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BH Safety Employee Pensions Aren't Sustainable: Task Force

Bv Courier Staff

It doesn't matter how rich the city of Beverly Hills is, it cannot sustain the level of public employee pensions it now gives, mainly tax-free, to its staff. That's the conclusion of the Beverly Hills Pension Task Force headed by City Treasurer Elliot Finkel. The Task Force presented its findings at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Calculating and paying city pensions is convoluted and hard to follow. The Task Force had its hands full getting to the truth. The way it works is this: the City pays into the California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS. CalPERS sets the rate based on a combination of payroll, rate of return on CalPERS investments, and the payout needed for retired workers. The norm is that each public safety employee is supposed to con-

(see 'PENSIONS,' page 13)

Beverly Hills City Confirms Staff Get 13 Weeks Time Off

By The Courier staff

Councilman John Mirisch wanted to know just how much paid time off city staff receives. He got his answer at Tuesday's city council study session from Assistant City Manager Mahdi Aluzri. Yes, most get 13 weeks paid time off on top of the astonishing salaries, overtime

and other benefits awarded staff. According to Aluzri, the jaw-dropping total results from vacation (3-6 weeks per year/beginners only 2), overtime - unlimited, "sick days" (8 per year), regular holidays, the "every other Friday or Monday off" (the

"9/80 Plan") even for executive (see '13 WEEKS OFF,' page 11)



SALUTING 'THE GODFATHER'-A champagne reception at Neiman Marcus honoring Fred Hayman, the legendary "Godfather of Rodeo Drive," was hosted by former General Manager John Martens. The occasion marked the publication of Rose Apodaca's Fred Hayman: The Extraordinary Difference The Story of Rodeo Drive, Hollywood Glamour And The Showman Who Sold It All. Pictured (from left): author Rose Apodaca, author Judith Krantz (Scruples), Martens and Fred Hayman. For more information, visit www.fredhayman.com.

Photo by Philip Oshiro

New Legislative Boundaries Will Affect B.H. Districts

By Brenton Garen

New boundaries for California's congressional and legislative districts will affect Beverly Hills should tentative final maps be approved by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission on Aug. 15, 2011.

The changes will then take effect after the November 2012

election.

If approved, these are the changes that affect Beverly Hills.

When it comes to Congressional representation, Beverly Hills will change from District 30 to District 33, which would exclude parts of Culver City, but include Marina del Rey, Santa

(see 'REDISTRICTING,' page 8)



SINCE 1965

ACADEMY PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED—Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences President Tom Sherak was re-elected to a third one-year term Tuesday night at its Wilshire Boulevard headquarters by the AMPAS Board Matt Petit/A.M.P.A.S of Governors.

How South Pasadena Fought And Won Its Battle To Survive Against Caltrans And Metro

By Marla Schevker and The Courier staff

The small city of South Pasadena (pop. 25,000) had Cal-Trans' bulls eye painted all over

That year, California's then-Gov. Earl Warren (grandfather of current Vice Mayor Willie Brien) ordered a study of connecting

Long Beach to Pasadena.

That study started the move to slice South Pasadena in two.

California's all-powerful state transportation agency and nearly all the players in L.A. County transportation planned to split the historic little city in two with the final leg in the 710 Free-

(see 'SOUTH PAS,' page 10)



HERE COME THE SMART ASSES-

Freida Pinto plays a primatologist and James Franco is a scientist developing a higher intelligence in primates, bringing on a war for supremacy in Rise Of The Planet Of The Apes, which is being released today.

Inset: Producer Peter Chernin.

More photos in George Christy's column on page 6.

> Janet Gough/ Celebrity Photo



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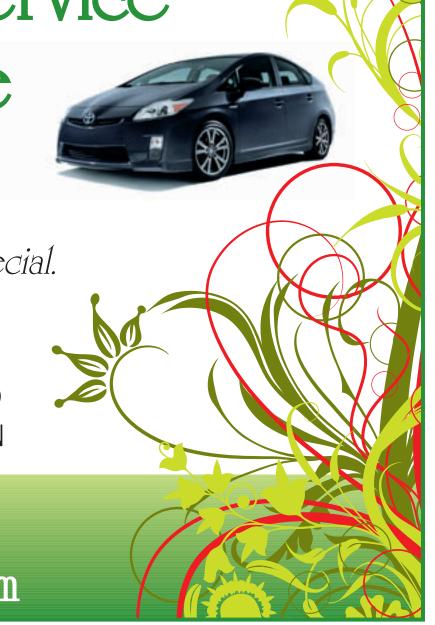
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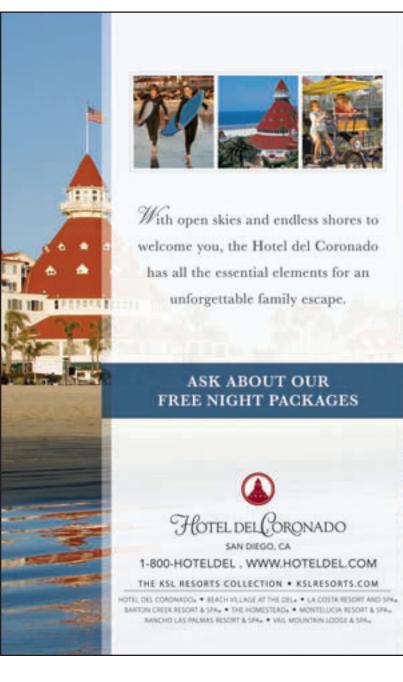
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BEVERLY HILLS MAIN NEWS

City Ignores School Defense, Wants BHUSD Tunnel Info For MTA

HERE!

Beverly Hills city officials continue to try to get the Beverly Hills Unified School District to give them highly confidential, attorney/client and attorney work product data compiled by District experts to defend Beverly Hills High School from the MTA subway tunnel. This is despite repeated advice from District lawyers that unless the city signs a joint de-

fense agreement to protect the information, the information becomes public. The District has offered that agreement twice but the city remains silent on the offer.

The information sought by the city is the vital, irreplaceable data the District will use in court when it comes time to sue the MTA under the Califor-

(see 'METRO,' page 13)



MAZEL TOV—Sara (right) and Todd Okum (not pictured) their had Bat Mitzvahs Jersualem on July The Okum Family, including Laurie (left), are traveling throughout Israel this summer. Email your specialsummer photos to mschevker@bhcouri

American Cancer Society's Gourmet Garden Party Sunday At Design Center

Chef Wolfgang Puck, Sher-Lansing and Barbara Lazaroff have gathered many top restaurateurs and vintners for "California Spirit XXVII" on Sunday, Aug. 7, at Pacific Design Center's plaza to benefit American Cancer Society research, education and free programs and services for cancer patients, families and caregivers.

The gourmet garden party presents hearty samples of L.A.'s culinary offerings, live entertainment, a VIP reception and live and silent auctions.

Restaurants last year included Beacon, Chinois on Main, Cut & Sidebar, Lago, Minestraio Trattoria, Montage Beverly Hills, Nobu, Red O, Red 7, Sashi, Spago and Tar Pit. The event honors Margaret Loesch, president/CEO of The Hub, who will receive ACS's "Celebration of Life" award for her support of lifesaving programs and services.

Tickets are \$350. For reservations, contact Adriana Sandoval at 310-348-0356, option 3, ext. 227 or adriana.sandoval@cancer.org.



CHEER IN THE FUNK-Cheerleading Summer Camp participants learn a Funk Dance in preparation for their Friday final performance. Pictured from left: Vivi Spadafora, Kate Orlanski, Ellie Orlanski, Jenna Kim, Sarah Yadidian, Elise Knebel, Amara Obijiaku, Kira Lewis, Willa Ziegenfuss, Sophie Kaye, Shaya Dadbin, Shannon Miller, Hayley Miller, Kayla Dadbin and Lucia Condes de Bethencourt.

Photo by Eva Keshishian

Neutra House Safe Until Oct. 10

By Marla Schevker

The last remaining Beverly Hills house designed by World War II architect Richard Neutra is safe, for now.

After a discussion at the Beverly Hills City Council meeting Tuesday, the L.A. Conservancy and other organizations and individuals looking to save the house have until October 10.

In an agreement between

the City Council, crafted by Mayor Barry Brucker, and property owner's attorney Mitch Dawson, the property owners have agreed to not demolish the property until October 10 to allow an opportunity for the house to be sold or otherwise saved. In the meantime, Dawson said they will continue with demolition permit process and won't post the (see 'NEUTRA,' page 11)

Navy Week Hosts Harbor Cruise LEFT: R.Adm. Mike Shoemaker, com-



Council To Spend \$\$\$ On Own PR Television Show

By Courier Staff

The City Council majority of Mayor Barry Brucker, Vice Mayor Willie Brien, M.D., and Councilmember Julian Gold, M.D., apparently decided that eight hours of live television broadcasts of themselves is not enough.

Tuesday's study session

saw them giving the "go ahead" to two 30 to 60 minute "public affairs" programs to be paid for by the city and broadcast on the city's cable television channel.

They picked local lobbyist Rudy Cole to be the "moderator" to select topics, format and guests. City staff will "cooperate" with him. As of now, Cole will not be paid by the City.

Where did this come from? Brucker, Brien, Cole and city staff presented the matter as though Cole originated it.

The Courier has obtained city emails that call this into

(see 'COUNCIL PR SHOW,' page 11)

Board Gives Direction On Measure E Funding

By Marla Schevker

During a study session Wednesday, the Board of Education agreed to further investigate Measure E funding and construc-

Although many financing options were discussed to keep Measure E on schedule, the board decided to examine Bond Anticipation Notices (BANs) as a viable option for obtaining bond money allowing the district to expedite

project funding by up to five years. Through BAN's, the district

can get the money in by 2013 and there will not be an intentional increase in tax rates. Keygent Managing Director

Tony Hsieh said L.A. County announced a one percent increase

While there was concern that BAN's would affect the district's exemplary credit rating,

Hsieh said that was not true.

The board also gave direction to Cayabyab to further flesh out a construction-phasing plan. This plan would be a hybrid, in tearing down and keeping existing buildings, and will consider ed spec requirements to update buildings for programming needs.

Both Keygent representatives and Cayabyab will present more detailed information to the board



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN B.H. Damien Bean, Ed Brown, AJ Wilmer and Franny Rennie enjoy National Night Out 2011 on North Hillcrest Drive sponsored by the BHPD Tuesday. National Night Out, hosted by Larry and Shawn King, teatured topics including crime prevention topics, emergency preparedness information, CPR information and Safe-T-Proof's Quake Cottage.

Sports Club/LA Purchased By Equinox This Week

fitness Equinox which was given approval by the City to move forward with plans to create a 37,000 square foot exercise facility a block away from Sports Club/LA Beverly Hills just this year, has entered into an agreement with Sports Club/LA to purchase the Sports Club.

Director of Entitlements for Equinox Luba Cenatorova said Equinox had reached an agreement to take over the Sports Club's four sites, located in Beverly Hills, Irvine, Los Angeles and New York City.

Cenatorova could not comment on how this agreement will affect the Sports Club LA/Beverly Hills location or the already approved proposal to create an Equinox fitness club in Beverly Hills at 9465 Wilshire Blvd.

Centatorova was also unable to provide any further information about the terms of the agreement to The Courier before press time.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Interior designers

Helen Glynn (left) and Cynthia Forchielli in one of the recently renovated suites at The Peninsula Beverly Hills. The pair worked closely with owner Robert Zarnegin to freshen all the rooms, suites and villas as part of its 20th anniversary, which will be celebrated on Monday morning at 8:08 a.m

Courier photo by Brenton Garen

The Peninsula Beverly Hills To Celebrate Its 20th Anniversary On Monday Morning

By Brenton Garen

The Peninsula Beverly Hills will celebrate its 20th anniversary at 8:08 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 8, with a ribbon cutting by Mayor Barry Brucker and Vicki Reynolds, who was mayor of Beverly Hills when the hotel opened its doors in 1991.

The hotel's anniversary celebration really began nearly a year ago when the renovation of all its 193 rooms, including 36 suites and 16 private villas, com-

Interior designers Cynthia Forchielli and Helen Glynn have been working with owner Robert Zarnegin to freshen the look of the hotel while retaining its elegant, discreet and timeless spirit.

Zarnegin told The Courier that 70 percent of The Peninsula's guests are repeat customers, which is why he gave careful consideration to the renova-

(see 'THE PENINSULA,' page 7)

Burglar Arrested 10 Minutes After Crime

By Brenton Garen

Beverly Hills police arrested a burglar just 10 minutes after the suspect committed the crime shortly after midnight Sunday.

Beverly Hills Police Department officers responded to the burglary call in the 300 block of S. Clark Dr.

