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City Council Denies Appeal for 15-Story Building on South Camden Drive



Rendering of proposed 140 S. Camden Drive project courtesy of CARA Architecture

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

Following a contentious back-and-forth between Beverly Hills City Councilmembers and a lawyer representing an applicant for a proposed Builder's Remedy project on South Camden Drive, the council at its March 4 meeting denied the applicant's appeal to overturn an incompleteness determination. The development in question is proposed

for 140 S. Camden Drive. The residential building, at 194 feet high, would include 27 condominiums and rental units as well as four subterranean parking levels. Six of the buildings' units would be designated as affordable housing.

The final application for the project was submitted by Wilshire Camden, LLC, on Aug. 30, 2024. The city responded with an See CITY COUNCIL, page 3

BHUSD Hires Crisis Communications Firm

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

The Beverly Hills Unified Schools District Board approved funding for an outside crisis communications firm at a Special Meeting on March 4.

The district is currently facing lawsuits and administrative claims alleging racism, wrongful termination, sexual harassment and more. It has also fielded ongoing complaints from parents and students who say there is a lack of transparency on the part of the district.

At the March 4 meeting, the board reviewed a contract with Corder Creative, LLC, titled "Crisis Communication Proposal." Under the contract, the company's scope of work includes communications policies, media coverage, key messages and talking points.

The contract states that key messages and talking points would address "immediate concerns, including the journalism instructor's leave, litigation against the district, allegations of racism, and allegations of staff member misconduct in student interviews/investigations."

The proposal to bring on a crisis communications team came from Acting Superintendent Dr. Jason Hasty, who also identified Corder Creative.

"Corder Creative provides a multitude of See BHUSD, page 9

BHUSD Confirms Return of KBEV Instructor

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) confirmed on March 6 that Romeo Carey has returned to his role as an instructor for KBEV, the district's student-run broadcast journalism program. As reported by the Courier, ever since Carey was placed on paid administrative leave in December of 2024, students and parents have made a vocal showing of support on his behalf.

An exclusive statement to the Courier from BHUSD indicates, "While [Carey's] reinstatement comes after a period of administrative review, the district's primary focus remains on supporting students and fostering a productive learning environment."

"We are committed to ensuring the continued success of our students in all



Photo courtesy BHUSD

Students working at KBEV

academic and extracurricular programs," said BHUSD Board President Rachelle Marcus in the statement. "KBEV has a long history of excellence, and we look forward to See KBEV, page 9

BHPD Makes Arrest in McLaren Grand Theft

BY SEAN BECKNER-CARMITCHEL

The Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) has made one arrest in connection with a dramatic March 1 burglary at McLaren Beverly Hills on W. Olympic Boulevard.

According to Beverly Hills' Interactive Crime Map, the break-in occurred at 9:45 p.m. Several sources familiar with the incident told the Courier that the suspect broke into the store, managed to open the case containing vehicle keys and then drove a vehicle through the glass wall of the showroom. He parked the vehicle, then See MCLAREN, page 5

Courier Calendar

NOW - MARCH 16

MOCA GEFLEN:

“Wael Shawky: Drama 1882”

THURS.-FRI. 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

SAT.-SUN. 11 A.M.-6 P.M.

MOCA presents the U.S. premiere of Wael Shawky's (b. 1971, Alexandria, Egypt) widely celebrated film installation “Drama 1882.” Debuted at the Egyptian Pavilion of the 2024 Venice Biennale, this riveting, moving image work takes the form of an eight-part opera, performed for the camera and filmed in a historic theater in Alexandria. “Drama 1882” takes the populist Urabi revolution in Egypt against British imperialism (1879-1882) as its foundation, specifically a cafe brawl between a local donkey owner and a Maltese man that unleashed events that precipitated over 70 years of British colonial rule in Egypt. Seamlessly integrating fact, speculation and fiction, Shawky proposes alternatives to established records. Sung entirely in classical Arabic by professional performers with sensational costumes and against the backdrop of colorful, expressionist sets, “Drama 1882” is a spectacular restaging of historical events and further explores Shawky's interest in historical counter-narratives, ultimately emphasizing the futility of war while probing the implications of drama itself. Admission to normal exhibitions at MOCA is free. The museum is located at 152 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles. moca.org

NOW - MARCH 30

ROGUE MACHINE THEATRE:

“BACON”

MON., FRI., SAT. 8 P.M.

SUN. 3 P.M.

Rogue Machine Theatre presents the West Coast premiere of “Bacon,” a play by Sophie Swithinbank. The play takes an unflinching and unexpectedly humorous look at power and sexuality through the dizzying lens of youth. Directed by Michael Matthews, the production stars Jack Lancaster (Darren) and Wesley Guimarães (Mark). Mark is new at school and too scared to make friends. Darren is out of control and too scary to make friends. Worlds apart, but more similar than they realize, the pair form a complex and manipulative relationship. Before they know it, they're embarking on a dangerous experiment that will alter the course of their lives. Tickets are \$45 for general admission, \$35 for seniors and \$25 for students with ID. Rogue Machine is located at 7658 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles. roguemachinetheatre.org

NOW - MAY 4

GETTY CENTER:

“MARÍA MAGDALENA

CAMPOS-PONS: BEHOLD”

TUES.-FRI., SUN. 10 A.M.-5:30 P.M.

