

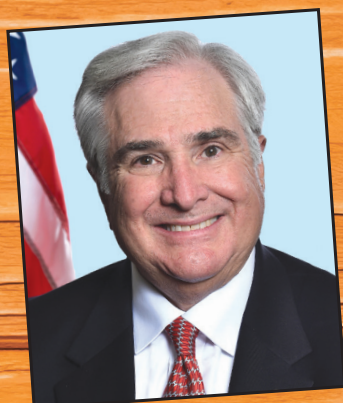
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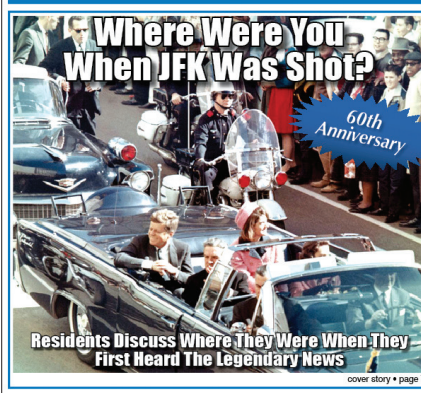
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“Get To Know Your Chamber Event 11/12”

As a former resident, formerly serving on the city's Human Relations Commission and as a gay man, I have to register my distaste at the idea that the Chamber would align itself with the notoriously anti LGBTQ Chick-Fil-A by having them host an event. I am appalled at how tone-deaf (to be charitable) this is.

In this time, where anti-gay, anti-trans, and anti-semitic words and violence are happening more and more, this was the restaurant you chose to underwrite the event? Not only do they have at best a dodgy history with human rights, but they don't even have a store in Beverly Hills?

Great optics.

Former Human Relations Commission Vice Chair

Tom Pease
West Hollywood

“Wells Receives Firefighters Association Endorsement”

[Issue #1259]

Thanks to the Weekly for covering the council candidates, the fact that Mary Wells received the Firefighters Association endorsement, and being willing to publish the most interesting letters to editors covering all sides of the issues.

As to Ms. Wells' firefighters' endorsement, there are many residents who feel that it is a conflict of interest for candidates to accept endorsements from organizations candidates will be negotiating with if elected. Firefighters as well as police endorse those they believe will continue to raise salaries, even though our firefighters and police are already among the highest paid anywhere. So one can imagine the promises which are made in order to secure such endorsements.

Firefighters do not even live here and their interests differ vastly from those of residents. We certainly appreciate our firefighters and their services, but they really should butt out of our city elections and stop supporting candidates and developers in exchange for promises of higher salaries.

What will we see next—loads of unethical photos of Ms. Wells with firefighters and police, which violate the purpose and intent of the Government Code precluding uniformed employees from being pictured with candidates?

Factors which are more important to the evaluation of council candidates include who is supporting this candidate. Is it a longtime developer's lobbyist who has run the campaigns of candidates who favor over-development? Why yes, it is, which tells us that Ms. Wells is the intended replacement for Julian Gold.

Another important factor is that should Ms. Wells win one of the two city council



Vice Mayor Les Friedman, Mayor Julian Gold, and Councilmember Sharona Nazrian

City Holds Rodeo Drive Holiday Lighting Celebration

The City held its annual Rodeo Drive Holiday Lighting Celebration last Thursday.

seats, she will cut short her stint on the Beverly Hills School Board, a position she promised to serve up to November, 2024. In running for the school board, Ms. Wells impliedly promised to help, work for and protect our children who are among our most vulnerable residents. But instead, Ms. Wells chose to instead work on her council candidacy since January.

Darian Bojeaux
Beverly Hills

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Board Approves District Office Relocation

At last Tuesday's meeting the Board of Education approved architectural services for the District Office Relocation project.

Superintendent Michael Bregy said that although there is no immediate rush to relocate, the district wants to try and move the office over the summer to Hawthorne and have it ready for the start of the 2024 school year. The district office also doesn't have an alarm system.

The Board has been studying several options for the Early Childhood Center and has narrowed down a couple possibilities.

One of the options is to keep Hawthorne as a preschool center where the City would have the opportunity to rent out the space. This would also include BHUSD TK classrooms.