BHPD Sgt. Lincoln Hoshino said the resident was awakened by a noise coming from his rear door.

pect in his backyard and confronted him," Hoshino said. "The suspect ran out of the yard and fled west on Grego-

About 10 minutes later, officers stopped a suspect matching the description on Olympic Boulevard and Sherbourne Drive.

Officers determined that this suspect was involved in the burglary.

Officers arrested Alex Taylor, 24, a "The resident observed a male sus- transient, on suspicion of burglary.

BHHS Junior's Website Helps Girls Decide What To Wear In The Morning

Nina Vir, a rising BHHS senior, is making it easier for girls to get dressed in the morning.

She has launched a new website, DailyDressMe.com that answers the age-old questions, "What's the weather like today?" and "What should I wear?"

On the easy-to-use site, girls can enter any zip code and get a weekly forecast of that area's weather conditions, complete with highs and lowsplus wardrobe suggestions.

Vir developed the idea—expanding on her own habit of daily weather checking. The site offers a five-day forecast with a model wearing an outfit suggestion over each day's summary.

Making it a family affair, her brother Raj helped her develop the algorithm for the site so the correct outfits and weather correspond.

Currently, all the outfit recommendations are from Forever 21 (she got permission), but she hopes to get outfits from other retailers and develop links for buying all or part of the recommen-



dations from other websites.

The daughter of Vineeta and Jay Vir, Nina Vir is a member of Beverly High's ASB and Deca, an association for marketing students.

Always interest-Nina Vir ed in fashion and the latest trends, she also writes a fash-

ion blog. Vir is also seeking advertising sponsors with the goal of donating a percentage of the proceeds to the Mountain Fund, a nonprofit that serves victims of sex trafficking in Nepal.

"I want to collaborate with them," Vir says, "I have family from Nepal so their causes are close to my heart. They are setting up a school in Nepal for slum children and people unable to access education."

-Steve Simmons

Study Finds Low Rate Of Global Warming

A new study using data from NASA's Terra satellite during the past decade revealed the Earth's atmosphere traps far less heat—shattering climate alarmists' assumptions—than any of the frequently cited models presumed.

The data, released last week, shows that when the climate warms, the planet's atmosphere is apparently more efficient at releasing energy to space than models used to forecast climate change have been programmed to "believe."

The result is climate forecasts that are warming substantially faster than the atmosphere, according to Dr. Roy Spencer, a principal research scientist in the Earth System Science Center at The University of Alabama.

BHUSD Approves Personnel Decisions

The Beverly Hills Unified School District Board of Education unanimously made several personnel decisions at the Wednesday board meeting.

The board hired Lisa Hall as the coordinator of special projects and student support services. Hall thanked the board at the meeting.

"I am ecstatic," Hall said. "I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you more."

Since former Beverly High Assistant Principal Jen Tedford was recently promoted to the interim director of curriculum, instruction and professional development, Hawthorne Principal Toni Staser will fill the position of BHHS's assistant principal. Staser is starting her 35th year in the district.

"It's been a very fast span of time," Staser said. "I know the big picture of the district is out there for all of us to be looking at and I'm thrilled to be able to continue serving this district next year at Beverly High."

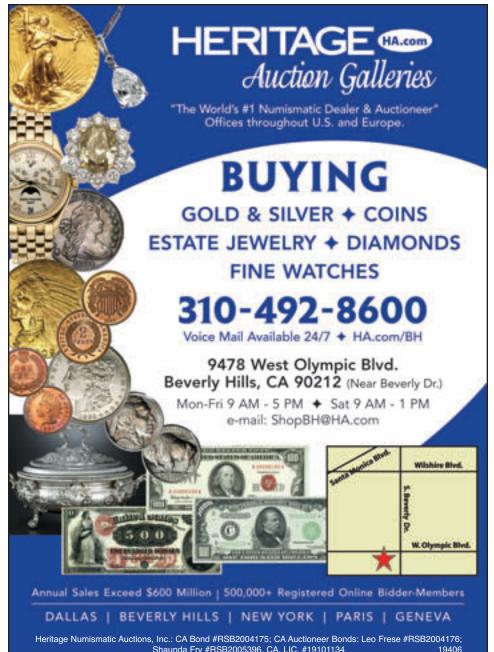
The board also promoted Hawthorne Assistant Principal Kathy Shaffer to principal of Hawthorne. Shaffer is out of the country and unavailable for com-

The board also unanimously voted to lay off Director of Maintenance and Operations Jim Fahey.

As the report states: "Classified employees may be laid off or have their assignments reduced in hours due to lack of work or lack of funds." Fahey's last day will be Sept. 23.



MUSIC IN THE PARK—A crowd enjoys the atmosphere at the July 28 Concerts on Cañon. The concerts are held in the Beverly Cañon Gardens,at 241 N. Cañon Dr. People can gather on Thursday evenings and enjoy live music under the stars. The concerts are presented in conjunction with the City of Beverly Hills with the support of the Cañon Drive Association. For more concert information, visit www.beverlyhills.org or call the Community Services Department at 310-285-6830.



George Christy



Birthday girl Phyllis Diller welcomed dozens of friends of all ages to Sherry Hackett's celebration in Beverly Hills. Phyllis makes no bones about her age of 94.

"Who the hell wants to be 93?" wisecracked Phyllis Diller after our arrival with her signature cackle of a laugh before lining up for Sherry Hackett's sumptuous buffet. "Anybody who's 94!" Howls everywhere. Phyllis is

Phyllis was The Birthday Girl From Lima, if you will, while Antonio Carlos Jobim's serenaded us with The Girl From Ipanema. Lima, Ohio, with its populace of 38,717, birthed this comedic divinity that's keeps generations freaking out with screaming laugh-

To acknowledge Phyllis' July birthday, Sherry (Mrs. Buddy) Hackett welcomed a crush of friends to her Beverly Hills estate famed for its unique architecture. They airkissed, hugged a lot, and every guest was photographed with the Gemini Gal.

Escorting Phyllis was best friend, Bernie Shine, an impassioned collector of vintage chacharas, whose iconic shop The Shine Gallery is in the Farmers Market. How does Phyllis do it, we asked Phyllis with best friend Bernie Shine of The Shine Gallery Bernie. Radiating irre-

pressible energy and firing nonstop with her killer jokes? "She just does ... it's effortless."

Not many know that her peers are wowed that Phyllis can deliver 12 punch lines per minute, and she just as easily will knock off a Chopin sonata on the piano, having studied music at conservatories. Why give up music? "I could never compete with my teachers and mentors. I faced reality ... they played a helluva lot better."

After marrying Sherwood Diller (ultimately christened Fang), Phyllis housewifed, and six children followed (Perry the youngest oversees her business affairs). Copywriting and journalism began paying the bills, before introducing her inimitable comedy act with a 1955 debut at the Purple Onion in San Francisco.

Next was stand-up, night after night, in dives and clubs hither and wherever around the country, TV series, movies, Broadway where she starred as Dolly Levi in Hello Dolly, musical engagements, entertaining thousands of troupes at war fronts with Bob Hope.

Booked for two weeks, she

remained for 87 more!

Her career's covered plenty of waterfronts, as we discovered reading her memoir, Like a Lampshade in a Whorehouse, My Life in Comedy. Recollections of her youth abound, along with anecdotes about her colorful life as a comedy star. This included a dinner hosted by Tallulah Bankhead in a peignoir ("with nothing underneath") -- the book is chockablock with zingers.

A sampling: "I realized on our first anniversary that our marriage was in trouble.. Fang gave me luggage. It was packed. My mother damn near suffocated!" Also: "Would you

believe that I once entered a beauty contest? I must have been out of mind. I not only came in last, I got 361 get-well cards." Then there's "I'm dedicated to culture. I honestly believe there's absolutely nothing wrong about going to bed with a good book ... or a friend who's read one." And: "I was in a beauty parlor, and said to the guy, 'I'm looking for a hairstyle that will simply drive men wild!' He said, 'So

Early on in Manhattan, she knocked the socks off the patrons at Jimmy Daniels' intimate boite Bon Soir in Greenwich Village, where musical talents Norene Tate, Mae Barnes, Tiger Haines reigned nightly, along with Phyllis and comics such as Jimmy Kirkwood and Lee Goodman.

She asked Jimmy Daniels if he'd please invite Barbra Streisand to perform after her acclaim as Miss Yetta Marmelstein in the 1962 Broadway musical I Can Get It For You Wholesale. Barbra was 19. Jimmy agreed, and she corralled staunch devotees with the erudite socialites, rich Ivy Leaguers, nouveau riche and those to-the-manor-born who poured in after their black-tie parties.

he Bon Soir was no cheap date. Cover plus a drinks minimum, with Barbra favoring witty tunes such as Cole Porter's Come To The Supermarket In Old

Peking.

By day, Barbra was cashiering in a Chinese eatery in Brooklyn, and Godmother Phyllis loaned an elegant white silk blouse with a tailored grey jumper for Barbra's performances. Manhattan vintage shops, Barbra's initial casting photos with those printed resumes on the back one finds that Barbara inked out the second "a." Producer Si Litvinoff owns one such photo, and shares it with pals at his summer parties.

 W_{hen} we scheduled an interview for Town & Country magazine, Phyllis flew to New York, checked into the Plaza Hotel, and asked that we meet an hour later in her suite.

After our goodbyes, she mentioned that she was checking out to take the train to Toledo for an engagement. We were flummoxed. Had she reserved a suite only for our two-hour inter-"Wasn't this view?

better and more private than fighting a conversation in a crowded noisy restaurant?"

o hail Phyllis, Sherry Hackett rounded up our former mayor, the hale and hearty Dick Riordan who came with **Kelly Lange** -- her latest thriller is Graveyard Shift. Also: Barbara and Don Rickles; philanthropist Louise Danelian; George Chakiris; Nike Air shoe designer Bob Bogart with wife Trudy; Sandy and Wink Martindale; Elliot Gould; Jane and Norm Crosby; Lois Aldrin; Dolly Martin; David Loftus, who screened a video of Phyllis performing for our soldiers overseas with Bob Hope.

We sat with Lee Bell, the creator of *The Bold And The* Beautiful and Young And The Restless. Lee came with producer Josh O'Connell -- he informed that both soap operas have sparked who-knows-howmany acting careers. series, in truth, are timeless, launched decades ago, and

now playing in 100 countries. Lee's son Bradley and wife Colleen own a major collection of contemporary art and Colleen Dream Works' Jeffrey Katzenberg will be honored this year during the Inner City Arts benefit dinner,

At our table was metal sculptor Al Glanns with wife Jeanie Linders, creator, composer and writer of The Menopause Musical that opened ten years ago in a 76seat theater in Orlando, Florida, and playing now in 15 countries with seven translations. A Chicago critic warned that any lady attending the show "should bring waterproof mascara because you'll laugh so hard you'll cry." Four women shopping for lingerie at Bloomingdale's sing 25 songs about hot flashes, chocolate addiction, nightly sweats, and, yes, sex.

As for her long-running Menopause Musical, Jeanie's updating her songs. "Those tiedye and Earth Mother days are over. To attract our baby boomers, my new lyrics deal with yoga lessons and juice bars."

Online at www.bhcourier.com/georgechristy.cfm





The film's Olivia Wilde and Leslie Mann with director





Jonathon Komack Martin with Sandra Bullock



Ryan Reynolds invited mom Tawny, brother Terry with his wife Christine to the Westwood premiere of The Change-Up at The Village Theatre, with a party following at the Hammer Museum.

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THE PENINSULA

(Continued from page 5) "For them as well as for us, we wanted to keep the original design DNA of the hotel, yet improve the functionality of each guest room," Zarnegin said. "I envisioned superior electronics, plus our signature 'Southern California' fresh colors, new furnishings and soft goods, all with the same original spirit - elegant, residential and classic."

Zarnegin met with Forchielli and Glynn several times a week during the process.

"Having been intimately involved in the design of the hotel when it was built, I have always felt it imperative that any enhancements meet our high standards with a critical eye to the details,"

For the makeover, Forchielli and Glynn carefully studied the hotel's original concept of combining classic furnishings with warmly colored prints to create an elegant and comforting wel-

"We updated the concept to bring a new lightness to the rooms and reinforce their connection to the adjoining gardens, allowing true respite," said

The refreshment of all of the rooms and most of the suites has been com-

Before the end of the year, the hotel will unveil its newly refreshed private villas and four largest suites, including The Peninsula Suite. Each of the four suites will have its own distinctive color scheme, furnishings and ambiance.

Epicurean Festival Set Aug. 28 At Sofitel

The Los Angeles Epicurean Festival brings together culinary specialties, wines and spirits under one roof at Sofitel LA, 8555 Beverly Blvd., on Sunday, Aug. 28. Products usually only available to chefs are being offered at the event where attendees will be able to take home their favorite selections.