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

Cuban-born María Magdalena Campos-Pons makes vivid photographs, watercolors, installations and performances that trace the cultural and personal impacts of migration and memory. Her works reflect global

histories of labor as they affected her family through enslavement, indenture and motherhood, emphasizing resilience and respect for her Nigerian and Chinese ancestors. This survey of 35 years of artmaking and activism highlights the interconnectedness between people and their environments, offering an expansive, incisive and sensorial experience. Admission to the Getty is free, with parking available for a fee. The Getty Center is located at 1200 Getty Center Dr., Los Angeles. getty.edu

NOW - AUG. 3

LACMA:

“IMAGINING BLACK DIASPORAS:

21ST-CENTURY ART AND POETICS”

MON.-TUES., THURS. 11 A.M.-6 P.M.

FRI. 11 A.M.-8 P.M.

SAT.-SUN. 10 A.M.-7 P.M.

“Imagining Black Diasporas: 21st-Century Art and Poetics” finds aesthetic connections among 60 artists working in Africa, Europe and the Americas. The exhibition and its catalog are among the first to examine nearly a quarter-century of production by Black artists. The project debuts new acquisitions for LACMA and expands the Pan-African exhibition canon, historically focused on the Black Atlantic, by showcasing artists working along the Pacific Rim. Nearly 70 works of painting, sculpture, photography, works on paper and time-based media are organized into four themes: speech and silence, movement and transformation, imagination and representation.

Contemporary poets contributed original work to the catalog, extending the historical use of poetry in Pan-African discourse. Diaspora's general definition as a displacement from origins excludes all the creativity the term entails. People reinvent their heritage through artistic expressions, transforming diaspora from regional movement into a wellspring of imagination. Through an analysis of Black artists' aesthetic choices, “Imagining Black Diasporas” reveals their insights about existence. Tickets are \$23 for adults, \$19 for seniors, students with ID and visitors with a disability. Admission is free for youths 17 and younger. Admission is also free on Mon.-Fri. after 3 p.m. LACMA is located at 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. lacma.org

MARCH 10

THEATRE 40: MONDAY NIGHT THEATRE APPRECIATION SEMINAR: “SCENES FROM SHAKESPEARE”

7 P.M.

Theatre 40's popular series of Monday Night Theatre Appreciation Seminars resumes. There will be play readings on Mondays, located in Theatre 40's main venue, the Mary Levin Cutler Theatre on the first floor of 241 S. Moreno Drive, Beverly Hills. The next installment of the series is “Significant Other” by Joshua Harmon. In the play, Joshua, a gay man, takes comfort in his group of close girlfriends. But as his friends start to get married, he discovers that the only thing tougher than finding love is supporting the ones who do. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10. Each reading will be followed by a brief question-and-answer period. theatre40.org

MARCH 19

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM:

“2025 WESTERN REGION TRIBUTE DINNER: TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE”

6 P.M.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum presents the “2025 Western Region Tribute Dinner: Together We Can Do More” at the Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel. The Western Region Tribute Dinner will honor Dr. Anita Friedman and David Wiener, a Holocaust survivor, with the Museum's National Leadership Award for their long-standing work to keep Holocaust memory alive through education. The event features Dr. Rebecca Erbelding, the Museum historian who helped uncover the truth about a group of photographs showing how the Nazis at Auschwitz spent their leisure time. The program host will be Melvin Robert, Co-Anchor “Good Day LA” and Senior Correspondent/Weekend Co-Host “Extra.” The Beverly Wilshire is located at 9500 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills. Individual tickets are \$600. ushmm.org/2025westdinner



Photo by Jeff Lorch

Wesley Guimarães and Jack Lancaster in “Bacon” at Rogue Machine Theatre

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incompleteness determination on Oct. 3, 2024.

The appeal hinged primarily on a state law requiring local governments to determine whether an application is complete within 30 calendar days of its submission. If they fail to do so, the application is deemed complete by default.

According to the applicant, who was represented at the council meeting by attorney Ryan Leaderman of the law firm Holland & Knight, the city was in violation of the law by not issuing its determination within 30 days of Aug. 30.

City staff indicated that as a matter of policy, applications are not deemed submitted until city staff acknowledges receipt and fees are paid, at which point the 30-day review process begins. Additionally, applications and fees submitted after business hours are considered received on the next business day.

Wilshire Camden submitted the fees for its application at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 30, 2024. The city's business hours ended at 5 p.m. on that day, which happened to be the start of the Labor Day weekend, rendering Sept. 3, 2024, the next business day.