“As this Vision grows and it develops, it would be a wonderful thing for us to be right there on the property when this is happening,” Bregy said.

The other option is having the preschool at Hawthorne but moving the special education preschool to Horace Mann.

“The dream here is attracting young families to BHUSD,” Bregy said. “The ideal is really building from the ground up and that's with our youngest learners.”

The Board will explore costs and meet with the City before moving forward.

“There's a lot of things that can happen and we just really have to be able to look at the whole picture and that's what we were

trying to do with the architect to have [them] look at what's the possibility of the site, what can or can't it be, and that's going to help,” Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Raphael Guzman said.

In 2021, the Board-appointed 7-11 Committee recommended that the District Office site should be declared surplus if it is to be moved to an alternative site. If it is declared surplus, the Committee recommended that the District should pursue a lease pursuant to the RFP process.

The Committee also formed a consensus to propose a concept which includes a residential development on the current district office site.

The Committee said that the office does not function at an acceptable level and that the financial costs to improve functionality would be very substantial. In order for the District to maintain ownership of the site, it was recommended to explore the possibility of creating residential units, ideally with preferences afforded to BHUSD employees.

The chosen architectural firm, PBWS, has completed a similar project for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District at their Malaga Cove site, and a master plan for District Office Relocation for Charter Oak Unified School District.

It is expected that the Board will hold a study session on the subject early next year.

Planning Commission Rejects Zone Text Amendment

The Planning Commission rejected a request for a Zone Text Amendment to the Single-Family Residential Development Standards for Trousdale Estates, at their Nov. 9 meeting. The request was brought by project representatives at 169 Hillcrest Road.

The project requested to allow Trousdale Estate property owners who have the right to request construction of a single-family home with a second story to instead request the construction of a daylighting basement and to allow grading off the existing level to facilitate the construction of a daylighting basement through a new Trousdale R-1 Permit.

Currently, the standards in the area limit construction to the existing level pad and prohibit grading in any area that has a slope that exceeds one vertical foot for each five

horizontal feet.

Since the proposed residence would not comply with these standards, the applicant proposed to amend municipal code to create a new permit that would allow for this type of design. This would have been for the "Removal of a Second Story and Addition of Daylighting Basement".

The proposed single-family residence, which was unanimously rejected, would have had a total square footage of approximately 18,442 square feet with a height of approximately 14', had it been approved.

This action is final unless appealed to the City Council.

City to Issue Fines for Non Compliance in Organics Collection Program

Starting in Jan. the City will begin issuing fines for noncompliance in the Organics Collection Program.

On Jan. 1, 2022, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 required every jurisdiction in Calif. to provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses. This required the City to have an enforcement mechanism in place to ensure compliance. On Dec. 21, 2021, the City Council adopted a Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction ordinance.

Every commercial generator that gener-

ates over 20 gallons of organic waste material a week must subscribe to an organic waste collection service or elect to self-haul the material. Commercial generators who choose not to subscribe nor self-haul will be non-compliant with the law, according to a city staff report. Commercial generators that generate less than 20 gallons or have limited container storage space may qualify for a waiver.

In Oct. the City began issuing formal non-compliance notices to those deficient in following through in setting up collection services.

Out of 684 required businesses, 395 qualified for waivers. There are currently 62 non-

compliant businesses in the city, according to the report. There are also 163 non-compliant multi-family properties in the city.

Tier 2 food generators, such as hospitals, schools, hotels, and restaurants will have to participate in food recovery programs starting in Jan.

City Council Authorizes Development of La Cienega Wells 2 and 3

The City Council authorized the development of La Cienega Wells 2 and 3, subject to the final design, at their Tuesday meeting.