"Iron Chef"-alike contest with nine chefs, sommeliers and mixologists will be judged by a panel of food-industry personalities.

The three chefs, will go onto the showroom floor to retrieve 10 products of their choice to formulate the perfect cold appetizer while the three sommeliers and three mixologists will concoct wines and spirits to accompany the

demonstrations will be available hourly

conducted by Keizo Ishiba (K-Zo), JF Meteigner (La Cachette), Sebastien Archambault (L'Epicerie), Josiah Citrin (Melisse) and Neal Fraser (BLD).

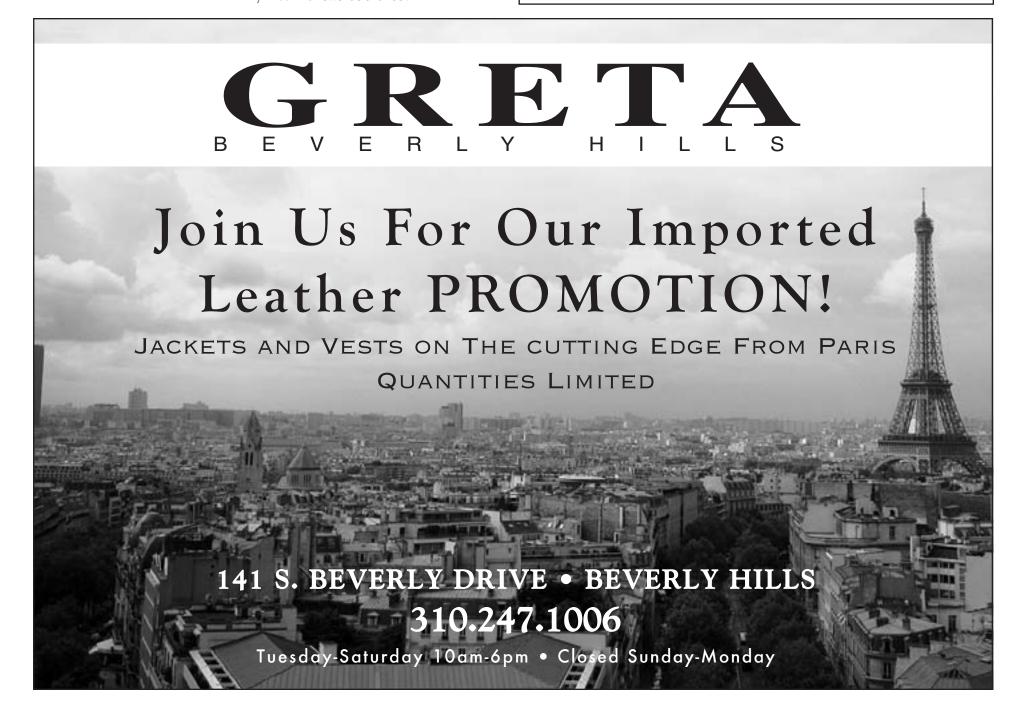
There will be mixology classes and oenologists standing by to explain how to taste and recognize great wines.

Attendees will be treated to 500 boutique wines and spirits, cheeses, spices, coffee and teas, charcuterie, olive oils, mushrooms, organic chocolate, meat, fowl, fish, produce and more.

Tickets: \$75 general admission includes all tastings and seminars; \$100 VIP poolside cabana and general admission includes all tasting, seminars, plus a rare tasting or Rosés of Provence, armagnac and cognac paired with cigars

To order tickets and for more infor-Besides live entertainment, food mation visit www.laepicureanfestival. com or 323-930-6785.





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SOMALY MAM-The non-profit Somaly Mam Foundation launched "Project Futures Global" with a reception at SLS Hotel to engage young Hollywood professionals in the fight against modern day sex slavery in Asia and the Middle East. Pictured (from left): SMF Program Director Amy Merrill, Anna Lynne McCord, co-founder Somaly Mam, Ashley Rickards, Angel McCord and SMF Special advisor Izzy Katz. Mam, a Cambodian slavery survivor who was named among Time magazine's "100 most influential people" and Glamour's "Woman of the Year."

Photo by Beverly Lindo/ EYEAM.shooter Photography

REDISTRICTING

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Monica and Malibu. This would lead to the following political landscape change: Democrat representation would change from 50.5% to 44.5%; Republicans from 22.8% to 28.6%; and "other" voters from 26.7% to 26.9%.

The race/ethnicity breakdown is set to change from: Asian 10.9% to 13.5%; Black 2.9% to 2.8%; Latino 10.1% to 11.2%; White 72.1% to 68.5%; and Other 3.9% to 4%.

Current District 30 Representative Henry Waxman confirmed he would seek re-election next year in the proposed District 33, which would encompass Beverly Hills. His likely opponent is Karen Bass, who is the sitting Representative for District 33.

"I have long enjoyed representing the citizens of Beverly Hills," Waxman said. "I would be pleased to have the privilege of continuing to represent them.'

At the State Senate level, Beverly Hills will be shifted from District 23 to 26, which would include the South Bay communities all the way to Rancho Palos Verdes. This leads to a slight political landscape

change: Democrats from 50.6% to 47.2%; Republicans from 23.2% to 25.1%; and "other" voters from 25.9% to 27.7%.

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The race/ethnicity breakdown is set to change from: Asian 9.2% to 13.9%; Black 3% to 3.5%; Latino 25.5% to 13.6%; White 58.9% to 64.9%; and Other 3.4% to 4.1%.

The current representatives are Fran Pavley (District 23) and Curren Price (District 26).

For the State Assembly Beverly Hills will move from District 42 to District 50, which would include pairing with Santa Monica and Malibu. This leads to a political landscape change favoring Democrats, which increase from 53% to 54.2%; Republicans would decrease from 19% to 18.1%; and "other" voters from 27.9% to

The race/ethnicity breakdown is set to change from: Asian 8.8% to 9.3%; Black 3.6% to 3.7%; Latino 10.9% to 12%; White 73% to 71.2%; and Other to remain at 3.7%.

Assembly member Mike Feuer will term-out in District 42 next year; District 50 is currently held by Ricardo Lara.

This is the first time in the history of California that an independent citizens commission drew district boundaries, per independent initiative passed last year.

The maps are available at www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov.





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Fashion News & Notes

Lanvin Opens Store in Malibu

Fashionistas no longer have to leave Malibu in order to buy clothing from French fashion house Lanvin. The company recently opened a new store in the beachfront town making this their second retail location in Southern California. Lanvin was inspired to expand their shop locations to "vacation destinations" after success with their seasonal store in St. Tropez. The store is set to include the label's "best-selling items from the spring and pre-fall 2011 line-ups, including day dresses, silk and jersey separates, swimwear and warm-weather-appropriate accessories like straw beach totes and raffia sandals."

3835 Cross Creek Road **WWD**

St John Appoints Ralph Toleando as Chairman

Ralph Toleando, the former executive officer of Chloé International, was just named the new Chairman of St. John Knits. Toleando notes that the company has an "exciting future" ahead of them, which includes "relaunching it's e-commerce site, implementing a social media strategy [and] it is also giving it's free-

standing stores a facelift, beginning with the New York flagship on Fifth Avenue and 53rd Street. The company will launch costume jewelry this fall, and plans a full handbag collection for fall 2012." **WWD**

Karen Scott: A Local Hidden Treasure

Karen Scott is a Los Angeles based Makeup Artist and Eyebrow Stylist extraordinaire. With a makeup resume that reads like a roster of the top makeup companies in the world and owner of her eponymous makeup line, Karen is also a Beauty Expert for "Modern Mom with Brooke Burke". Her unique brow shaping technique has been called a "natural" mini-eye lift" because of its anti-aging capabilities. Karen's approach to the 'natural brow' has captured the attention of many leading beauty magazines. Karen's expertise ranges from makeup application to eyebrow shaping to lash tinting and she provides her clients, many of whom fly in regularly, with extensive advice about natural beauty, makeup trends and anti-aging techniques. 9911 Pico Blvd

9911 Pico Blvd Suite 200, Studio 21 www.karenscottcosmetics.com way, starting in Long Beach Harbor and ending at the 210 Freeway on its way to Interstate 5 and Bakersfield – the "SR-710N". No one gave South Pas a chance

Like Beverly Hills, South Pas faced the giants—this time the entire state of California (not just the MTA), the Federal Transportation Highway Administration, the MTA/Metro, Pasadena, Alhambra, San Gabriel, the entire Alameda Corridor interests, the LA County Board of Supervisors, the Port of Long Beach, the Port of Los Angeles, and the cities of Long Beach and ... of course, Los Angeles.

They all said the same thing. The 710 Freeway completion through South Pas was "vital," a "necessary link between the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and the entire country," "without the extension, traffic will strangle all the surrounding cities," "Los Angeles must have it," "the Ports must have it," it was "something that had to be done for regional interests."

Against that, all South Pasadena had was a united city —a staunch city council led by an indefatigable mayor, a partner in the South Pasadena Unified School District, and nearly all its citizens (well, about 70 percent of them).

True, some dissented—mainly engineers and planners who fell in love with the idea of completing that small portion of the LA freeway system, but all-in-all, the little city stood up to the giants.

That tiny city's mayor and city council did not pester the school board for data even though the proposed freeway would run right up against their only high school.

You did not find city staffers claiming there would be "no danger" to the students from a major freeway spewing hydrocarbons, oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter and all the other products of freeway traffic over their property line for students and teachers to breathe every day.

That city's council did not tell the residents "it needed more information."

They simply decided to fight, looked for allies, became relentless in their opposition, and defended their city against all odds.

Guess who won?

The fight goes back to the council's first resolution against the SR-710N in 1949.

South Pas did not start the discussion by begging for audiences with bureaucrats and neighboring mayors who were already on record to split the town.

Their council simply passed a resolution to oppose Caltrans' plan to put the freeway through the middle of their town. That route would destroy

historic homes, threaten their high school, and make bad air quality worse.

The South Pas city council had no idea the powers it faced, but it knew the freeway would endanger the city and its schools, if not actually destroy them. The danger and the risk seemed pretty obvious to everyone.

At first, South Pasadena was almost helpless to stop Caltrans.

According to preservationists, South Pasadena Design Advisory Group members and Joanne Nuckols, the former chair of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation and the South Pasadena Transportation Commission, the fight was led in the 1960s by community activist and later mayor Alva Lee Arnold, the "mother of the freeway fight." Arnold strode into a world of engineers, planners, bureaucrats and politicos that was nearly all male.

She followed the etiquette of the era as she attended Caltrans meetings in "very proper" hat and gloves and would obediently wait to speak.

By the time Arnold and the other activists were allowed to speak, Caltrans' decision had already been made. "Thank you very much, now you may leave" was about all they got. That all changed in 1973.

South Pas did not meekly seek audiences with bureaucrats and other officials, it took a stand immediately.

The Gettysburg battle would be fought on the basis of the newly-enacted California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the new federal National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

The 710 final Environmental Impact Report had already been completed and sent to the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) that would be funding most of the project. Its conclusions were foregone.

Everything South Pas offered as alternatives and concerns had been rejected. Looking for friends wherever they could, South Pas found an ally in the Sierra Club, challenged the EIR, and obtained a "golden injunction."

South Pas claimed that the EIR failed to address material impacts and risks—exactly the same basis on which the Beverly Hills Unified School District is preparing to defend Beverly Hills High School.

The court agreed. It ordered Caltrans to stop buying any more land or conducting any more work on the SR-710N until it could gain approval of a thoroughly revised EIR—one that did not ignore South Pasadena's concerns.

Few cases had tested CEQA's provisions. South Pas was a pioneer. South Pas made the case that the first "final" EIR from Caltrans failed to address many significant issues.

CEQA does not allow a court to block an agency deci-

sion, just make sure that its EIR covers all the risks and impacts. If the author of the EIR knows what's coming, that report can address those issues.

The courts then must approve the EIR even if it disagrees with the legislative body's conclusions. That's what BHUSD is preparing to fight, just like South Pas. It took Caltrans from 1973 to 1992 and four "final" EIRs to gain FHWA approval.

By the time this first injunction was lifted in 1999, South Pas had bought 26 years.

Back then, Caltrans and MTA had not yet learned to extract confidential expert evidence from their opponents in advance so that they could deal with them in their first "final" EIR.

They learned their lesson in part from battling South Pas for the past 60 years.

As this article is going to press, Mayor Barry Brucker and Vice Mayor Willie Brien are trying to convince the Beverly Hills Unified School District to give them all of BHUSD's expert evidence assembled to fight the Metro tunnel under BHHS.