An acknowledgment of receipt was sent to the applicant on Sept. 3, 2024. Therefore, according to the city, its response on Oct. 3, 2024, was timely.

Leaderman and members of the council debated the issue for nearly two hours. In addition to broad legislative intent and specific statutory provisions, Leaderman emphasized that his client's substantial application fee was paid within 30 minutes of receiving an invoice from the city on Aug. 30. He also pointed out that the city's own response on Oct. 3, 2024, was delivered two minutes before the close of business and then superseded by another response that came more than two hours after close of business. The city, said Leaderman, would appear to apply the "close of business rule" only to the applicant, and not itself.

For its part, city staff emphasized that its policies regarding the start of the 30-day review process and business hours are longstanding.

To that end, Councilmember Mary Wells queried staff over where those policies are posted, and when they are first seen by an applicant.

"That's at the bottom of every email that's sent by a current planner in the department," said Masa Alkire, the assistant director of city planning. "Any time that any individual—for example, Mr. Leaderman—communicates with one of our planners, he would have seen that note at the bottom."

Another staff member added that the information is also on the application page on the city's website.

Turning her comments to Leaderman, Wells noted that when he received the acknowledgment of receipt on Sept. 3, 2024, he did not contest it. She also said that this was not the first time Leaderman had submitted such paperwork to the city, implying that he knew about the city's policies.

Calling the city's policies "arbitrary," Leaderman in turn proposed a hypothetical scenario in which city staff could deliberately withhold acknowledgment of receipt.

"A city could play games by not determining or not acknowledging [an application]," he said. "[Our] application was submitted, and it should not be contingent upon someone recognizing or acknowledging that it was submitted."

Later in the meeting, when explaining his reasons for denying Wilshire Camden's appeal, Councilmember Craig Corman suggested that Leaderman deliberately withheld an objection to the email sent to Wilshire Camden on Sept. 3, 2024, which stated that the review process would end

on Oct. 3, 2024.

"There was never any objection," said Corman. "It was only as if the applicant was lying in wait, thinking, 'Well, this is an argument I can pull out if I need it.'"

Prior to the city's official denial of the appeal, Leaderman noted that his client would be willing to take the case to court.

"We don't wish to pursue litigation," he said. "We want to build housing. But staff's treatment in this situation is just not right, and what it's done is, it's inviting lawsuits from advocates who want housing in the city. I think there's a better way of doing this, not to necessarily litigate, but we will litigate if we have to."

Leaderman later clarified his position in a statement to the Courier, which read: "We believe that the city acted unlawfully on Tuesday night in its denial of the project. We are exploring all legal options and will respond accordingly." ●

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Former Mayor Garber Honored by City Council

At the March 4 City Council meeting, Donna Ellman Garber was honored for her dedication to the city of Beverly Hills. Garber is the second woman elected to serve on the Beverly Hills City Council. She served as mayor in 1976 and 1981, and served on the council for 12 years. The longtime Beverly Hills resident celebrates her centennial this year.



Members of the Beverly Hills City Council with former mayor Donna Ellman Garber

Plans for 'Cartier Temple' and City Housing Element Move Forward



Rendering courtesy of Cartier

A rendering of the Cartier project was presented to the Planning Commission.

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

The Beverly Hills Planning Commission at their Feb. 27 meeting conditionally approved a Development Plan Review for a three-story Cartier retail and office space and reviewed the city's progress on its General Plan and Housing Element Annual Report.

The commission was joined by multiple representatives from around the globe to discuss plans for the Cartier project. The building, which will be constructed at the corner of Rodeo Drive and Brighton Way, will include 15,250 square feet of retail, offices and lounge areas, including an enclosed terrace on the third floor intended for use by VIP customers.

Describing the significance of the proposed project to the Cartier brand, Fernando Beauchamp, the assistant vice president of store design and construction for Cartier North America, referred to the building as a "Cartier temple."

"This location, for us, means everything," he said. "It's beyond the Cartier structure and segmentation."

The project has seen some delays. Designed by the Los Angeles-based architecture and design firm Foster + Partners, the Cartier space was initially approved by City Council in 2018.

However, according to representatives at the Feb. 27 meeting, new state laws triggered by the remapping of the Santa Monica fault zone required the developers to conduct heightened geotechnical tests of the plot.

Those tests were then delayed further by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The testing program took a very long time," said attorney Deborah Quick, senior counsel with the law firm Perkins Coie. "There was an awful lot of scientific analysis and thought that went into how to move forward with the project, achieve Cartier's goals of bringing the Foster + Partners' design to life while respecting safety and the need to comply with state law."

Following the discussion period, during which a condition stipulating that music played on the third-floor terrace would not be audible beyond the boundaries of the property was added to the review,

commissioners expressed their appreciation of the project.

"I think this is a fantastic project," said Commissioner Gary Ross. "It's not just beautiful; it's important for the Golden Triangle here in Beverly Hills. It's a brand that we consider to be an important part of our community and a partner in the city."