The City developed its first well in the

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(Rescheduling of hearing originally noticed for November 21, 2023)

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its meeting to be held on **Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard**, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, will hold a public hearing to consider:

REVIEW OF THE PERMANENT OPEN AIR DINING PROGRAM, WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

A) ADOPTION OF A DRAFT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS RELATED TO OPEN AIR DINING

B) ADOPTION OF PARKLET DESIGN GUIDELINES PROVIDING A SET OF MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARKLET DINING

C) RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES TO ADD A SIDEWALK DINING LICENSE FEE AND PARKLET DINING LICENSE FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

D) PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PERMANENT OPEN AIR DINING PROGRAM

AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The OpenBH program was started during the Covid-19 Pandemic to temporarily ease regulations related to open air dining on public and private property and is currently scheduled to end in December 2023, however, this program may be extended further by the City Council. The City Council has directed staff to work on permanent changes to the City's open air dining program throughout several City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee meetings. Based on direction provided by the Subcommittees, the following open air dining program items have been developed for review and approval by the City Council:

A) *Amended Open Air Dining Ordinance:* The draft ordinance consists of proposed code changes for City Council for review and adoption. At their July 13, 2023 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft ordinance and adopted a resolution recommending City Council adoption of the draft ordinance, as well as providing guidance to staff to create a guidelines document for the architectural review process for open air dining permits, and provided Council comments on the extension of open air dining areas beyond the restaurant's facade and in front of adjacent tenants' facades as the Commission did not come to a consensus that topic. The draft ordinance proposes code changes in the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) that may include but are not limited to the following:

- Article 27 of Title 10, Chapter 3 of the BHMC
 - o Changes to the parking requirements for open air dining located on private property
- Article 35 of Title 10, Chapter 3 of the BHMC
 - o Changes to the development standards and requirements, and review processes
 - o Addition of development standards and review processes related to parklets in the public right-of-way

B) *Parklet Guidelines:* The City Council will consider adopting parklet design guidelines which include a set of minimum standards for design, construction, and maintenance of parklet dining (dining located in parking meter spaces). The Guidelines also provide details for a 'Kit of Parts' designed and pre-approved to provide a more streamlined permitting process.

C) *Fees:* The City Council will consider a resolution to 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. The new fees are proposed for leasing of public right of way for sidewalk and parklet dining use with the adoption of an Open-Air Dining Program

ordinance. These fees would become effective on December 11, 2023.

D) *Procedures:* The City Council will receive information on a streamlined application process for open air dining and discuss the compliance period for converting existing temporarily approved open air dining areas (Open BH program) into permanently approved open air dining areas.

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. Since the project does not authorize construction, and makes minor changes to existing development standards that apply to a fully built-out area of the City (in the commercially zoned areas), there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment. In addition, the project reflects minor changes in land use limitations, and do not result in changes to land use or density. Accordingly, the City Council will consider a recommendation to find the project categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15305 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

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.

Public Comment Participation:

- Oral Comment/Listen only: (310) 288-2288
- Email: cityclerk@beverlyhills.org
- Video (during public comment only): <http://beverlyhills.org/comment>
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- 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/Parking Authority. 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.

Any interested person may participate in the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the City Council. According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

In Person Participation:

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.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Angelina Ramirez** in the Community Development Department at **(310) 285-1154**, or by email at **openairdining@beverlyhills.org**. Please also contact the planner listed here to add your email to the interested parties list for this ordinance, so that important updates and notifications may be sent to you.

HUMA AHMED
City Clerk

Central Basin, La Cienega Well, on City owned property located at 1956 Chariton Street in Los Angeles. This construction began in early 2020 and was completed this year. The raw water transmission main from Well 1 to the Foothill Water Treatment Plant was constructed between June 2020 and June 2021.

According to a city staff report, the City has continued to search for other properties that may be suitable for groundwater production wells but has yet to find suitable properties. To supplement groundwater supply, the Public Works Commission supported pursuing development of La Cienega Wells 2 and 3.

On Dec. 6, 2022, the City Council approved an agreement with consultant Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. for the design of La Cienega Wells 2 and 3. During the preliminary engineering, six potential sites were identified at La Cienega Park.

In the process of narrowing the selection to two locations, the distance to potential contaminants, potential conflicts with current and future park operations, and minimum distance between the two future wells were taken into consideration. Staff and KJ concluded that the two well sites should be the Le Doux well for La Cienega Wells 2 located on the southwest corner of the park near the intersection of Le Doux Road and Olympic Boulevard, and the Gregory well for La Cienega Well 3, located west of the maintenance yard at the northeast corner of the park near the intersection of Gregory Way and Gale Drive.