(See companion article about City Manager Jeff Kolin's letter to new BHUSD Superintendent Gary Woods seeking all the district's expert evidence on page 4.)

To date, the City Council majority of Brucker, Brien and Julian Gold, M.D., have refused to enter into a joint defense agreement with BHUSD that would protect the confidentiality of that vital information.

If the school board released that information as requested by CityManager Kolin, all of that information would lose its attorney/client (or "attorney work product") protection and essentially become public information readily accessible to Metro and their EIR writers.

That would give MTA the blueprint it needs to beat Beverly Hills in the first round in court.

South Pas and its allies scored a huge win with their first injunction, one of the first under CEQA and NEPA.

Still, that victory streak ended in 1999.

Did South Pas only go to the courts?

Throughout, South Pas tried the "diplomatic" route, stubbornly pursued by Brucker and Brien with L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Sup. Zev Yaroslavsky.

That tactic, which burned up a huge amount of energy and time, was a huge flop according to former South Pas Councilmember Harry Knapp.

He was elected to its council in the 1990s and said: "We spent our time politicking every official and bureaucrat they could find to try to stop the EIR from being certified."

("Certifying" an EIR is the

final step in approving it and is a requirement to begin confederal clear

struction).

Knapp said they tried to influence the local congressman and assemblyman and "whoever else" they could talk to. It did no good and in 1993, the state certified the EIR.

Knapp said this meant they could start finding funding and begin construction. The "diplomatic effort" was used and it failed. "Never had a chance," according to Knapp.

Remembering the past, South Pasadena hired environmental lawyer Tony Rossman and filed for another injunction in U.S. District Court.

Again, the court saved South Pasadena and issued its injunction in 1999, which is still in effect today.

That injunction only allowed Metro to spend money on investigating alternatives, but prohibited it from building a freeway.

Nuckols said that in the second round of the court fight, South Pasadena had more allies. In 1973, their biggest and only ally was the Sierra Club.

By 1999, they had also had backing from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the California Preservation Foundation, the Los Angeles Conservancy, Pasadena Heritage and the South Pasadena Unified School District.

It wasn't "just little South Pasadena" anymore, Nuckols said.

The cities of Pasadena and La Cañada Flintridge had also changed sides to block the freeway extension.

Then-Rep. Jim Rogan came to South Pasadena's defense and that support continued when Democrat Adam Schiff took his seat.

In 2003, the Federal Highway Administration withdrew support for the freeway extension.

Metro has since suggested alternatives that would "help mitigate" some of the problems South Pasadena had with the freeway.

Also in 2003, Former Metro CEO Roger Snoble personally went to South Pasadena and recommended building a tunnel under the entire city for the SR-710N instead of the open gash Caltrans wanted.

Studies showed that the only remotely affordable tunnel required that it become a toll tunnel with transit fees ranging from \$5 to \$15 each time it was used

As Nuckols figures, a toll tunnel would cause more traffic problems on surface streets than it would solve.

The tunnel would go underground at California Boulevard in Pasadena and emerge at Huntington Drive on the southern border of South Pas, nearly a five mile stretch.

The two entrances would draw massive amounts of surface traffic and add to local congestion, not help it. BEVERLY HILLS COURIER

For a city that already fails federal clean air quality standards, excess cars on the roads means even more pollution and harm for South Pasadena citizens.

Not just relying on pollution issues, South Pasadena also sued Metro over Measure R. \$780 million of Measure R was identified for the SR-710N tunnel project.

Knapp said South Pasadena alleged "it was illegal... before you can spend money on a project you're supposed to have an EIR done."

Although South Pasadena lost that lawsuit in court, the tunnel has still not been built. The tunnel was one of five alternatives that Metro has been studying.

South Pasadena has objected to all of the alternatives that would cut its city in half.

Other alternatives included multimodalism, a "cut and cover" plan to dig the tunnel then cover it over and rebuild the city on top of it, and alternative routes for the SR-710N.

MTA is actively studying the tunnel alternative but faces a projected cost of nearly \$6 billion.

Many of the same tunnel safety issues that confront Beverly Hills exist with the 710 Tunnel proposal, although South Pas has no oil field to contend with.

Recently, the South Pas city council amended its "anti-710" ordinance to drop opposition to preparation of environmental studies for the extension provided none involve a surface route.

Its opposition to actual construction of the 710 connector remains.

Sixty years into the battle, there is no resolution but South Pasadena has not been split, impacted or polluted by a freeway through the city.

Beverly Hills can learn many things from South Pasadena's arduous journey.

Nuckols said she thought the people of Beverly Hills did "the right thing" in the 1970s by saying "no" to the 2 freeway (which would have run down Santa Monica Boulevard and split Beverly Hills in two) and are doing the right thing by saying "no" now to the MTA tunnel under BHHS.

At least so far, the BHUSD Board of Education has said "no" and backed it with concrete action.

Nearly every City resident organization, business and civic group in Beverly Hills and many individual citizens have urged the council to take real action, not just talk.

The people of Beverly Hills are still waiting for the city council majority to take action.

Maybe the saga of little South Pasadena can shed some light on what a definite "no" backed by action, not talk, can accomplish.

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Renee Kumetz Celebrates Her Birthday At The Peninsula



Linda Schwartz hosted 12 ladies for lunch at The Peninsula to celebrate Renee Kumetz' birthday with lots of fun, friendship and laughter. After the champagne toast and chocolate cake by Pastry Chef Romain Lenoir, Renee surprised Linda with a Bacarrat crystal angel. Chef James Overbaugh treated the ladies to a special appetizer and oversaw the luncheon. The gorgeous crowd-pleasing flower arrangements were designed by Jonathan Ryan of Fine Art of Flowers. A big thank you to Managing Director Offer Nissenbaum, Jaime Friedman, private events manager, and the entire staff at The Peninsula.

-Photos by Maxine Picard



Linda Schwartz & Renee Kumetz



Jonathan Ryan of Fine Art of Flowers designed the centerpieces.



Chef James Overbaugh



Rosa Kunin, Renee & Marianne Berman



Shirley Branman



The birthday cake



D'Agostino

Gloria Kaplan, Renee & Judge Judith Stein Hollinger



Simone Katzef



Lee Smalley



Frances Allen



Kay Siegel

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question. On July 11 around 7:30 a.m., Brucker emailed Assistant City Manager Mahdi Aluzri as follows:

"Dear Mahdi, I know you are seeing Rudy tomorrow and I am hoping that we can get

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demolition sign for its 10-day period until October 1.

This direction was fully supported by Councilmember Julian Gold and Vice Mayor Willie Brien. Councilmembers John Mirisch and Lili Bosse supported an urgency ordinance.

Mitch Dawson, attorney representing the property owners, said not all of it is a Neutra home. Second, he said the owners were willing to volun-

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employees, there are many options of schedules all resulting in 80 hours in a two-week pay period.

There is the 5/40, or 40 hours over five days.

There is the 9/80 where employees can work eight nine-hour days and one eighthour day to total 80 hours over a two week period, which means they'd have one day off every other week.

The 4/10 schedule, or four

him to do a City TV interview show for us. This would be a City sponsored show with him as a guest moderator for lets say a trial 4 shows. We NEED the good press. . . We need a show that can speak about the Subway, Venoco, Noise, Roxbury and other issues that we have been getting trashed on. . . We are losing the PR war Thx,

tarily explore options and opportunities for the home. He also said the house was riddled with mold, asbestos, rotting wood and termites.

Dawson shared several pictures of the house, showing the various states of disrepair. Family member of the previous owners. Massoud Aaron Yashouafar said when his family lived in the house, it was structurally in good condition and the photographs were mainly of an unfinished, and separate, guest house. Yashoua-

10 hour days, allows for one day off each week.

Regardless of schedule, every employee works a total of 2080 hours per year.

Also, all non-public safety employees get 96 hours (8 days) of sick leave a year, between two to four weeks of vacation time and overtime.

Exempt employees receive the same sick leave and vacation time but instead of overtime get administrative leave.

Aluzri said in 2009, 334 Southern California employers with more than 250 employees

Brucker included words of praise for Cole, who writes a pointed city commentary and lobbies the council from timeto-time.

Vice Mayor Brien denied that Cole's newspaper affiliation had anything to do with his selection, a notion challenged by Councilmember

far alleged there are currently three pending lawsuits attacking the foreclosure sale.

The Courier has exclusively obtained documentation showing not only does Soda Partners, LLC own the property free and clear but Yashouafar owe the company \$8,400 in attorneys fees and costs, \$25,000 for rent and damages and \$400 for additional costs.

Attorney for Soda Partners Ronald Richards said there were only two lawsuits related to the property and the

offer some sort of alternative or flex schedule, most of which are governments.

What was not discussed is whether this amount of paid time off has caused the City to hire extra staff to make up for the three months off each staffer receives.

Mirisch promised to look into that issue, which was raised forcefully by colleague Councilmember Lili Bosse during her successful campaign for City Council.

Beverly Hills has one employee for every 34 residents, John Mirisch. He and Councilmember Lili Bosse were blindsided by the proposal.

They only learned of the project when Mirisch spotted an item on the agenda and pur-

The program has been in the works for many weeks.

According to another city email obtained by The Courier,

City Public Affairs Manager Therese Kosterman wrote Deputy City Manager Cheryl Friedling, " . . . I think [the TV show] will be a big Communications project and we will need [more staff] to pull it off. .

The City continues to project operating deficits.

notice of action filed by the plaintiffs was removed by the court on March 3 and May 2, which frees the title of any cloud

When asked for comment, Yashouafar sent The Courier case documentation he alleged was still active. Los Angeles Superior Court Records show one case is set for trial Nov. 1.

After he spoke, a member of the group in favor of demolishing the Kronish House approached Yashouafar. Although amidst all of the chaos in the

the highest ratio in California.

Citing a "budget deficit," the council stripped a quarter of the historical city marketing budget from merchant activities, sought fee increases for the use of city parks by the city's children for organized sports, withdrew special police officers from the Beverly Hills schools, yet found \$4.2 million to recarpet and rearrange the library and is in the process of approving a \$40 million community recreation center at Roxbury Park despite multiple violations of its own parking

room it was difficult to tell what happened, but Yashouafar later told The Courier he had been threatened by the man and filed a police report. What occurred between the two men remains unclear but witnesses say they saw the man grab and hold Yashouafar's watch.

In addition to placing a stay on the demolition of the Kronish house until Oct. 10, the Council gave direction to the Planning Commission to begin crafting a historic preservation ordinance.

and environmental regulations in the current plans.

For the same reason, the city sought to reduce or eliminate in some cases the city's 2 hour free parking -- a matter soundly defeated by the voters.

On most of these matters, the council majority of Mayor Barry Brucker, Vice Mayor Willie Brien and newcomer Julian Gold (who did not vote on parking), favor these matters while reformers Mirisch and Bosse are opposed.

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percent for everyone else. That make the system sustainable. contribution, plus the city's con- Finkel said the city could impletribution, are supposed to pay for ment the California League of retirement. An employee quali- Cities proposal that includes fies for full benefits after five employees contributing to their years. Public safety staff can en- own pensions, lowering the tire at 50; all others at 55.

contribute nothing to their own retirement age to 55 and impleretirement. Everything is paid by menting a two-tier pension systhe City with half of that contri- tem so new employees will rebution tax-free to the employee. ceive different, less intensive, Upon retirement, the employee benefits than older employees. bears no risk whatsoever of the returns on CalPERS investments. the council support the reform The employee is guaranteed a of the CalPERS governance, to fixed amount that increases support the majority of the every year. If CalPERS runs board be independent. short, as it is now doing, the taxpayers make up the difference.

culated as follows: public safety pensions and present their findemployees receive 3% of their ings to the council at a later highest pay earned during their date. last three years multiplied by the number of years worked for the City to a maximum of 90% of highest pay (30 years). They receive that amount for life (and the life of any surviving spouse) plus annual inflation adjustments. All other staff receive 2.5% multiplied by the number of years worked up to 30 years for a maximum of 75% of highest salary.

City staff excuses the fact that employees contribute nothing to their own pensions. Assistant Director of Finance Noel Marquis told the council that, years ago the city couldn't "afford to pay big salaries" so people "took a lesser salary" and the difference went to CalPERS. At the time, CalPERS cost less than salary raises. Since then, public employee pay has raced ahead of private sector jobs and now pays about half again to double

comparable salaries in the private sector.

The Task Force only looked at public safety pensions. It rectribute a fixed 9 percent and 8 ommended several options to maximum benefits to 65 per-Beverly Hills city employees cent, increasing the minimum

Finkel also recommended

Councilmember Lili Bosse requested the task force review Actual retirement pay is cal-the non-public safety employee

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nia Environmental Protection Act and the National Environmental Protection Act, as South Pasadena has done for decades to stop Caltrans and MTA from slicing that city in two (see companion article).