The developer hopes to begin the next stage of construction in August, with a target completion date in summer or early fall of 2027.

The commission also heard a progress update and future plans pertaining to its Housing Element. The city's Housing Element was certified by the state in May 2024 after a multiyear attempt by the city to produce a document that was in line with California's ambitious goals for new housing. Between 2021 and 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) rejected four formal versions of the city's Housing Element.


The city's final version included a plan to allow for 3,100 new housing units by 2029, commit city-owned or controlled sites for the construction of 557 low-income housing units and increase the number of Accessory Dwelling Units allowed on large properties.

In the city's presentation to the commission, staff reported that in 2024, Beverly Hills issued building permits for 82 new units, including 10 low-income units, five very low-income units and 29 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

During the discussion period, staff added that they have also made four preapproved ADU plans available online.

"I think this is important," said Commissioner Myra Demeter of the pre-approved plans. "If people want to make use of this, they should go to the ADU page ... it expedites the process because these plans are already approved."

The City Council is expected to review last year's General Plan and Housing Element Annual Report at its March 18 meeting. If approved. The report will be submitted to the state prior to April 1. ●

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A suspect has been arrested in connection with a grand theft at McLaren Beverly Hills.

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returned inside and stole another vehicle. The suspect sustained lacerations in the commission of the crime.

Lieutenant Kevin Orth of the BHPD tells the Courier that units responded to the scene after being alerted by a radio call. He said that the suspect fled the area and quickly left

the boundary of Beverly Hills. Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers pursued the suspect for a short time. "LAPD got in pursuit later that night, but the guy was able to evade. The next day, we received a radio call of a suspicious person in the area who was then identified as the suspect of the initial crime," said Orth.

The suspect, identified as Julian Flake, was then arrested by BHPD Officers.

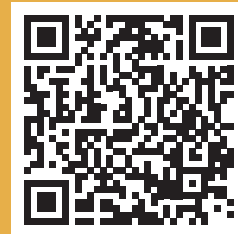
Flake has been charged with one count of felony second-degree commercial burglary, two counts of felony grand theft of an automobile and one count of felony vandalism \$400 or more in damage or destruction of property. Flake also faces two separate charges of trespassing that were filed in December 2024 after

arrests by Pomona Police Department officers.

McLaren specializes in luxury sports cars. The Beverly Hills location has listings between \$145,990 for a pre-owned GT Coupe and \$436,130 for a 2024 750S Coupe.

Flake's next day in court will be a preliminary hearing set for March 19 at Los Angeles Superior Court Airport Courthouse. ●

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BHHS Celebrates Student Creativity

The Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) PTSA recognized student participants in the 2024-25 Reflections Art Program at its recent meeting. This national program, hosted by the National PTA, encourages students to explore the arts through visual arts, dance, literature, music, photography and film, providing a platform for self-expression and innovation. This year's participants demonstrated talent across multiple disciplines, with Cora Azevedo receiving the Award of Merit at the 33rd District level for her dance submission.



Photos courtesy of BHUSD

BHHS PTSA Co-Presidents Nathan Kruger and Jenn Pedersen with participating students

El Rodeo Elementary PTA Hosts First-Ever Gala

Parents, staff and community members came together for the first-ever El Rodeo Elementary PTA Gala, celebrating the strength of the school community. The event marked a milestone in El Rodeo's first year back on campus.

"This event was a testament to the unwavering commitment of our PTA and school community," said Principal Sarah Kaber. "The generosity and dedication of our community directly impact our students, helping to create an enriching environment where they can truly soar to success."



El Rodeo Elementary Principal Sarah Kaber at the gala

Horace Mann Elementary Holds Open House

Horace Mann Elementary welcomed families and community members to an Open House last week, with highlights that included interactive classroom activities and student-led presentations. "Open House is more than a showcase—it's a moment for our students to take pride in their progress and for families to see firsthand the hard work happening every day," said Principal Ontrece Ellerbe. "The evening was a true reflection of our school community's dedication to fostering confident, capable learners who are ready to lead."



First-grade student Bowie Iseman with his dad Aaron attended the Open House.

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Children's Burn Foundation Hosts 30th Giving New Hope Benefit



Photo by Selina Kausar

The 30th New Hope Benefit took place on March 4.

BY SELINA KAUSAR

On the evening of March 4, the Council of the Children's Burn Foundation (CBF) hosted its Giving New Hope Benefit at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The event marked the 30th-anniversary celebration of Giving New Hope, with philanthropist Wallis Annenberg honored with the Spirit of Humanity award and Barbara and Charles Pratt, Jr. honored with the Giving New Hope award.

