

TESLA NIGHTMARE MESS

TESLA CYBERTRUCK DAMAGED NEAR THE BEVERLY HILTON HOTEL ICONIC SIGN

By Trevor Roberts

BEVERLY HILLS—It was reported over the weekend that a Tesla Cybertruck suffered some damage after colliding with the curb near The Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday, March 3. The vehicle ran onto the road near the iconic signage for the entrance of the hotel. The vehicle sustained damage to its front-end. There were no reports of any injuries during the incident.

It was initially reported that a valet at the hotel was responsible for the collision, but that report was proven to be inaccurate. X user Greggertruck tweeted: “The truth is SO important, and I want to make sure I always share it. I received a message this morning letting me know that the crashed Cybertruck at the Beverly Hills Hotel was NOT driven by the valet. While I can’t completely verify the message received, there’s now been...”

X user J\$LATTT tweeted: “This is true, incident happened around 2am and I drafted up this joke of a tweet with em-



A Tesla Cybertruck had an accident near the Beverly Hilton Hotel on March 3. Photo by Manny Becerra via Unsplash.

ployees of the valet and hotel. Not thinking it would blow up, we thought it would be funny to say it was valet and not our friend who just crashed his new cybertruck... BHH is not at fault!”

Elon Musk, the owner of X and Tesla posted the following message via social media on Monday, March 4: “Cyberbeast is faster than a Porsche 911, but looks like a truck, so perhaps the valet wasn’t expecting so much acceleration.”

The Beverly Hilton Hotel is located at 9876 Wilshire Boulevard in Beverly Hills, California. The Tesla Cybertruck is valued between \$57,000 to \$96,000 and can travel from 0-60 mph in 2.6 seconds. It is shatter resistant and there is no paint and no chips. The “ultra-hard stainless-steel exoskeleton helps to reduce dents, damage and long-term corrosion. Repairs are simple and quick,” Tesla states on its website.

CITY NOTES APRIL 2 AS DATE FOR INSTALLATION CEREMONY

By Trevor Roberts

BEVERLY HILLS—The city of Beverly Hills announced on its website that on Tuesday, April 2, the city will hold its installation ceremony for the new Mayor, Vice Mayor and Beverly Hills City Council.

The ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills.

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Beverly Hills City Hall. Photo courtesy of Laurenz Heymann via Unsplash.

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Candidates vying for those two seats include: Alissa Roston, Mary Wells, Sharon Persovski, Myra Demeter, Craig Corman, Nooshin Meshkaty, Hamid Omrani, Tiffany Davis, Robin Rowe and Russell Stuart.

All candidates are responsible for filing their Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) forms on time. The primary election to vote for Beverly Hills City Council will be held on Tuesday, March 5.

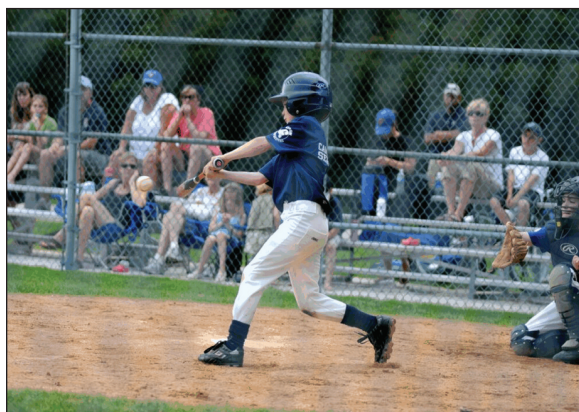
FEES WAIVED FOR LITTLE LEAGUE SUPPORTING YOUTH SPORTS

By Trevor Roberts

MALIBU—On Thursday, February 29, the city of Malibu announced on its website that the Malibu City Council waived \$34,000 in fees for the Malibu Little League (MLL) during the February 12 meeting in order to help support youth sports in the community.

The waived fees are for the use of field and equipment rental for the Snack Shack for the 2024 baseball and softball season. The MLL is Malibu’s primary youth baseball and softball sports league and has used field space at Malibu Bluffs Park since before the City’s incorporation in 1991.

The Malibu Little League is a parent-led volunteer organization that invests in Malibu



A little boy playing baseball. Photo courtesy of Ben Hershey via Unsplash.