The Courier obtained copies of the letters to and from City staff on the matter. The first attempt to get the confidential District information came from City Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz on June 23 in an email addressed to then-Superintendent Dick Douglas. The district's lawyer, Kevin Brogan of Hill, Farrer & Burrill responded by letter dated July 5 offering to share the data provided the City entered into a joint defense agreement to protect the confidentiality of the information. The City never responded to the offer.

Instead, by letter dated July 21, City Manager Jeff Kolin repeated the request and expanded it to include an extensive list of confidential information the City wanted. The letter made no mention the District's offer of a joint defense agreement. District lawyers again repeating the offer to enter into such an agreement to let the District share the confidential information. The City has still refused to respond to that request.

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If the District provides the information sought by the City without a joint defense agreement, it becomes public. That will enable the MTA to anticipate the District's evidence in court and try to negate it in advance. District lawyers repeatedly told this to Beverly Hills, yet the City persists.

One local lawyer looked at the City's letter and said: "This is a complete list of everything the MTA would want to defeat Beverly Hills. It would be committing suicide if the District turned over this information to the City. I can't believe the City would even ask without protecting its confidentiality. Are they working for MTA?"



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Astrology By Holiday Mathis

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 5). Your popularity soars as you reach in new directions to make friends. In September, those older and wiser help you earn money. You attract more romance into your world in November. A longtime fantasy becomes a reality in January. Invest in new business in June. Libra and Sagittarius people adore you. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's difficult to take another person's wishes seri-

ously when your own remain unfulfilled. So don't wait a moment longer. Do what you want to do. Later, you'll be truly happy to help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Those younger and less experienced may have the information or point of view that you most need to hear. You'll be impressed by wisdom that comes from an unlikely source.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Walk one way, and you'll have the experiences that come with that path. If you turn in another direction, your fate will be completely different. Much depends on your ability to put yourself in the way of opportunity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Children are more impressionable than they seem. They may not pay attention now, but many decades from now, they could finally register what you said today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have an accurate accounting of what happened in a certain relationship, and yet the other person wouldn't account for it the same way. Willingness to listen will help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is no need to worry about your public perception. You are seen in many different ways by many different people, and you have little control over it now. The happier you are the more effective you will be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You rarely mention your good deeds and remarkable achievements to others. Though your modesty is lovely, you could use a confidence boost. Privately remind yourself of all you've ac-

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20). It may be the case that you want much more than the other person feels like giving you. You're not the first person to be in this position, and you may find help from others who've learned from the experience.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19). Your dilemma seems serious, and yet to another person, it's just another day at work. Make notes about what you are going through so you may avoid the same situation later.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20). You'll prepare for an upcoming presentation. It seems that every time you practice your pitch, it gets better. There is a point of diminishing returns, but you haven't reached it yet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You read the body language of those around you. When they want to talk, you're a listening ear. And when they want to be alone, you give them space. Your appropriate response makes others trust you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes those who have long known you will miss the most basic things about you. That's why you love a person who gets you from the beginning. Such comes along this week.

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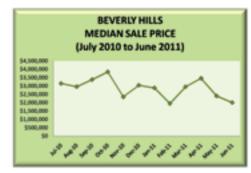
MARKET SNAPSHOT									
		ACCEPTED OFFERS			ACTIVE LISTINGS				
CLOSED SALES		(Properties That Went Into Escrow)			(Properties Currently For Sale On The Market)				
June 2011		June 2011			As of 8/1/11				
Number of Properties Sold	11	Number of Accepted Offers	6		Number of Properties For Sale	103			
List Price - Median	\$2,050,000	List Price - Median	\$3,895,000		List Price - Median	\$5,695,000			
List Price - Average	\$2,456,545	List Price - Average	\$3,868,167		List Price - Awerage	\$7,486,282			
Sale Price - Median	\$2,000,000								
Sale Price - Average	\$2,372,886								
Sold Price per Square Foot (Avg.)	\$765.08	List Price per Square Foot (Avg.)	\$825.90		List Price per Square Foot (Avg.)	\$1,238.15			
Average Days on the Market (DOM)	74	Average Days on the Market (DOM)	115		Average Days on the Market (DOM)	119			
Median House Size (sq. ft.)	3,245	Median House Size (sq. ft.)	4,585		Median House Size (sq. ft.)	5,363			
Median Lot Size	7,680	Median Lot Size	17,990		Median Lot Size	16,740			
Median Number of Bedrooms	4.00	Median Number of Bedrooms	4.00		Median Number of Bedrooms	5			
Median Number of Bathrooms	4.00	Median Number of Bathrooms	5.00		Median Number of Bathrooms	5.5			
Sales Volume	\$26,101,750	Dollar Volume of Accepted Offers (Based on List Price)	\$23,209,000		Dollar Volume of Active Listings (Based on List Price)	\$771,087,000			
Sale Price (Avg.)/List Price (Avg.)	96.59%								

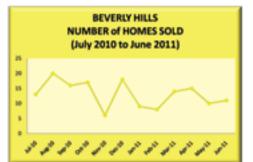
- Eleven properties closed escrow in June 2011—one was sold for under \$1 million, four were sold for between \$1 million and \$2 million, three were sold between \$2 million and \$3 million, two were sold between \$3 million and \$4 million, and one was sold between \$4.5 million and \$5 million.
- In June 2011, one closed sale and two of the properties that went into escrow were short sales.
- Twenty-one homes went into escrow in June 2011 ranging in asking price from \$895,000 to \$6,695,000.
- The ratio of the average sales price to the average list price of the sold

properties was 96.59 percent, meaning that properties were selling at about 96.5 percent of their list price in June 2011.

- The total dollar volume of property on the market for sale in Beverly Hills as of August 1, 2011 was \$771,087,000.
- In June 2011, 30 new listings came onto the market ranging in price from \$1,039,000 to \$25,000,000.

Material compiled and graphs and charts created by Janine Gershon of Coldwell Banker Beverly Hills South, camoves.com/janine.gershon, www.zillow.com/profile/Ask-L.A.-Janine!







Beverly Hills - June 2011

MEDIAN SALE PRICE	# 50LD	DOM	
\$3,149,000	13	35	
\$2,950,000	20	69	
\$3,379,342	16	55	
\$3,840,000	17	69	
\$2,346,000	6	61	
\$3,040,000	18	74	
\$2,876,250	9	77	
\$1,947,500	8	69	
\$2,942,500	14	66	
\$1,450,000	15	137	
\$2,395,000	10	54	
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	Mo	YTD	(Mo/YTD)	DOM
# SOLD	11	67	16.42%	74
# NEW	30	178	16.85%	
# ACTIVE		140		118
# BACKUP	30			.59
# PCNOING	30			.130
# ESCROW	20			94.5
# EXPIRED	79			179
# WITHDRAWN	11			118

The analyses contained herein are based on listings that were input into the Combined L.A./Westside Multiple Listing Service only, and do not take into account private sales or listings that were input into other MLSs. They are based on information from the Combined L.A./Westside Multiple Listing Service as of 8/1/11 and /or other sources. Display of MLS data is deemed reliable but is not guaranteed accurate by the MLS. The Broker/Agent providing the information contained herein may or may not have been the Listing and/or Selling Agent.

YTD=Year-To-Date, DOM=Days On Market (Avg.), BACKUP=Looking For Backup Offers

Featured Properties



seven en-suite bedrooms, 7.5 bathrooms, a formal billiards room, grand dual sweeping agent: Timothy Di Prizito, Nourmand & Associates, 310-888-3365, 310-266-2777(cell). and Drew Mandile, Sotheby's International, 310-786-1803.



2119 Stratford Circle, Bel Air is a multi-million dollar modern "Florentine" estate in the Hummingbird Nest Ranch, Keuhner Drive, Santa Susana, is an equestrian center with aregated community of Bel-Air Crest, available for lease, price upon request. The home has nas, stables, vet and ferrier facilities, guest housing, a clubhouse and staff housing. The main clubhouse is a Mission Revival-style mansion, designed by architect Richardson staircase entry, play room, big grassy play yard, gardens, pool and spa with views Robertson, with roughly 12,500 square feet in three levels. The entrance has terra cotta across the Santa Monica Mountain Range overlooking The Getty Museum. Listing tile decking, two built-in tile art niches and a tile fountain. Listing agents: Brooke Knapp

A Winning Real Estate Team For 15 Years And Still Going Strong

Since 1996, Drew Mandile and Brooke Knapp have been one of the most successful real-estate teams in Beverly Hills, working for Sotheby's International Realty on Wilshire Blvd.

But many may ask, how did their business partnership form all those years ago?

Their first contact came back in 1995 when Brooke was asking around for a good real-estate agent to sell her home on the 13th fairway of the Bel Air Country Club.

"I called a friend of mine who was a lender at Chase Manhattan Bank on the Westside and she said 'hands down, Drew Mandile.'" Brooke recalls. "I called Drew and told him I wanted to sell my house and he said okay; and I started to fill out the paperwork."

But before she could meet Drew in person, she found she was contractually bound to the real-estate agency in charge of renting out the home to let them have at least 90 days to sell it, so she ended up not listing with Drew.

Fast forward to 1996 when Brooke decided she wanted to re-enter the real-estate game in Beverly Hills and walked into the Sotheby's Beverly Hills office and spoke with manger Frank Symons.

He told her he would love to have her join the office, however he told her "when you were in real estate we only had a one-page purchase agreement and now it's eight pages," he said. "So I'll have to find you a mentor."

Frank thought Drew would be the perfect fit and went into his office and

ince 1996, Drew Mandile and brought him to the conference room Brooke Knapp have been one of where Brooke was waiting.

"Drew meet Brooke Knapp" he said, much to both their surprise—they had never met in person before and their only interaction in 1995 had been over the phone.

A Winning Start

The pair still joke how Drew brought Brooke on as his assistant even though Brooke laughs that she "never agreed to be his assistant."

"I kept saying 'Drew, I'll help find you an assistant, I'm not interested in being your assistant', and he said, 'Oh no, you're not my assistant,' but of course he treated me like his assistant," she says.

A week into working with Drew, Brooke landed the \$35-million listing of Owlwood and the adjacent Jayne Mansfield Estate—much to Drew's delight.

"We sold it for the largest amount to our own client and received the biggest fee I've ever received in a realestate transaction," Drew says.

Engaging A Winning Team

There are many benefits when a homeowner lists with their team, Drew says.

"We know the neighborhood, we know what the house looks like, and we know what the house across the street, behind and down the block is like," he says. "We understand the neighborhood and the people who live in it. It gives buyers a sense of confidence and security knowing they are dealing with an agent team so familiar with the neighborhood."



Brooke Knapp & Drew Mandile

Brooke says Drew's more than 35 years in the business goes a long way.

"He can usually say in 1973 I sold this house for \$200,000 and then in 1979 I sold it for... and then in 1985 for...," she says.

They both agreed clients could always count on them to be honest and trustworthy.

"It's the most rewarding when repeat clients call us and say we're calling you because they know they can count on us to sell their home," Drew says.

The Sotheby's Brand

The exciting thing about working at Sotheby's is that you never have to explain Sotheby's, Brooke says.

"Sotheby's has a terrific image around the world that is immediately recognized," she says. "It automatically computes in their brain to quality, luxury and you just don't have to explain because they know they are getting the best of the best."

Drew says a benefit with listing with Sotheby's is its great services, beautiful magazines and periodicals.

"We have beautiful marketing material which is really nice, and we have an amazing network of agents around the world," he says.

Enjoying The Ride

On a day-to-day basis, Drew and Brooke share transaction responsibilities to give their clients the best possible service.

Drew says that they've been working together for so long that one picks up where the other one left off.

"We have this way of dancing together that affords each of us a sense of independence where neither one of us is correcting each other, it is a rare experience for us to have a debate over an approach," Drew says.

While most of their clients are located in and around Beverly Hills, they also list homes across the Westside and Malibu.

To contact Drew and Brooke, call their office at 310-786-1803 or email *Drew.Mandile@sothebyshomes.com* or *Brooke.Knapp@sothebyshomes.com*.



I don't have to tell you how much time, energy and professionalism you lavished on the recent sale of my house in Bel Air... Thank you both for a job impressively well done. It's always a pleasure, in whatever field, to watch real pros do their work... - Grant A. Tinker

We purchased our dream lot to build a 45,000 square foot estate on Carolwood Drive. It was skillfully handled, we built "Fleur de Lys". My wife and I found Drew and Brooke to be very knowledgeable, professional, and an excellent negotiator. They worked with us diligently and personally, called us right back, created offers, worked the other agents, and dug deep—a real credit to your firm.