On July 26 city staff met with representatives of the various recreational programs, such as AYSO and Beverly Hills Little League, to explore possible impacts to their seasons. Staff then met with the consultant KJ to review accommodations to the various recreational programs.

Mitigation measures will include starting

the drilling project at the Le Doux well site first; and concurrently, build a batting cage on the west side of the baseball field at the Gregory Well site. The demolition and drilling at the Gregory Well site will not start earlier than July 4.

Woods Hired as Temecula Superintendent

Former BHUSD Superintendent Gary Woods has been hired as the new Temecula Valley Unified School District superintendent.

Originally from Turlock, CA, Woods led the BHUSD from 2011 to 2015. Prior to that, he was superintendent of the San Marino Unified School District.

"Beverly Hills isn't Temecula," said Board member Jennifer Wiersma. "But he has the resume; he has the doctorate; he has the experience in the classroom with kids on every level to connect with each one of you. I'm telling you, he walked into the room and emanated a strength and charisma that touched me. I truly believe right now with where



Gary Woods

we're at, he's going to be someone who's going to put his arm around you and say I'm with you," according to ABC 7.

He was approved by a 3-2 vote. Both dissenting board members believed the process was rushed and not transparent. He will replace former superintendent Jodi McClay, who was fired in a 3-1 vote.

McClay was fired just a few days after the state of California announced it was investigating the Board of Education in the wake of its rejection of a social studies curriculum that contained supplemental material covering Harvey Milk, a gay San Francisco Board of Supervisor who was assassinated in 1978.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta also issued a

statement in Aug. following the Temecula Valley Unified School District decision to implement a mandatory gender identity disclosure policy, which was intended to inform parents if a child currently wishes to be referred to by a pronoun that is different than the one on their birth certificate. It was also intended to notify parents if their child wishes to use a different bathroom or sex-based facility.

BHUSD does not have a mandatory gender identity disclosure policy for parents.

Woods' first day is Monday.

City Council Approves Amendments to Agreement with Nastec

At their Tuesday meeting the City Council approved an amendment to the agreement with Nastec International, Inc. for security specialists to support efforts in regard to homeless people in the City.

At the Nov. 15, 2022 City Council meeting, the Council approved a variety of items in an effort to further assist the homeless population in Beverly Hills. One of the items approved is that agreement was with consultant Abby Arnold to develop strategies to identify gaps in services through the preparation of a homelessness plan.

The draft homeless plan is currently being finalized and is expected to return to the City Council for review prior to the end of the year.

The current coverage with Nastec consists of two unarmed security individuals who receive and respond to non-emergency calls to the 2468 Hotline, nightly from 5pm to 8am. Additionally, they provide 24-hour coverage on the weekends.

On June 6, 2023, the City Council approved an amendment increasing the term



Judie Fenton, Mayor Julian Gold, and Noelle Freeman

City Hosts Annual Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon

The Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at Roxbury Park took place last Monday. It was hosted by the Beverly Hills Firefighters Association.

and consideration by \$363,000, for a total-not to exceed \$783,836 through Dec. 31, 2023, which was intended to provide funding while the plan was being drafted.

According to a city staff report, it has been determined that additional funding of \$100,000 is needed to cover the remainder of the calendar year. It is further recommended that the agreement be extended to June 30, 2024, and include an additional \$415,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year for a total not-to-exceed \$1,298,836.

When the homeless plan is brought forward, any additional funding requests will be reviewed at that time.

The City Council also approved a change purchase orders for Nastec in the amount of \$1,081,941 for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,381,941 and Covered 6 in the amount of \$1,750,867 for a total not to exceed amount of \$2,137,867.

This is intended for private patrol security services, virtual patrol officers for the real time watch center, and security checks for City Hall.

According to a city staff report, the City has experienced unprecedented protest activity since May 2020 and continues to experience protests for a variety of reasons throughout the Business Triangle and in Beverly Gardens Park.