Founded in 1985 by the late Dr. Richard Grossman and the late actor and burn survivor McLean Stevenson, the CBF provides child burn survivors and their families with comprehensive healing and psychological support for recovery from burn trauma up to the age of 18 years old. The CBF also runs several prevention and education programs, including a permanent "Fire! Science & Safety" exhibit at the California Science Center, which brings the message of burn safety to over 400,000 children per year. In 1996, a volunteer group called The Council of Children's Burn Foundation was established by Carol Mancino. The Council works to support the foundation's fundraising and community outreach initiatives, including holding the Giving New Hope Benefit each year.

The benefit began with a silent auction followed by dinner led by CBF Board of Trustees Member and former NBC4 weathercaster, Fritz Coleman. Past honorees of the Giving New Hope award joined Coleman on stage to celebrate 30 years of Giving New Hope, including Beverly Hills Fire Chief Gregory Barton.

The Giving New Hope 2025 award was then presented to Barbara and Charles Pratt, Jr. The Pratts are dedicated philanthropists with a long history of serving the CBF.

Executive Director of the CBF, Kirstin Clink, then shared some statistics about the CBF's impact over the past year. In 2024, there was a 22% increase in outreach, allowing the CBF to provide service to over 164,000 children and their families.

"This growth is attributed to three decades of compassion and generosity," Clink said.

Founding President of the Council, Carol Mancino, was next to address the audience, presenting the Spirit of Humanity award to Wallis Annenberg.

"Wallis is a world-renowned philanthropist and champion of children's causes. She is a passionate advocate for social justice and community development, exemplifying her mission to uplift underserved populations and foster a brighter future for all children," Mancino said.

Annenberg has been a vital advocate for

burn prevention and recovery through her support of the CBF since its inception. Annenberg's granddaughter Lily Annenberg accepted the award on behalf of her grandmother, and a prerecorded video of Wallis was played.

"I wish I could be with you in person tonight to accept your wonderful Spirit of Humanity award, but I wanted to send this message to tell you why it means so much to me," Wallis said. "Imagine having to wake up in the morning and take a deep breath before looking in the mirror. Imagine wondering if other people will really see you for who you are, deep down inside. That's what this work is about. That's who we're trying to heal. As a parent, grandparent and someone who's felt like an outsider myself at times ... someone who believes very deeply that no child should be left out or left behind, the work of the CBF couldn't be more critical or viable."

Annenberg ended the video by announcing a \$500,000 donation to the CBF as her "honor and privilege" to continue to support the Foundation's mission of healing and empowering children and preventing the trauma of burns.

A particular highlight of the evening was the live auction, with 100% of proceeds going directly to the California Community Foundation's Wildfire Recovery Fund. Beverly Hills Fire Chief Gregory Barton, who is an active member of the CBF Board and was the recipient of the 2024 Giving New Hope Award, shared details of the first live auction experience with guests. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Barton said. The experience includes a VIP tour of the Beverly Hills Fire Station for up to six people, meetings with the firefighters and a private fire engine ride along Rodeo Drive. In a surprise twist, two bidders were awarded the experience, each with a winning bid of \$3,750.

Another meaningful auction item was a piece of artwork created by Los Angeles mural and graffiti artist Man One alongside members of the CBF's Teen Support Group. The art piece features handmade panels conceived and created by the CBF teens. The winning bidder generously donated the painting back to the CBF to keep and allow the children to see their hard work in person.

The evening was attended by a number of community leaders, including Rick Caruso and members of the Beverly Hills Fire Department. ●

DA Hochman Visits Beverly Hills Women's Club

Los Angeles District Attorney Nathan Hochman visited the Beverly Hills Women's Club on March 4 to meet with residents as a guest of the Benedict Canyon Association, which sponsored the evening. "The Benedict Canyon Association Annual Meeting for Residents" also featured Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles Fire Department Assistant Chief Joseph Everett, Los Angeles Police Department Captain Richard Gabaidon and Los Angeles Assistant City Attorney Tamar Galatzan, who came to share information about their work and hear directly from Benedict Canyon residents regarding community needs and neighborhood concerns.



Beverly Hills Women's Club President Hollis Leech with DA Nathan Hochman

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Stress Can Cause Vision Loss



BY DAVID LAZAR, M.D

Physiological stress has largely been disregarded rather than addressed by modern society. During my rigorous medical and surgical training, I often dismissed my own stress, convincing myself that what I felt wasn't "real" and should be ignored. Today, the medical community understands that this mindset is not only inaccurate but also dangerous.

In times of stress, the human body releases a hormone called cortisol. This biological response, evolved over millions of years, prepares us to stay alert in the face of perceived danger. While cortisol is vital, prolonged exposure can lead to digestive issues, muscle tension and pain, cardiovascular problems, sleep disturbances and cognitive difficulties. Chronic stress can also contribute to immune system dysfunction, making individuals more susceptible to infections and inflammatory conditions. The cumulative effects of stress on the body extend beyond mere discomfort, impacting overall health and quality of life.