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REAL ESTATE QUARTERLY Winning The Real Estate Race In Beverly Hills courier laugus

or Nourmand & Associates realtor ■Timothy Di Prizito, selling a home for a client is like crossing the finishing line in the championships.

As a former athlete, the Beverly Hills-based realtor says the steps to selling a home are much like training for competition. Di Prizito breaks home sales down into phases, starting with preparing the house to go to market, then there's the marketing and promotional phase and then the presentational phase to pitch potential buyers. He's definitely not afraid to endure the hard miles necessary to earn first place.

Then the offer phase is much like further intensive training, where he nurtures a deal together, negotiating compromises that best benefit his clients. Once the deal enters the escrow phase he continues to work hard, building momentum to keep the deal together.

"Ultimately when you close a deal, it's a win," Di Prizito says. "The most satisfying reward is finishing the race having achieved satisfactory results for my clients."

Enlisting 'The Team Beverly Hills'

When clients sign up with Timothy Di Prizito, they not only sign up for just his service; they are also enlisting his team to handle every aspect of

When he started in real estate in 2004, he took a different approach to most other realtors and developed The Team Beverly Hills.com, an organcated to offering expert realtor services and resources beyond the normal scope of a single agent.

"My clients understand they are getting more for their money; they are getting a team of people handling different departments, processes and procedures to deliver more service than just a single realtor," he says.

"As a realtor here in Beverly Hills, one must be able to compete. I like the concept of making a real-estate transaction go smoothly and believe me, it takes a team to pull it togeth-

Climbing The Real Estate Ladder

Before his real-estate career, Di Prizito owned 100% Pure Fitness, a fitness and nutrition consulting business, which is how he met Nourmand & Associates owner Myra Nourmand

Nourmand recognized his great sales ability and personality, which prompted her to suggest a career in real estate because she saw in him a huge potential to succeed.

For the next several years, Di Prizito was introduced to the real estate world as an apprentice to Nourmand, helping her and learning what it takes to be a top-producing realtor in a world-renowned realestate market.

In 2004, he completed his evolution from fitness owner to realtor, becoming officially licensed.

"I hit the ground running because I took many years in advance to train



Timothy Di Prizito outside a recently sold house he listed on S. Swall Drive.

the whole Nourmand real-estate family. I'm truly thankful to have had their guidance and support," he says.

He has always been his own boss since graduating from Clemson University, S.C. in 1991. His transition into real estate has been seamless already knowing that personalized service and building long-lasting rapport with clients are among the keys to his success.

Living And Working In Beverly Hills

Living and being a part of the neighborhood he works in is important for Di Prizito who has lived with his wife and family in the "flats" of Beverly Hills for more than a decade.

Di Prizito's city contributions include supporting the Beverly Hills Education Foundation, the local Police and Fireman's Associations, team volunteering his daughter's school name a few.

"Each week I help out with the kindergartners, even though my daughter isn't in kindergarten anymore," he says. "I just

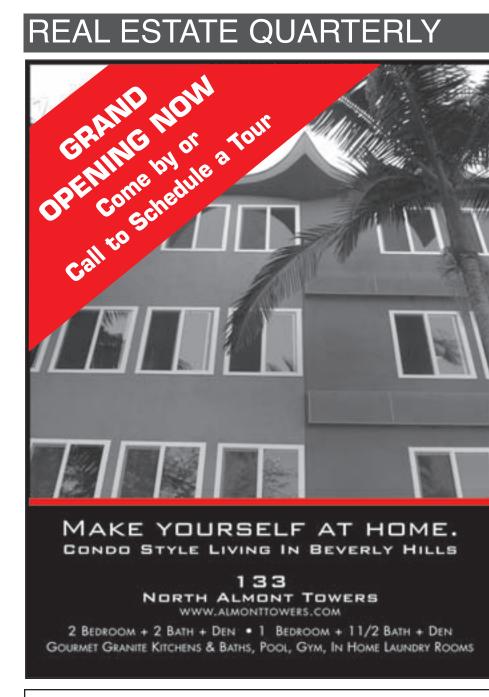
those kids and I've been helping out with an educational program every Friday for the past four years... all the students at Hawthorne know me as 'Coach D.''

He's also the Neighborhood Watch co-block captain for Rexford Drive, north of Santa Monica Boulevard.

This active community involvement helps him understand the social and cultural dynamics of Beverly Hills, and has helped him develop the essential relationships needed to keep his finger on the pulse of the real-estate market and stay one step ahead of the

To contact Timothy, call his office 310-888-3365, cell 310-266-2777, email at tdipri@nourmand.com or visit his website at TheTeamBeverlyHills .-





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■ anasab Insurance Services rates," Hanasab said. Inc. is a boutique insurance firm that customizes plans to meet its clients' specific needs. Founded by Farhad Hanasab in 1992, the company provides coverage for homes, automobiles, umbrella coverage for excess liability, and even coverage for private fine art collections, yachts and planes.

The company specializes in the areas of sports & leisure, entertainment and real estate.

• In the sports category there's a special program for those who own bowling alleys, skating rinks and batting cages, handled by Robert Ferrer in the Rancho Cucamonga office. "We have negotiated set prices with certain carriers," Hanasab said.

They also provide sports superstars, like Pete Rose, with car, home and life insurance.

• TV reality and production shows are regularly covered by Hanasab. Often insurer of both the producer and the show, the company covers on-set injuries, travel, and life insurance for key personnel.

Film production and rental houses that provide the equipment are also part of Hanasab's area of expertise.

• In real estate, the company insures-apartment building owners "with the best carriers and best

"Every business is unique," says Hanasab, "and we have different departments to handle everything."

Not only does the company shop for the best carriers; but it helps clients fill gaps in their coverage. For instance, Hanasab says, business owners need Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI) to protect them from employee claims and law suits.

Hanasab also recommends this insurance for the high-net-worth clients he counsels. "A lot of people don't have umbrella coverage," he says. "And they may need it in the case of a housekeeper who sues for wrongful termination. If they come to us, we build it into their homeowner's policy.'

Before opening his firm, Hanasab worked for the Automobile Club, "where we only did car and home. My feeling is 'why leave something on the table'—we can handle all of our clients' insurance needs. Plus most people don't like having to work with two or three different agents."

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Kringle Displays For That Perfectly Decorated Holiday Home

nce they've found that perfect home, for most homeowners there's nothing more satisfying than seeing it perfectly decorated for the holidays. That's where Chris Fernicola of Kringle Displays comes in. His company has 22 years experience creating holiday decor for homes and businesses.

At the initial consultation with clients he works to determine what they want. "Some people aren't sure what direction to take," Fernicola says, "and look for a professional to achieve their holiday vision." Others are much more specific.

The design theme, even the colors chosen, all has to do with a client's style-whether its traditional, modern, contemporary or anything else, "but it's very specific to the home." Fernicola says.

Plenty of lights, however, are a constant, Fernicola says. "We're using a lot of LED lighting-it's green and saves energy.

"We have literally transformed foyers, living and dining rooms," Fernicola says. "We try to tell a story with the decorations—playing up 'the wow factor'—so that people seeing a home or business are entertained."

Once a plan is approved, Fernicola sets about creating custom home accents—including trees, wreaths, swags and floral arrangements—and even furnishings like a custom couch, that all coordinate with a home's decor.

Some clients have made signifi-



It's never too early to start planning holiday decor and Kringle Displays can help.

cant investments so they can expand their themes year after year "becoming a tradition;" while others want a brand new look every year.

He can also extend the holiday magic to a home's exterior with a sled and reindeer, snowmen, angels or even a nativity scene.

In addition to his experience as both a parade float and stage set designer, Fernicola brings his clients the ability to take the stress out of holiday decorating. He does it all, design, installation and dismantling; "so busy people can truly enjoy the season.

"People want to entertain, enjoy their homes and not have to worry," Fernicola says. "We set up and take down, even vacuum, so it looks like no one was there. We know we've been invited into someone's home; and we're very respectful of people's per-



sonal spaces."

Clients also appreciate the finished product. "People are enthusiastic," Fernicola says, "and they know they have something different from everyone else."

Commercial malls and shopping centers have also recognized Fernicola's skills and called on him to create seasonal decor for the holidays including places to visit Santa and the Easter Bunny.

• A lot of Kringle Displays' clients also call on Fernicola to orchestrate their parties and special events. He has organized everything from ribboncuttings to estate sales for municipalities, nonprofits and more.

His company provides theme planning, site evaluation, design, decorating, breakdown and storage, custom centerpiece and favor design and specialty prop rentals.

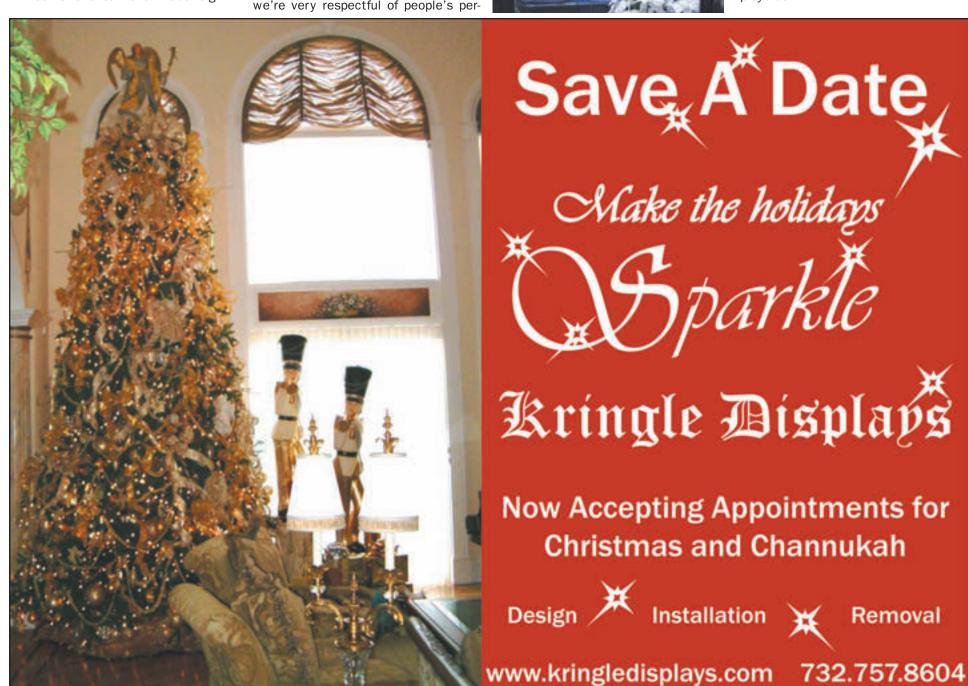
'We do things others never think of and we always try to be different," Fernicola says.

"The venue is always important— "but decorations, food and music also make or break an event," Fernicola says. "From the invitations to the decorations, to the cocktail hour, you should sense the theme and be entertained."

A recent bat mitzvah was modeled after a Venetian masquerade where the decor far exceeded the honoree's expectations.