City Council to Revisit Open Air Dining Ordinance

At their Dec. 11 meeting the City Council is expected to discuss an ordinance regarding the OpenBH program that was started during the Pandemic to ease regulations related to open air dining. The draft ordinance

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GIVING THANKS

Our Readers Discuss What They're Grateful for This Thanksgiving

By Danielle Berjikian

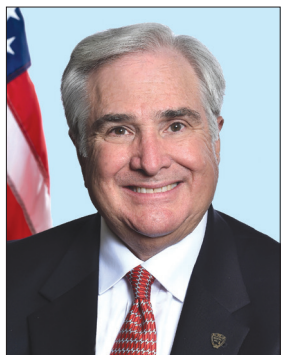
DANIEL BATISTA
CHIEF DIGITAL OFFICER AT
EXILE CONTENT



First and foremost, I'm thankful for my bride to be who is my rock and amazing partner in life. I'm also grateful for my family and friends,

my good health, our lovely home in BH, and that the WGA/SAG-AFTRA strikes are finally over!

HOWARD FISHER
BEVERLY HILLS CITY
TREASURER



Living in the best City in the land, having grown up in a great country, having the most wonderful wife for 46 years, living close to my children and grandchil-

dren – and everyone is healthy, for all of these things I am most grateful. And I pray for the safe return to Israel of all of the hostages.

KYRA JACKSON
COMMUNICATIONS AND
MARKETING ASSISTANT

I am grateful for my village, the op-



ANDY LICHT
FORMER PLANNING
COMMISSIONER

portunity to live intentionally, and the abundance of unconditional love in my life.



DANIEL NAZARIAN
FORMER HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMISSIONER

I am thankful for my wonderful family. They take eating as seriously as I do. I am also thankful for elastic waistbands. I am so appreciative to live in such

a beautiful, safe community. We may not have it all together, but together we have it all. Don't forget to turn your bathroom scale back 10 pounds at 2AM Thursday.



In these dark days, we need to look for the light and be grateful for the beautiful blessings around us. I'm grateful for my wife,

sons, friends and vibrant Beverly Hills community. And my espresso every morning!

NICOLE NOURMAND, MD
BEVERLY HILLS PEDIATRICIAN



I am thankful to have a thriving practice where my community trusts me with the health of their children.

I am grateful for my Jewish faith

and community.

I am thankful for the opportunity to travel now that we have Covid vaccines!

I am grateful for my loving and supportive family!

JENNIFER OKHOVAT
REALTOR



I'm grateful to the Beverly Hills community for all of their support during major life changes such as the loss of my grandmother, and for their

loyalty as clientele in a rapidly evolving real estate market this past year.

NOAH MARGO
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PRESIDENT

I'm thankful for another terrific year surrounded by amazing family and



friends. In these precarious times, where my own relatives are being victimized in their respective communities, I'm also thankful to

live in a community that includes all and doesn't put up with anti-semitism. (And music, I'm always thankful for music.)

LILLIAN RAFFEL
ROTARY PRESIDENT



As corny as it sounds, I am truly thankful for my family. My wonderful husband Stuart champions me and puts up with me, always with humor.

My daughter, step-daughters, grandkids, brothers, nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, along with my friends who are like family, all make me full of gratitude and appreciation for their support and love. While being president of the Rotary Club, I have found that our members, pillars of the community, seek to do good, are kind, and place service above self. I am in awe of all they do and so thankful for each and every one of them.

AMIE SHERRY
RECREATION AND PARKS
COMMISSIONER



This year I am thankful for having a positive mindset. Life is full of so many difficult moments and events to deal with that without having a positive

outlook on life you can feel very bogged down emotionally. It's important to me that I be present for my children and family so showing up each day as positive as possible by starting off with a long walk helps me get focused.

is currently scheduled to end in Dec. but may be extended further by the Council.

The City Council previously directed city staff to work on changes to the program. The draft ordinance incorporates the proposed code changes that would update regulations pertaining to the City's existing program.

The primary change would be to update the existing regulations to allow more types of open air dining proposals to be approved, and to allow director-level review of the majority of other dining requests.

The second change proposed by the subcommittee was in relation to right-of-way lease fees and other processing fees that are required to be paid for the use of public property. The proposed fees will be reviewed by the City Council.