As an ophthalmologist and retina specialist, I diagnose and treat the ocular effects of chronic stress and elevated cortisol levels, known as Central Serous Retinopathy (CSR). Prolonged cortisol exposure causes leakage from small blood vessels at the back of the eye. This leads to abnormal fluid accumulation under the retina, disrupting photoreceptor function and causing painless

blurring of central vision. The amount of fluid correlates directly with the degree of vision loss and the patient's stress levels: the greater the stress, the higher the cortisol levels, the more fluid accumulates under the retina and the worse the vision becomes. If left untreated or unrecognized, recurrent episodes of CSR can lead to permanent retinal damage and long-term visual impairment.

Since March 2020, I have seen an average of five patients per week with this condition, spanning a wide range of demographics. Despite their differences, these patients share one commonality: overwhelming stress. What has been particularly striking over the past eight years is that many patients are unaware of their own stress levels. It is often only after careful discussion and self-reflection that they recognize how much chronic stress has impacted their health.

In early March 2020, a husband and wife visited my Los Angeles office. While discussing the husband's diagnosis of Central Serous Retinopathy, he denied experiencing stress, much to his wife's disbelief. She reminded him of his recent emergency room visit, where he had been diagnosed with a panic attack—a clear indication of stress overload. This scenario is not uncommon; many patients initially dismiss stress as a contributing factor, only to later acknowledge its pervasive influence on their well-being.

One of the most gratifying aspects of

treating CSR is that, in 90% of cases, no medical or surgical intervention is necessary beyond stress reduction. As stress diminishes, cortisol levels decrease and the retinal fluid resolves. While researchers have yet to identify the most effective stress-reduction methods, I commonly recommend exercise, adequate sleep, meditation or even listening to music. Spending time in nature, engaging in creative activities and fostering social connections can also help alleviate stress. It is incredibly rewarding to see patients at follow-up appointments where I can show them, through advanced eye imaging, the resolution of retinal fluid as their stress levels decrease. Witnessing this tangible improvement reinforces the profound impact that stress management can have on both ocular and overall health.

CSR is frequently misdiagnosed as other retinal conditions, such as macular degeneration. I often see referred patients arrive in

my office in tears, having been told they were going blind due to macular degeneration. It is profoundly uplifting to inform them that they do not have macular degeneration, and that stress reduction can resolve their vision problems. This highlights the importance of accurate diagnosis and increased awareness about CSR, ensuring that patients receive the appropriate guidance and reassurance.

We all lead stressful lives, and the global pandemic has only amplified this reality. Recognizing the toll stress takes on our bodies and relationships is crucial. While many people understand the connection between stress and conditions like heart disease, few realize that stress can also affect vision. I hope this piece has shed light on the importance of addressing stress for our overall well-being. By prioritizing stress management and self-care, we can take meaningful steps toward preserving both our vision and long-term health. ●



David Lazar, M.D., is a board-certified ophthalmologist with subspecialty training in medical and surgical diseases of the retina. Dr. Lazar completed fellowship training in vitreoretinal diseases and surgery at the Lahey Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. While there, he also served as Clinical Associate at Tufts University School of Medicine and Harvard Medical School. Prior to his fellowship, he was Chief Resident at the LSU/Ochsner Clinic Foundation program in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Lazar serves the Southern California community from his practice, Lazar Retina, in West Los Angeles.

Justice Department Files Statement of Interest in Connection with Pico-Robertson Incident

The Department of Justice announced this week that it has filed a statement of interest in federal court to promote the correct and uniform interpretation of federal law protecting access to places of religious worship. The case involves allegations that a violent mob used violence, intimidation, and threats to prevent congregants from accessing the Adas Torah Synagogue in the Pico-Robertson district.

The statement of interest is part of the Department's nationwide efforts to promote freedom of religious worship and combat antisemitism.

"Members of our Jewish community should not have to think about their safety when they go to worship," said Acting United States Attorney Joseph T. McNally. "We make clear today that federal law prohibits people from obstructing access to places of worship."

"Every person should be free to worship and attend religious services without fear

of violence, threats, or intimidation," said Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mac Warner. "The Civil Rights Division is working vigorously to combat antisemitism using all of the tools at our disposal."

The Department of Justice recently announced the formation of a multi-agency task force coordinated by the Civil Rights Division to combat antisemitism, which is visiting 10 university campuses that have experienced antisemitic events.

Private plaintiffs sued CodePink Women for Peace, CodePink Action Fund, WESPAC Foundation, Honor the Earth, Courtney Lenna Schirf, Remo Ibrahim, d/b/a Palestinian Youth Movement, and various unnamed individuals. These plaintiffs allege that on June 23, 2024, these organizations and individuals violated provisions of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE Act) that protect access to places of religious worship. ●



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seeing our students thrive as they continue their work in journalism, media production, and broadcasting."