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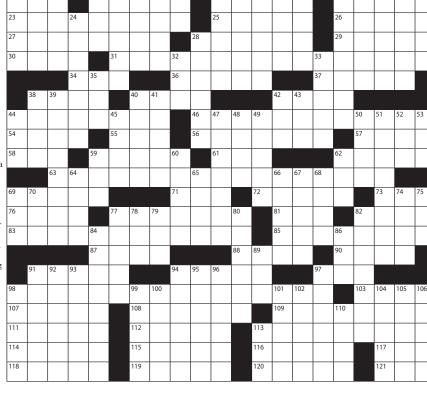
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PUBLIC NOTICES

ADDENDUM NO. 1 PROJECT 12-07

PREQUALIFICATION PACKAGE FOR

THE RENOVATION OF THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY IN THE **BEVERLY HILLS LIBRARY**

PROJECT 12-07

2:00 pm Due Date: Thursday, August 18,

Submit Statement to: City Clerk City of Beverly Hills 455 N. Rexford Drive Room 290 Beverly Hills, CA. 90210

Identify Statement Package as: Confidential Prequalification Statement for the Renovation of the Children's Library

PROJECT 12-07

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS PROJECT **ADMINISTRATION** 345 FOOTHILL ROAD BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210 REQUEST FOR **PREQUALIFICATION** OF BIDDERS AND **PREQUALIFICATION** INSTRUCTIONS FOR:

THE RENOVATION OF THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY IN THE **BEVERLY HILLS LIBRARY**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for the construction of the Children's Library in the page. That page also package, a Contractor Beverly Hills Library indicates how the pack- may be found not pre-("PROJECT"), must be age should be identified. pre-qualified prior to sub- The mitting a bid on that packages submitted by any requested informa-PROJECT. It is manda- Contractors are not pub- tion. tory that all Contractors lic records and are not who intend to submit a open to public inspec-Where a timely and bid, fully complete the tion. prequalification ques-provided will be kept results in a rating below tionnaire, provide all confidential to the extent that necessary to prematerials requested permitted by law. qualify, an appeal can herein, and be approved However, the contents be made by the unsucby the CITY to be on the may be disclosed to cessful Contractor. An final qualified Bidders third parties for purpose appeal is begun by the

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that appeal hearing. State with respect to its pre-has failed to comply with law requires that the qualification rating, no these requirements. If names of contractor later than two business two or more business applying for prequalifi- days following notificaentities submit a bid as cation status shall be tion that it is not prepart of a Joint Venture, or public records subject to qualified. The notice of expect to submit a bid as disclosure, and the appeal shall include an part of a Joint Venture, Contact each entity within the page of this question- tractor wishes to receive Joint Venture must be naire will be used for notice of the appeal separately qualified to that purpose. oid. The last date to submit a fully completed Each questionnaire is the date must be signed under to challenge the decishown on the cover penalty of perjury in the sion of the CITY. page. Contractors are manner designated in whether by administraencouraged to submit the Certification, by an tive process, judicial prequalification pack-individual who has the process or any other ages as soon as possi- legal authority to bind legal process or proble, so that they may be the Contractor on whose ceeding. notified of omissions of behalf that person is information to be reme-signing. If any informa-If the Contractor gives died or of their prequalifi- tion provided by a the required notice of cation status in advance Contractor of the prequalification inaccurate, deadline for this PRO- Contractor must imme- than five business days

Answers to questions accurate information in and not later than five contained in the attached writing, under penalty of business days prior to are perjury. questionnaire required. The CITY will Inviting Bids for this use these documents as The CITY reserves the Project. Prior to the

whether Contractor is qualified to contained in the prebid on the PROJECT, qualification application and reserves the right to submitted, and to make check other sources all final determinations. available. The CITY's The CITY may also decision will be based determine at any time on objective evaluation that the prequalification

right to adjust, increase, limit, suspend or rescind prequalification. the prequalification rat ing quently learned information. Contractors whose ages during regular rating changes sufficiently to disqualify them day that the offices of will be notified, and the CITY are open. given an opportunity for Contractors who submit a hearing consistent with the hearing proce-tion package will be dures described below for appealing a prequalification rating.

While it is the intent of questionnaire and docu-grant prequalification ments required there-where the requested with to assist the CITY in information and materidetermining responsibility prior to bid the Due Date indicated and to aid the CITY in above. There is no selecting the lowest appeal from a refusal for responsible bidder, nei- an incomplete or late ther the fact of prequalification, nor any pre-cation for a later project qualification rating, will is permitted. Neither the preclude the CITY from closing time for submita post-bid consideration ting and determination of packages for this PROwhether a bidder has JECT will be changed in capacity and experience supplementation to satisfactorily perform incomplete the proposed work, and sions, or late submishas demonstrated the sions, unless requested requisite

City Clerk at the address scoring system set forth the shown on the cover in the prequalification of verification, or investi- contractor gation of substantial notice to the CITY of its allegations, or in an appeal of the decision

diately notify the CITY after the CITY's receipt and provide updated of the notice of appeal

the basis of rating right to waive minor hearing, the Contractor Contractors with respect irregularities and omis-

each sions in the information process will be suspended for the PRO-The CITY reserves the JECT and the PRO-JECT will be bid without

based on subse-Contractors may submit pregualification packworking hours on any a complete prequalificanotified of their qualification status no later than ten business days after the Due Date.

prequalification The CITY may refuse to bidder als are not provided by application, but re-appliis permitted. Neither the prequalification quality, fitness, order to accommodate submistrustworthi- by the CITY in its sole discretion

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All information completed application law qualify, an appeal can delivering Information address where the conhearing. Without a timequestionnaire waives any and all rights

> becomes appeal, a hearing shall the be conducted no earlier the date of the Notice

advised of the basis for the City's pre-qualification determination.

The hearing shall be conducted by a panel of three consisting members of the Department of Public Works & Transportation senior management staff (the "Appeals Panel"). The Appeals Panel shall consider any evidence presented Contractor. the whether or not the evidence is presented in compliance with formal rules of evidence. The Contractor will be given the opportunity to present evidence, information and arguments as to why the Contractor believes it should be pre-qualified. one week after the conclusion of the hearing, the Appeals Panel will render a written determination as to whether the Contractor is prequalified. It is the intention of the CITY that the date for the submission and opening of bids will not be delayed or postponed to allow for completion of an appeal process.

Order No: 1069324 TS No: G10-12013 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESS-MENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN, DATED 3/1/2011, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PRO-TECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEED-ING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Witkin & Neal, Inc. as duly appointed trustee pursuant to that certain Notice of Delinguent Assessment and Claim of Lien (hereinafter referred to as "Lien"), recorded on 3/4/2011 as instrument number 11-336701 in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, and further pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded on 4/13/2011 as instrument number 0533624 in said county and further pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1367.1 and those certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded on 4/1/1991 as instrument number 456497. WILL SELL on 8/19/2011, 10:30 A.M. at the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona. CA a public auction to the ly appeal, the contractor highest bidder for lawful money of the United States payable at the time of sale, all right, title and interest in the property situated in said county as more fully described in the above referenced Lien. The purported owner(s) of said property is (are): Angelica Erlikh, Alexandra Erlikn, Leonid Erlikn. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property is purported to be: 960 N. Doheny Dr., #404 West Hollywood CA 90069, APN 4340-025-061. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by

reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale is: \$25,854.19. The opening bid at the foreclosure sale may be more or less than this estimate. In addition to cash, the trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn on a state or federal credit union or a check drawn on state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank speci-fied in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or the endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale shall be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Lien. advances thereunder, with interest as provided in Declaration plus the fees charges and expenses of the trustee. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. Witkin & Neal, Inc. is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained street address and other comwill be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a shown herein. Said sale will be discharge in bankruptcy, you may have been released from personal liability for this debt in regarding title, possession or which case this notice is intended to exercise the remaining principal sum due secured party's rights against the real property only. IMPOR-TANT NOTICE: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein. the sale shall be subject to the

1367.4(c)4: "a non judicial

foreclosure sale by an associa-

tion to collect upon a debt for

delinquent assessments shall

be subject to a right of

redemption. The redemption

period within which the sepa-

rate interest may be redeemed

from a foreclosure sale under

this paragraph ends 90 days after the sale." Dated:

after the sale." Dated: 7/25/2011 Witkin & Neal, Inc.

as said Trustee a 5805 SEPUL-

VEDA BLVD., SUITE 670 VAN NUYS, CA 91411 (818) 845-

Trustee Sales Officer THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE

PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A

DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A

DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE

HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE

NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED

TO THIS FIRM OR THE CRED-ITOR WILL BE USED FOR

THAT PURPOSE. For sales

information, call 714-573-

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1965 or go to www.priorityposting.com P862230, 7/29, 8/5, 08/12/2011 4328-007-099 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT 11/17/2010. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF OU NEED AN EXPLANATION

in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles purported California, the owner(s) of said property is (are): HARROW, HANNAH TR: ÌRVÍNG AND HÁNNAH TRUST WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUC-TION TO THE HIGHEST BID-DER FOR CASH, (payable at check drawn by a state of fed drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or sav-5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.): At the front entrance to the Pomona West Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA All right, title and interest Assessment in the property situated in said County, as more fully described on the above referenced assessment lien. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 211 S SPALDING DRIVE #N606 BEVERLY HILLS CA 90212 The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the mon designation, if any made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied encumbrances, to pay the under said Notice Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any l estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, tofollowing as provided in wit: \$23,368.33 accured inter-California Civil Code Section est and additional advances, i any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant, TWO ELEVEN SPALDING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIA-TION under said Notice of Delinguent Assessmen³ heretofore executed and deliv-Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned elapsed since such recorda-ANY 08/12/2011

pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 11/19/2010 as Document No. 20101675066 SHOULD CONTACT A 8/5, 08/12/2011

the property to be sold and Book Page of Official Records LAWYER. On 8/19/2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 12/04/2007 Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 20072652220, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGEthe time of sale in lawful LES County, California, exemoney of the United States, by cuted by: DAVID IAN NAIL, by a State or National bank, a SINGLE AND SUSAN NAIL, by the state of the st as Trustor, CHASE BANK USA eral credit union, or a check N.A., as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a ings bank specified in section state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and Superior Courts Building, 350 loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of under Notice of Delinquent the Financial Code and author ized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE POMONA SUPERIOR COURTS BUILD-ING, 350 W. MISSION BOULEVARD, POMONA, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$731,563.46 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real ered to the undersigned a writ-ten Declaration of Default and property: 8839 CYNTHIA ST UNIT #7 WEST HOLLYWOOD. CA 90069 APN Number 4339-013-024 The undercaused said Notice of Default signed Trustee disclaims any and Election to Sell to be liability for any incorrectness recorded in the county where of the street address and other 8808 By: Susan Paquette the real property is located and common designation, if any, more than three months have shown herein. The property heretofore described is being tion. THE PROPERTY IS sold "as is". In compliance BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO with California Civil Code THE NINETY DAY RIGHT OF 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, REDEMPTION CONTAINED IN trustee, beneficiary, or author-CIVIL CODE SECTION ized agent declares: that it has 1367.4(C) (4). PLEASE NOTE contacted the borrower(s) to THAT WE ARE A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ARE ATTEMPT- and to explore options to ING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND avoid foreclosure; or that it INFORMATION WE has made efforts to contact OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR the borrower(s) to assess THAT PURPOSE. FOR SALE their financial situation and to INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL explore options to avoid fore-(714) 573-1965 or LOG ONTO closure by one of the followwww.priorityposting.com. ing methods: by telephone; by Title Order No. 7742-362065 Date: 7/11/2011 S.B.S. Lien United States mail; either 1st Services 31194 La Baya Drive, class or certified; by overnight Trustee Sale No. 2011-1151 Services 31194 La Baya Drive, class or certified; by overnight Refrence No. 606-1 APN No. Suite 106 Westlake Village, delivery; by personal delivery; RETIGICE NO. DUD-1 AFN NO. Suite 100 Westlake Village, delivery, by personal delivery, 4328-007-099 NOTICE OF California 91362 By: Luis by e-mail; by face to face TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A Alvarado, Trustee Sales Officer meeting. DATE: 7/22/2011 NOTICE OF DELINQUENT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CALIFORNIA RECONSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY VEYANCE COMPANY, as LIEN YOU ARE IN DEFAULT INFORMATION WE OBTAIN Trustee DEREK WEAR-UNDER A NOTICE OF DELIN- WILL BE USED FOR THAT RENEE, ASSISTANT SECREQUENT ASSESSMENT ATED PURPOSE, P860540 7/29, 8/5, TARY CALIFORNIA RECON-VEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPT-Trustee Sale No. 250128CA ING TO COLLECT A DEBT Loan No. 0026819235 Title ANY INFORMATION Order No. 809001 NOTICE OF OBTAINED WILL BE USED OF THE PROCEEDINGS TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN FOR THAT PURPOSE.
AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF California Reconveyance
CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice TRUST DATED 11/9/2007. Company 9200 Oakdale AGAINST YOU, YOU SHUULD DEFAULT UNDER A DELD OF CAUTHOUS CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that on 8/19/2011 at 10:30 AM S.B.S. TO PROTECT YOUR PROPER-Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-LIEN SERVICES As the duly TY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A 892-6902 For Sales appointed Trustee under and PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED Information: (714) 730-2727

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TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT

YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY

BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE

NATURE OF THE PROCEED-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

275 So. Beverly Drive Associates ("Landlord") hereby gives notice that it will be conducting a public sále of the personal property listed below (the "Personalty") at 281 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California (the "Premises") on August 17, 2011 beginning at 10:00am.

All restaurant equipment including refrigeration unit ovens, stoves, grills,

countertops, storage cabinets, tables and chairs which was abandoned at the Premises and has been there since May 1, 2011.

The Landlord may bid on the Personalty.