The Subcommittee also recommended allowing restaurants to extend their outside dining area beyond the facade of the restaurant. The code currently allows open air dining to be located directly adjacent to the building of the restaurant; however, there are some existing parklets that extend beyond a restaurant's frontage. City staff is not recommending that the proposed code changes allow this type of configuration due to the complexity of property use rights.

The temporary program also allowed the use of the public right-of-way for non-dining uses, such as temporary setups of outdoor hair salons. The City Council did not direct staff to include these types of uses in the permanent update to the code.

The Planning Commission previously

reviewed the draft ordinance and recommended changes, including the removal of the parking requirements for all open air dining located on private property, and to add a threshold that would require discretionary review for open air dining areas located closer than a certain distance from residential properties.

The Planning Commission also directed staff to create a guideline for aesthetic standards to be used in the architectural review process for permits. The Commission did not come to a consensus on whether or not to allow a discretionary request for the Director of Community Development to approve the extension of open air dining areas beyond the restaurant's facade and in front of adjacent tenants' facades. The Commission de-

cidated to forward the draft ordinance with no amendment to this provision.

The City is also continuing to develop a guidelines document for parklets. These guidelines will provide standards for the development of permanent parklet installations located within on-street parking spaces.

The City Council is expected to make a final decision on this matter.

Help Needed in Identifying Unknown Patients

Los Angeles General Medical Center, a public hospital run by the L.A. County Department of Health Services, is seeking the public's help in identifying two patients who have been hospitalized.

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The first patient is approximately 55 years old, is 5'7" and 216 lbs, heavy built, has brown hair, and green eyes. He also has very distinctive tattoos.



The other patient is in his 30's, stands 5'6", weighs 168 pounds, is average build, and has black hair and black eyes. He has no tattoos.

Anyone with information can contact Sandra Mendoza, Li-

censed Clinical Social Worker at (323) 409-4469.

Library to Host Author Talk with Naomi Alderman



Naomi Alderman

On Thursday, Nov. 30, the Public Library will be hosting an author talk with Naomi Alderman about her new book, *The Future*. This novel delivers a tour de force where a handful of friends plot a heist to save the world from tech giants whose greed threatens life.

Naomi Alderman is the author of *The Power*, which was the winner of the 2017 Baileys' Women's Prize for Fiction.

Visit <https://library.org/beverlyhillspubliclibrary/34022> for more information.

--Briefs Compiled by Danielle Berjikian



sports & scores



BHHS Girls' Basketball Team Records 38-Point Victory in Season Opener

By Steven Herbert

Senior Mandy Kohanim scored 20 of her 38 points in the first quarter as the Beverly High girls' basketball team opened its season with a 66-28 victory over Bishop Conaty-Loretto in a Dymally Tournament game Nov. 13.

Kohanim made 16 of 25 shots, including three of four 3-point shots.

The Normans led 23-2 at the end of the first quarter, 37-6 at halftime and 53-16 entering the fourth quarter.

Senior point guard Kayla Zahabian added 14 for Beverly Hills, including a first-quarter 3-point basket, junior guard Madison Farahmand eight, all in the third quarter, including two 3-point baskets, sophomore guard Megan Amirianfar four, including a fourth-quarter 3-point basket, senior forward Leila Abrishami two.

The game marked Andre Simmons' debut as the Normans' coach.

Beverly Hills 61, Lawndale 37

Kohanim scored 17 of her 25 points in the second half and Zahabian added 13 of her 18 in the second half in a Dymally Tournament game Nov. 14.

The Normans trailed 12-8 at the end of the first quarter, then outscored the Cardinals, 10-4, to take an 18-16 halftime lead.

Kohanim scored 10, Zahabian nine and Abrishami made a 3-point basket as Beverly Hills outscored Lawndale, 24-4, in the third quarter, increasing its lead to 43-20 entering the fourth quarter.

Abrishami added nine, Amirianfar five and Hazel Nahouray and Sophia Omid two each.

Kohanim made three 3-point baskets, Kohanim two and Abrishami one.

Girls' Volleyball

Westminster La Quinta def. Beverly Hills 25-8, 25-6, 25-21

Freshman Arianna Matcuk led the Normans in kills in a Southern Section Division 7 first-round playoff match at La Quinta High Oct. 17, coach Martin Chiong said.