The statement continues, "Moving forward, BHUSD will continue to work with all faculty, students, and stakeholders to

maintain a structured, professional, and student-focused learning environment. Our goal is to provide KBEV students with the resources, mentorship, and educational integrity necessary to prepare them for careers in media and beyond." ●



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BHUSD board members at March 4 Special Meeting

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communication services [and] has a background with working with school districts," he said. "The need is great, and this is a great company to bring in to help support this need."

During discussion, most board members agreed that the district is facing a number of communication concerns.

"I can think of at least three [issues facing the district] that have not been properly and transparently communicated," said Board Member Dr. Amanda Stern. "There are some choppy waters right now, and some real specific needs."

Board President Rachelle Marcus expressed similar concerns.

"I do agree with my colleagues about the fact that we need someone who can handle the communications right now, because we are up a creek without a paddle, as far as I'm concerned," she said. "I would love to be able to find somebody that can handle

the crisis that we're in right this moment." Board Member Russell Stuart agreed that more transparency is needed, as well as more honest communication with the community, but took issue with the word "crisis."

"What's something that's really bothering me immensely is, Dr. Stern and Mrs. Marcus, you both referenced the community and how they're feeling, and that we're in a crisis," he said. "We're not in a crisis at all. There is no crisis here. If you look at school districts up and down the state of California, they have lawsuits, they have problems. They hire and fire people. Things happen. We're not in a crisis at all."

The contract included in the March 4 agenda proposed a maximum of \$25,000 for 83 hours of work by Corder Creative. The board agreed that the figure was too high and approved the contract 4-1 at \$15,000. Stuart was the sole "no" vote. ●

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ASSAULT - SIMPLE

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2/23/2025, 8:21 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

2/23/2025, 1:52 p.m. at 400 Block of S. OAKHURST DRIVE

2/22/2025, 11 p.m. at 200 Block of TOWER DRIVE

2/21/2025, 10:02 a.m. at WILSHIRE BOULEVARD / MCCARTY DRIVE

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BURGLARY - CONSTRUCTION SITE

2/23/2025, 6 p.m. at 300 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

BURGLARY FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

2/20/2025, 11 a.m. at 300 Block of N. MAPLE DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (ACCESSED GARAGE ONLY)

2/26/2025, 5 p.m. at 100 Block of S. CRESCENT DRIVE

2/22/2025, 4:30 a.m. at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)

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2/21/2025, 7:30 p.m. at 200 Block of LASKY DRIVE

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2/28/2025, 10 p.m. at WILSHIRE BOULEVARD / N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD

2/24/2025, 12:53 a.m. at N. CLARK DRIVE / CLIFTON WAY

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2/28/2025, 1:10 p.m. at 200 Block of N. LA PEER DRIVE

2/21/2025, 9:45 p.m. at 100 Block of S. BEDFORD DRIVE

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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're needed, and not in a general way. You are, in fact, the exact person to deliver precisely what a person needs for the storm they are moving through in this moment. Giving support helps you find your own way through it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've walked through shadow and now the road bends, soft golden sunlight spilling into the dark. Things are about to get better. Honor yourself. When you put your energy into a very good fit for you, you'll be chosen back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're on a tightrope between honesty and kindness. This one is woven with white lies, humor and warmth. You're poised to succeed using the balancing pole of good intentions to keep you steady and true.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Reconsider your involvement with someone who takes without reciprocating. Those who value your contribution will be inclined to generosity that's a two-way street. Allow

yourself to receive support as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-doubt shrinks in the face of consistent effort. Repetition leads to competence, and competence replaces fear. Stop trying to be perfect, or even good. Just keep showing up until it feels natural to do so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will outgrow this. Not because you force yourself to, but because life will pull you forward, and one day, this will be something that happened before you stepped into something better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If information is power, spilling it diminishes power. Be discreet. You have intel that others would like to know, and it's a very valuable asset, not to be wasted. Share just enough to keep people intrigued.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When the plan goes right, you get a result -- a clear outcome of your effort. When it goes wrong, you get a story -- one rich with lessons and growth. Both are valuable: Results show your ability, and stories deepen your experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Advertisers tap into your pain points to win a sale. But creating pain points that weren't there to begin with? It's

diabolical -- yet commonplace. Be wary of those who profit by planting seeds of self-doubt in others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your entire being is communicating. You're sending out vibes and lobbing subconscious messages out like corked bottles into the cosmic ocean. Don't worry, the universe has heard you and is crafting a response.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're feeling more at peace with emotions. All is evolving, moving in a healthy

direction. Hold to a vision for the future filled with playful people, fun and glamour. Keep finding moments of grace with yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You bring energy, humor and warmth wherever you go, turning the ordinary into something memorable. Your ability to find joy in a situation isn't just about entertainment -- it's about curiosity, openness and a natural inclination to make the most of every experience.



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THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE
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IN THE REARVIEW
BY DANIEL GRINBERG AND RAFAEL MUSA / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Daniel Grinberg, of Philadelphia, researches user experience for an energy company. Rafael Musa, of San Francisco, is a software engineer at Airbnb. They met last year at a crossword tournament and hit it off. This is Daniel's seventh crossword for The Times and Rafael's 16th. Most of Rafael's puzzles here have been collaborations. He says co-constructing "is a great way to get to know someone." — W.S.

