 25, 2023 LACC N/C

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES TO AMEND CERTAIN RECREATION FEES AND FACILITY RENTAL RATES FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

The City Council will consider a resolution which will increase and make amendments to certain fees and service charges that are charged to the public for the various activities and services as set forth in the Schedule of Taxes, Fees, and Charges for fiscal year 2023-2024. In the Community Services Department, fees are proposed to be adjusted to reflect ease of convenience for customer payments and accurate reflection of services to the community.

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all comments. All interested persons are invited to attend and speak or provide written comments on this matter.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 Members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending in-person or telephonically, and may view the meeting through live webcast or BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable.

City Council meetings are broadcast on local Beverly Hills television and on other media platforms. Anyone who participates at the meeting and/or enters the City Council Chamber is subject to having their image displayed. These recordings will remain publicly accessible in perpetuity.

Public Comment Participation:
 - Oral Comment/Listen only: (310) 288-2288
 - Email: cityclerk@beverlyhills.org
 - Video (during public comment only): <http://beverlyhills.org/comment>
 - To Watch Video Live: <http://beverlyhills.org/live> or On-Demand: <http://beverlyhills.org/citycouncilmeetings>
 - In-Person: Submit a Speaker Card to the City Clerk at the meeting

How to Submit Public Comment (Email/Video):
 It is recommended that public written comments be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 12:00 p.m. on the meeting date. Public comments will also be taken during the meeting when the topic is being reviewed by the City Council. Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. The City Clerk will read only the first three minutes (approximately 350 words) of a written comment. In the event of a large number of written comments on one item, written comments may be summarized by the City Clerk's Office. The entire written comment shall be archived in full as part of the record.

If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, it will not be a part of the record. Public comment via video conference will be no longer than three (3) minutes per each individual comment, subject to City Council discretion based on the anticipated length in the meeting. In-person speaker cards may be submitted to the City Clerk directly during the meeting.

The City Council/Parking Authority may act on any item listed on the agenda.

In-Person Participation:
 Please be advised that pre-entry metal detector screening requirements are now in place at City Hall. Members of the public are requested to plan visits accordingly.

All interested persons are invited to attend and speak on this matter in person. Please see the above information on the location and time of this meeting.

The proposed Resolution will be available on the City website. For additional background information on the fees or if there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Finance Department's Revenue Division at (310) 285-2458, or by email at revenue@beverlyhills.org.

NOTICE— Fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14400, et seq., Business and Professions Code)



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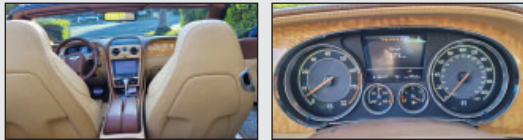
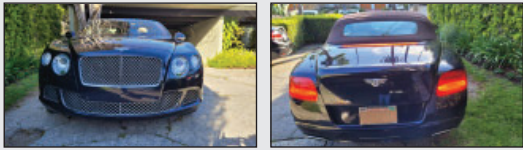
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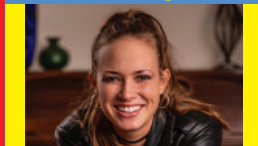


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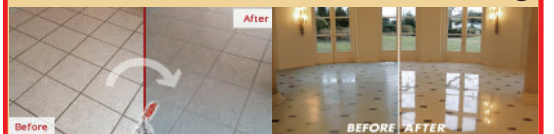
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