Senior middle blockers Leila Abrishami and Kaydence Labissiere both "performed excellent both defensively and offense" for Beverly Hills, Chiong said.

The team's "performance was highly dependent on our receiving abilities but unfortunately most of the team's good passers weren't connecting properly," Chiong said.

"We did catch up on the third set and almost won but in the end La Quinta's tenacity and determination was stronger than Beverly."

Girls' Cross-Country

Southern Section Division 4 Prelims

Freshman Maliah Jackson was Beverly Hills' top finisher in its heat, completing the 2.93-mile course at Mt. San College in 22 minutes, 38.4 seconds to finish 41st Nov. 11.

Ridgecrest Burroughs sophomore Eve Washburn won in 19:03.5.

The Normans finished 13th among 14 teams in the team competition with 299 points, two more than 12th-place South El Monte. Oaks Christian won with 36.

In both the girls' and boys' meets, the top five teams in each of the three heats qualified for the Southern Section Finals, along

Community Members Protest Maybourne Hotel

Community members assembled at 225 North Canon Drive on Sunday in a protest against the Maybourne Hotel because its owners are directly tied to the Qatari government, which hosts the Hamas leadership in Doha, and has provided financial and political support to the group.

The protest was led by Rabbi Pini Dunner from Young Israel of North Beverly Hills. "It is totally intolerable for a local business, on our doorstep, to be owned by individuals who are supporters and funders of Hamas terrorism. As an American and as a rabbi, I cannot remain silent or indifferent. The owners of The Maybourne have blood on their hands, and the world has to know," said Dunner.

Featured speakers included local elected officials, including Councilmember John Mirisch, as well as novelist Jonathan Kellerman.

An Oct. 13 letter authored by Dunner was addressed to the City Council outlining the need to not ignore Qatar's history and ownership in Beverly Hills, according to The Jewish Journal.

According to the outlet, Dunner noted in the letter that "I understand that Beverly Hills, like any other city, has multiple economic and business interests. However, as a community, we have a responsibility to be informed about and reflect upon the sources of our investments and affiliations. It deeply concerns me that funds spent at The Maybourne Hotel by Beverly Hills residents and visitors to our city could end up in the hands of Hamas, a vile and murderous terrorist group. I therefore urge the City Council to: 1. Immediately inform Beverly Hills residents about the ownership and affiliations of The Maybourne Hotel. 2. Consider the implications of allowing The Maybourne Hotel to operate within our community and the message it sends to the world."

When The Jewish Journal asked about the boycott campaign targeting the Maybourne and Qatar-owned hotels, Paula Fitzherbert, global head of communications, told the outlet, "We won't be issuing a comment."

Iran openly takes credit for supporting Hamas, while Qatar allows them to maintain an office on its soil.

Beverly Hills was the first US city to condemn the Qatari and Iranian governments for supporting Hamas.

"The City of Beverly Hills unequivocally condemns those who have supported Hamas, harbored Hamas, and who have after the fact celebrated the death of the Jews and praised the Hamas terrorism attacks in state sponsored media, including the Islamic Republic of Iran and Qatar," read the resolution, according to the outlet.

with the remaining team with the fastest time.

Any individuals with the first eight actual places who were not members of qualifying teams also advanced to the finals.

Boys' Cross-Country

Southern Section Division 4 Prelims

Sophomore Xander Matcuk was Beverly Hills' top finisher in its heat, completing the 2.93-mile course at Mt. San College in 20:22.6 to finish 87th Nov. 11.

St. John Bosco senior Aiden Aldana won in 15:45.5.

The Normans finished 13th among 14 teams in the team competition with 433 points. St. Francis won with 40.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Well Hooker Retired Beverly High Counselor 1937 - 2023

Joseph Well Hooker passed away peacefully on October 26, 2023, following a two-year struggle with COPD.

Joe was born in Los Angeles County on October 8, 1937, the oldest son of Phillip B. Hooker and Marjorie B. Anderson Hooker. He grew up in Beverly Hills and attended Beverly Hills public schools, graduating as student body vice president from Beverly Hills High School in 1955.