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OBITUARIES

Karen Rund



Karen Rund passed away peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, at the age of 81. She was laid to rest on Feb. 21, 2025, surrounded by friends, colleagues and students from her almost 40-year career as an educator in San Diego.

Mrs. Rund was the beloved mother to Jodi (Douglas) Galen, David (Julie) Meltzer, Scott (Jennifer) Meltzer and Brett (Jill) Meltzer; grandmother to Samantha (Ryan) Katz, Joshua Galen, Rachel Galen, Marissa Meltzer, Mia Meltzer, Marlana Meltzer, Miles Meltzer, Shayna Meltzer, Nadiv Meltzer, Maital Meltzer, Yael Meltzer, Hannah Meltzer, Sydney Meltzer and Justin Meltzer; great-grandmother to Ella Katz; and sister to Susie (Eli) Meltzer and Jerry (Linda) Goldberg.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Mrs. Rund graduated from The University of Akron and later from SDSU with master's degrees in education and curriculum.

Mrs. Rund was part of the founding faculty of the San Diego Jewish Academy in 1979, where she taught for almost 30 years, including serving as the school's principal for over a decade. She was the former president of the Principal's Council at the AJE and the president of the National Community of Day Schools. In 2004, she won the Grinspoon from the National Jewish Educators Award for outstanding educator.

Mrs. Rund will be remembered for her warm smile, perpetually positive attitude and the countless delicious recipes she created for the family, many of which will forever live in a cherished recipe book. Mrs. Rund was loved by so many and will be deeply missed.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CASE NO: 25SMCP00081 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of:

Dawn Marie Duda

To all interested person(s):
Petitioner:

Dawn Marie Duda current residence address: **1721 Ferrari Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210** filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St. Santa Monica, 90401. Santa Monica Courthouse, on February 18, 2025** for a Decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:

Dawn Marie Duda

Proposed Name:

Dawn Alexandra Marie Duda

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: April 4, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM **Department:** K

The address of the court is:

**1725 Main Street,
Santa Monica, CA 90401**

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 foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: **Dawn Marie Duda**

Judge of the Superior Court:

Lawrence H. Cho

Clerk: David W. Slayton

Deputy: L. Kulkin

Dated: February 18, 2025

Published: 02/21/25, 02/28/25,

03/07/25, 03/14/25

BHC-R29333

SUMMONS (CITATION JUDICIAL) CASE NO: 24SMCV01414

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:

KIRANJIT SIDHU, an individual; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, **YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:**

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The name and address of the court is: Los Angeles Superior Court, Beverly Hills Courthouse
9355 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Judge: Michael E. Whitaker, Dept. 207 E.

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: PATHWAY LAW FIRM, P.C.

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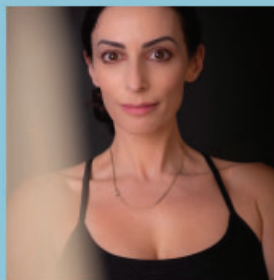
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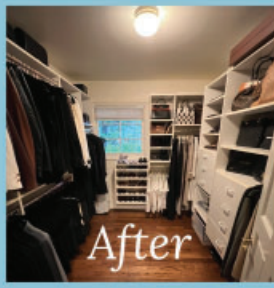
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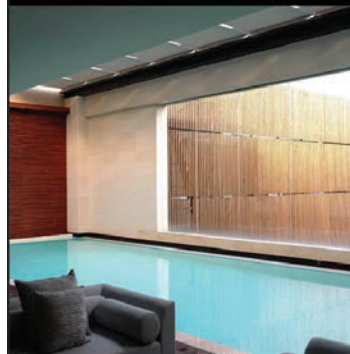
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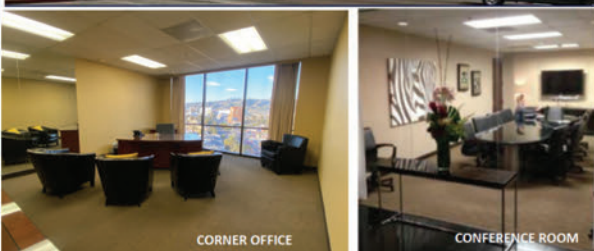
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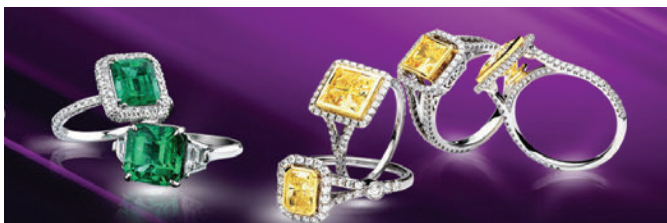
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