Bluffs Park infrastructure and fields and worked closely with the city on enhancements to park amenities. Since 2015, MLL increased participation

by 112 players. In 2024, MLL expects to have 16 teams with 250 baseball and softball players using Malibu Bluffs Park for weekly team practices and bi-

weekly games.

In 2023, MLL had 275 players, with 82 percent of players Malibu residents.

The facility rental fees include:

- Type Pony Baseball Field; Non-Profit Rate \$11,574
- Major Baseball Field; Non-Profit Rate \$11,574
- Multipurpose Field; Non-Profit Rate \$8,171
- Total \$31,319
- Snack Shack equipment rental:
- Equipment (Sink Rental Fee) \$2,000

Staff anticipates there will be fluctuations in the facility use schedule

For more details view the staff report.

SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED BURGLARY, SEXUAL ASSAULT

By Trevor Roberts

SANTA MONICA—Lt. Erika Akluft of the Santa Monica Police Department informed Canyon News via email that a suspect involved in an attempted sexual assault, burglary, and indecent exposure has been arrested.

The SMPD reported on February 29, at approximately 2:10 a.m., a male subject entered a residence in the 2400 block of 2nd Street. The victim awoke to the subject standing by her bed and touching her face while he masturbated. The victim ordered the subject to leave, and he complied, fleeing the residence before officers arrived.

Officers arrived on scene and obtained security footage of the suspect entering the victim’s house. The video was immediately shared with detectives who, within hours, identified the suspect as Anthony Romero, 28, currently experiencing homelessness.



Anthony Romero. Photo courtesy of the Santa Monica Police Department.

On Friday, March 1, at 9:22 a.m., Watch officers located Romero walking in the 400

scene in minutes, and the assisting K9 officer who contacted the suspect, Romero was taken into custody without incident.

He was booked for Burglary, Indecent Exposure, Attempt to Commit Rape, and a Parole Hold (out of San Bernardino County).

“Romero is on parole for a weapons violation. He has been arrested twice before in Santa Monica, in January 2022 for shoplifting and in June 2023 for public intoxication, resisting arrest, battery on a police officer, and violation of parole,” Lt. Akluft told Canyon News

Anyone with details on the incident or Romero is asked to contact Detective McCoy at James.McCoy@santamonica.gov, Detective Sergeant Goodwin at Chad.Goodwin@santamonica.gov, or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

FIRE DAMAGES PACIFIC PALISADES HOME

By Trevor Roberts

PACIFIC PALISADES—On Sunday, March 3, the Los Angeles Fire Department reported that they battled a two-story fire at a home at 2:02 p.m. at 17606 W Camino De Yatasto.

A total of 31 firefighters took 34 minutes to access, confine and fully extinguish a fire involving a vehicle and contents within the garage of a 5,288 square foot property. There were no reports of any injury. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by officials.



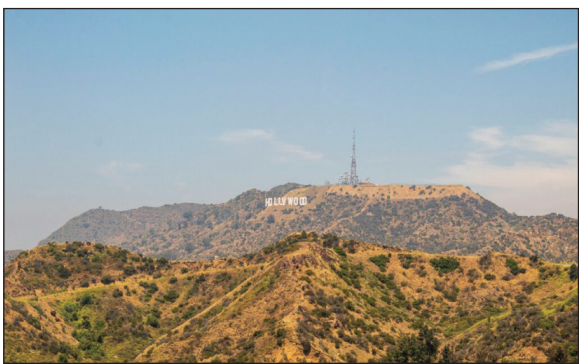
A fire erupted at a Pacific Palisades home on Sunday, March 3. Photo courtesy of Max Kukurudziak via Unsplash.

TRAFFIC COLLISION RESULTS IN FIRE

By Trevor Roberts

GRIFFITH PARK—On Sunday, March 3 it was reported by the Los Angeles Fire Department that a traffic collision transpired at 10:58 p.m. on eastbound 134 freeway at 48 Riverside Drive.

One passenger vehicle fell from the Riverside Drive (sometimes referenced as Victory Boulevard) freeway overpass, striking the concrete center divider of the Ventura Freeway (SR134) below, and catching fire. Two individuals from



A traffic collision erupted into a fire in Griffith Park. Photo courtesy of Nico Amatullo via Unsplash.

that vehicle self-extricated prior to the arrival of the LAFD.