Joe received his A.B. degree in English Literature from Stanford University in 1959 and his M.A. in Education from Stanford in 1960. He was elected as the first ever non-Ph.D. candidate to the Stanford University chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa honor fraternity. Joe remembered his Stanford years fondly and remained a loyal Stanford alum throughout his life.

Following his graduation from Stanford, Joe accepted a temporary position as an English teacher at Beverly Hills High School, where he taught from 1960 to 1962. In 1962, he entered the U.S. Navy and became a Training and Education Officer on the USS Topeka CLG-8 which was stationed in Vietnamese waters in 1962. In 1964, Joe returned to Beverly High as an English teacher and, in 1973, became a guidance counselor. Over his decades of work at Beverly High, Joe mentored thousands of students, helping to shape their paths in a positive direction. He cared deeply for his students and took enormous pride in their accomplishments. Wherever he traveled around the globe, Joe would encounter former students who spoke of their respect, admiration, and appreciation for him. Joe inevitably remembered them, their families, and their high school triumphs and tribulations. He was beloved by his students and their families, maintaining lifelong relationships with many.

Over the years, Joe was widely recognized as one of the top college counselors in the country and as a valued member of the Beverly High faculty and staff. In 1992, Joe received the "Outstanding Teacher Service Award" from the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and, in 1998, the Beverly Hills Board of Education recognized Joe for his "Inspired and Dedicated Service to the Children and Parents of Beverly Hills." He was the author and editor of "Planning for College," which was used by college applicants around the country, and he was repeatedly selected to review college applications by admissions offices at some of the top colleges in the country.

Following his retirement from Beverly High, Joe immersed himself in bridge (advancing to the rank of Ruby Life Master), spent time with friends, and enjoyed reading applications for UCLA Undergraduate Admission (which he continued to do until shortly before his passing). He came out of retirement briefly to serve as Associate Director of College Counseling at Campbell Hall.

Always an English teacher at heart, Joe remained a fervent reader of Chaucer and later English authors and, in his final days, was working with a former counselee on a compilation of his favorite poems.

Joe was a simple and humble man who treated everyone with kindness and respect and who leaves a profound legacy as a mentor to generations of high school students.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved cat "Bingo." He is survived by his partner, Jack Sammons, and his brother, Allan Charles Hooker '59. Joe and Jack first met in October, 1986 at an AA meeting (Joe was a member for almost 45 years). They bonded at first sight and that bond was one of total dedication to one another. Joe and Jack were the 11th couple to register as California domestic partners in 2000 and remained by each other's side until Joe's final moments.

At Joe's request, and consistent with his humble nature, there will be no public ceremony. Joe requested that donations in his memory be made to the Innocence Project at the Cardozo School of Law <https://innocenceproject.org/donate/?nab=0> or the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts <https://pcpa.org/support-us>.



Clifton-Le Doux Corridor Mobility Study

We need your input and feedback on a new project that aims to connect our community and create more livable residential streets.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!


Share your thoughts regarding a proposed 6-month demonstration of traffic calming on Clifton Way between Robertson Boulevard and La Cienega Boulevard.

City Council Study Session


Tuesday, December 5, 2023
at 2:30 PM

Council Chamber

For questions, contact 310-285-2467 or AskPW@beverlyhills.org. For more information, visit beverlyhills.org/CliftonLeDoux. To watch the meeting live, visit beverlyhills.org/live.



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PURPLE (D LINE) EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT

Section 2 – Beverly Hills Update

WILSHIRE/RODEO STATION WORK

No construction will take place on the streets or sidewalk. During the holiday moratorium Thanksgiving through January 1st, construction activities will only be taking place underground or within the staging yards located at N Canon Dr and Reeves Dr.


Station appendage construction will resume in January.

Join us for an in-person community meeting to discuss construction activities:

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 6pm
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sentative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below:

The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) is/are: 8917 SUNSET LLC, 8917 W. SUNSET BLVD., WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME AS ABOVE
The name(s) and business address(es) of the Buyer(s)/Transferee(s) is/are: JC NOOSH

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The ABC License to be transferred is: ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE License No. 47-609114

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