A 65 year-old male and a 60 year-old male (unknown affiliation) with unspecified injuries were taken by paramedics to regional trauma centers in serious, but stable condition. No other injuries were reported. Firefighters remained at scene to control the stubborn flames of the still burning vehicle. No escalating or off-site hazard has been identified.

MALIBU SUBMITS DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT TO STATE FOR REVIEW

By Trevor Roberts

MALIBU—On February 29, the city of Malibu disclosed that on February 7 the city submitted an updated 2021-2029 draft Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review.

The city reported on its website that State Housing Element law requires that each City and County identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs within their jurisdictions, and prepare goals, policies, programs, and quantified objectives to further the development, improvement, and preservation of housing.

The updated Draft Housing Element was prepared in response to a letter from HCD dated March 22, 2022. If additional comments are received from HCD, any required revisions will be considered and the draft will be re-submitted. Once HCD indicates the Housing Element is in compliance, public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission and City Council to consider the re-adoption of the Housing Element. Once the City Council adopts the revised Housing Element it will be submitted to HCD for final certification.

The updated Draft Housing Element was available for public review and comment from January 8, 2024, through Jan-



Photo courtesy of Lissette Laverde via Unsplash.

uary 24, 2024. City staff held office hours for those with inquiries. In addition, Malibu City Council held a study session on the draft on January 17, 2024.

If additional comments are received from HCD, any required revisions to the Housing Element will be made and the draft will be re-submitted. Once HCD indicates the Housing Element is in compliance, public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission and City Council to consider the re-adoption of the Housing Element. Once the City Council adopts the revised Housing Element it will be submitted to HCD for certification.

The four major and required components of the Housing Element are the following:

-Housing Needs Assessment: An analysis of the City’s demographic, household and housing characteristics and

related housing needs.

-Housing Constraints: A review of potential market, governmental, and infrastructure constraints to meeting the City’s identified housing needs.

-Housing Resources: An evaluation of residential sites and financial resources available to address the City’s housing goals.

-The Housing Plan: A plan for addressing the City’s identified housing needs, constraints, and resources through housing goals, policies and programs.

Malibu, along with all jurisdictions in California, is mandated by California State Government Code Sections 65580 to 65589 to prepare Housing Element updates to its General Plan for State certification within a specified timeframe covering a range of years to reflect the most recent trends in demographics and

employment that may affect existing and future housing demand and supply. The city of Malibu Housing Element must be updated and certified every 8 years.

The State of California Housing Element Law, enacted in 1969, mandates that local governments adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of the community in all economic levels. Included in this State law is the requirement that local governments adopt land use plans and regulatory systems that provide opportunities for, and do not unduly constrain, housing development.

Each city in California is required to plan for new housing to accommodate a share of regional needs. The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (“RHNA”) is the process established in State law by which each city’s housing needs are determined. Malibu falls within the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for purposes of this process. SCAG has made the final RHNA allocation assigned to each member city for the October 2021 through October 2029 planning period available at its website.

For a complete history of Malibu’s Housing Element, visit the Housing Element History webpage.

BEVERLY HILLS CITY COUNCIL CURRENT ELECTION RESULTS

By Trevor Roberts

BEVERLY HILLS—On Tuesday, March 5, Beverly Hills residents went to the polls to vote for new members of the Beverly Hills City Council. A total of 10 candidates were vying for 2 open seats being held by current councilmembers Mayor Julian A. Gold and Lili Bosse.

As of Wednesday, March 6, Craig Corman led all candidates with 23.73 percent of the vote (2,160). Currently in second place was Mary Wells with 19.68 percent of the vote (1,791) and in third place was Alissa Roston with 15.01 percent of the vote (1,366).



Voters went to the polls to vote for candidates for 2 seats on the Beverly Hills City Council.

Sitting in fourth place is Myra Demeter with 12.03 percent of the vote (1,095) and

Russell Stuart in fifth place with 11.64 percent of the vote (1,059).

Other candidates running included: Nooshin Meshkaty, Hamid Omrani, Tiffany Davis, Sharon Persovski and Robin Rowe. The city announced on its website that on Tuesday, April 2, the city will hold its installation ceremony for the new Mayor, Vice Mayor and Beverly Hills City Council.

The ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills. No official announcement has been made regarding the winners in Tuesday’s race.