The Personalty may be inspected at the Premises or August 8, 2011 at 10:00am. If you wish to make other arrangements for inspection, please contact Charles Eberly at (323) 937-6468 extension 203 on or before August 15, 2011.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE est and additional advances Trustee Sale No. 10CA00184- if any, will increase this fig 1 Order No. 100303486 APN: ure prior to sale. The benefi 4340-024-103 YOU ARE IN ciary under said Deed of DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF Trust heretofore executed TRUST DATED 06/08/2007. and delivered to the under-UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION signed a written Declaration TO PROTECT YOUR PROP-ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A Sale, and a written Notice of Of America 475 Crosspoint Public SALE. IF YOU NEED Default and Election to Sell. Parkway Getzville NY 14068 Pursuant to California Civil NATURE OF THE PROCEED- Notice of Default and INGS AGAINST YOU, YOU Election to Sell to be record. SHOULD CONTACT A ed in the county where the LAWYER. 2011 at 01:00 PM, RSM&A Foreclosure Services, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded June 19, 2007 as Number: 20071470264 of official records in the Office of the 805-804-5616 For specific Recorder of Los Angeles information on sales includ County, California, executed Trustor, Mortgage Electronic RSM&A Foreslasures as nominee for Residential 08/05/2011, Mortgage Capital, Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in Order #: 110189574-CA-GT läwful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or DATED 6/7/2007. UNLESS national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit TECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and SALE. IF YOU NEED AN loan association, savings EXPLANATION OF THE loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and SHOULD CONTACT A SHOULD CONTACT A COMPANION COMPA authorized to do business in LAWYER. A public auction this state) at the following sale to the highest bidder for location: At the front entrance cash, cashier's check drawn to the Pomona Superior on a state or national bank Courts Building, 350 West check drawn by state or fed Mission Blvd. Pomona, all eral credit union, or a check right, title and interest con- drawn by a state or federal veved to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in he property situated in said or savings bank specified in County, California describing Section 5102 to the Financial the land therein: Legal description as more fully business in this state, will be description as more runny pushioss in this state, will be described in said deed of trust. The property hereto-trustee. The sale will be holders right's against the and other common designation, if any, of the real propersupport to pay the remaining princity described above is purportty described above is purported to be: 930 NORTH DOHE-NY DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069. The with interest and late charges undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street terms of the Deed of Trust, thereon, as provided in the incorrectness of the street terms of the Deed of Trust, thereon face of the Calman and other common interest. address and other common interest thereon, designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or lication of the Notice of Sale) implied, regarding title, pos- reasonably estimated to be submitted to a credit report session, or encumbrances, to set forth below. The amoun pay the remaining principal may be greater on the day of sum of the note(s) secured by sale. BENEFICIARY MAY said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, Recorded: 6/14/2007 as charges and expenses of the Instrument No. Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-page xxx of Official Records (Estimated*) *Accrued inter- of LOS ANGELES County

of Default and Demand for CONTACT A ed in the county where the On August 25, real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 08/05/2011 Foreclosures Services 1516 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 330 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 ing bid amounts call (714 277-4845. Kimberly A 08/12/2011

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SAL TS #: CA-11-438696-VI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUS MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC savings and loan association, or savings association code and authorized to do fore described is being sold made, but without covenant real property only. THIS real property only. THIS real property only. THIS and other common designal implied regarding title pospal sum of the note(s imated fees, penses of the trusts cred of Trust, to-page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County of LOS ANGELES COUNTY OF TRUSTICE SINCE TRUSTICE SIZE TRUSTEE Sale No. 729261CA Loan No. 3013814052 Title Order No. 980165987-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A ACCOUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY OF LOS

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S

DEED OF TRUST DATED 06-

California; Date of Sale: 9/16/2011 at 10:30:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building 350 West Mission Blvd. Pomona CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$450,582.82 The purported property address is: 8960 CYNTHIA STREET #202 WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069 Assessor's Parcel 4340-021-050 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Bank Code §2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, Ioan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no furthei recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-573-1965 or Login to: www.priorityposting.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan ON BEHALF OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE fees, USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obliga-tions. IDSPub #0009196 8/26/2011 9/2/2011

INGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08-26-2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 06-26-2007, Book , Page , Instrument 20071527181, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: GLENN NEIL LEDESMA, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sále to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right. title, and interest conveved to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made. but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CA Description: LOT Legal Description: LOT 3 IN BLOCK 3 OF TRACT NO. 4769 IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELÉS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 52 PAGE(S) 23 TO 25, INCLU-SIVE OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUN-TY. TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF LOT "R" IN BLOCK 3 OF SAID TRACT 4769, LYING SOUTHERLY OF THE WESTERLY PRO-LONGATION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3, AND NORTHERLY OF THE WEST-ERLY PROLONGATION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3. Amount of unpaid other charges \$1,078,083.83 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 809-811 NORTH WEST KNOLL DRIVE WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069 APN Number: 4337-005-084 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mort-gagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the bor-rower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has

made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their `situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 08-05-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee ISAAC PACHECO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECON-VEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED THAT PURPOSE. nia Reconveyance FOR California 9200 Oakdale Company Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4052183 08/05/2011, 08/12/2011, 08/19/2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT 2011066644 The following is/ar doing business as: PASSIONČELLO 269 S. Beverly Dr. #540, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; David Lyle 260 S. Beverly PASSIONCELLO Dr. #540, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: AN INDI-VIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun to ransact business under the name(s) isted herein July 15, 2011: **David** Lyle; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 18, 2011; Published: July 22, 29, August 05, 12, 2011 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT 2011061011 The following is/are doing business as: LUXURY ADVER-TISING MEDIA 2160 Century Park East 1703, Los Angeles, CA 90067 Roberta Kucker 2160 Century Park East #1703, Los Angeles, CA 90067; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun to transact name(s) listed herein June 14, 2011: Roberta Kucker; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 11, 2011; Published: July 22, 29, August 05, 12, 2011 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT 2011061014 The following is/are doing business as: AMOUR BY LOVE 930 N. Doheny Dr. #412, Los Angeles, CA 90069; Maurice Amar 930 N. Doheny Dr. #412, Los Angeles, CA 90069; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herein: **Maurice** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 11, 2011; Published: July 22, 29, August 05, 12, 2011 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT 2011061017 The following is/are doing business as: SUNSET BUSI-**NESS INSURANCE SOLUTIONS 9000** Sunset Blvd. #900, Los Angeles, CA 90069; **Sunset Insurance Services** 9000 Sunset Blvd. #900, Los Angeles, CA 90069; The business is conducted by:

A <u>CORPORATION</u>, registrant(s) begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herein June 15, 2011: Faith Branvold, President; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 11, 2011; Published: July 22, 29, August 05, 12, 2011 LACC N/C

MENT 2011061021 The following is/are doing business as: PASADENA YOUTH BUILD AND RECREATION CEN-**TER** 8306 Wilshire Blvd. #1213, Beverly Hills, CA 90211; **Piercy** Charitable Foundation 8306 Wilshire Blvd. #1213, Beverly Hills, CA 90211; The business is conducted by: A COR-PORATION, registrant(s) has begun to listed herein June 01, 2011: S.P. Turner, President; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 11, 2011; Published: July 22, 29, August 05, 12, 2011 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT 2011061022 The following is/are doing business as:

BEN MACHINE
LLC 268 S. Oakhurst Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212; Ben Machine LLC 268 S. OA 90212, Bell machine LLC 200 3. Oakhurst Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed

herein: Edward Kosmal, President; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 11, 2011; Published July 22, 2 LACC N/C 29, August 05, 12, 201

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT 2011061026 The fol is/are doing business as: GENERA TION KLEAN 1717 Chevy Chase Dr. Beverly Hills, CA 90210; **Generation Klean, Inc.** 1717 Chevy Chase Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registrant(s) has begun to transac business under the name(s) listed herein May 30, 2011: **Jonathan D** Larson, CÉO; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 11 2011; Published: July 22, 29 August 05, 12, 2011 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE MENT 2011061029 The following is/are doing business as: **OWN THE DODGERS** 9663 Santa Monica Blvd. #299, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; Stanley **Stalford, Jr.** 9663 Santa Monica Blvd #299, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: AN INDI-VIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun to listed herein June 30, 2011: Stanley Stalford, Jr.; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 11 2011; Published: July 22, 29 August 05, 12, 2011 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT 2011061032 The following is/are doing business as: SILVER conducted by: A CORPORATION, reg- 26, 2011 LACC N/C istrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herei July 01. 2011: **Bette Ö'Banion Kahn.** President; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 11, 2011 Published: July 22, 29, August 05 12, 2011 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE MENT 2011068929 The following is/are doing business as: INTESA under the name(s) listed herein:
MEDIATION GROUP, LLC 10100 Santa Lauren Beck; Statement is filed with Monica Blvd. #300, Los Angeles, CA the County of Los Angeles: July 25, would bivd. #300, Los Angeles, CA 90067; Intesa Mediation Group, LLC 2011; Published: August 05, 12, 19, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABURY 2021 by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registrant(s) has NOT begun to trans act businèss under the name(s) list ed herein: **Shannon M. Costley, Sole APARTMENTS** 3009 Castle Heights **Member**; Statement is filed with the Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90034 County of Los Angeles: July 21, 2011; Published: July 29, August 05, 12, 19, 2011 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE MENT 2011071549 The following is/are doing business as: 4M VEND ING 118 S. Beverly Dr. #215, Beverly is filed with the County of Los Angeles: Hills, CA 90212; Mathieu A. Wiener July 29, 2011; Published: August 05, 1050 Carolyn Way, Beverly Hills, CA 12, 19, 26, 2011 LACC N/C 90210; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herein July 27, 2011: Mathieu Wiener; Statement is file with the County of Los Angeles: July 27, 2011; Published: July 29 August 05, 12, 19, 2011 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE MENT 2011069995 The following is/are doing husiness as: 1) STUDIO s/are doing business as: LINE ENTERTAINMENT 2) STUDIO-**LINE** 9100 Wilshire Blvd. Entertainment, Inc. 9100 Wilshire Blvd. #225-E, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: A CORTION registrant(s) has begun to MENT 2011075364 The following large doing business as: 1) MAYlisted herein January 01, 2011

titious business name: **B.T.N.S.** 1135 August 03, 2011; Published: August N. Mansfield Ave., Los Angeles, CA 05, 12, 19, 26, 2011 **LACC N/C** neterred to above was filed on (date):
November 04, 2010 in the county of Los Angeles;
JA Consulting Inc.
1135 N. Mansfield Ave., Los Angeles,
CA 90038; The business is conducted

MENT 2011069969 The following is/are doing business as: LITTLI STUDIO FILMS 9903 Santa Monic Blvd. #139, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 Tornado Pictures LLC 9903 Santa Monica Blvd. #139, Beverly Hills, CA 90212: The business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, regstrant(s) has begun to transac business under the name(s) listed herein March 2005: Alexandra Yacovlef, President; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 25, 2011; Published: August 05, 12, 19, 26, 2011 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT 2011069977 The following is/are doing business as: 1) LINDA J. LAWSON DESIGN 2) LJL Design 1420-1/2 S. Beverly Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035; Linda J. Lawson 1420-1/2 . Beverly Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035 he business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herein 2000: Linda J. Lawson; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 25, 2011 Published: August 05, 12, 19, 26 2011 **LACC N/Č**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE MENT 2011069980 The following is/are doing business as: TRUST . DEED GALLERY 433 N. Camden Dr. #600, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; TD Gallery, Inc. 433 N. Camden Dr. #600, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, registractly has MOT heaven to is/are doing business as: SILVER registrant(s) has <u>NOT</u> begun to transact business under the 3115 W. Olive Ave. #6, Burbank, CA 91595; Chicago Associates US, Inc. | Ivakhnik, CEO; Statement is filed with 865 Comstock Ave. #16-D, Los the County of Los Angeles: July 25, Angeles, CA 90024; The business is 2011; Published: August 05, 12, 19,

> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEis/are doing business as: **SO C KIDS** 9165 Sunset Blvd. #201, Angeles, CA 90069; **Lauren Beck** 245 S. Spalding Dr. #304, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business INTESA under the name(s) listed herein:

> > FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE MENT 2011072069 The followin Abraham Shafran 3009 Castle Heights Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90034; The business is conducted by: AN INDI-VIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun transact business under name(s) listed herein December 29, 1999: Abraham Shafran: Statement

> > FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT 2011074545 The followin is/are doing business as: EILAT'S
> > MANOR 1621 S. Sherbourne Dr., Los
> > Angeles, CA 90035; Eilat Day Care
> > Inc. 1621 S. Sherbourne Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herein: Eilat Nahum, President; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 02, 2011; Published: August 05, 12, 19, 26,

is/are doing business as: 1) MAY-FIELD APARTMENTS 2) POINSETTIA JULY 22, 29, AUGUST 05, 12, 2011 LACC NC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2011061021 The following is/are
doing business as: PASADENA
4 JULY 25, 2011; Published: August 05, 12, Angeles, CA 90024; The business is
YOUTH BUILD AND RECREATION CEN19, 26, 2011 LACC N/C

PIELD APARIMENTS 2) POINSETTIA

David Albert Pierce, Esq., PROPERTIES LLC 710 Devon Ave., Los
doing business as: PASADENA
25, 2011; Published: August 05, 12, Angeles, CA 90024; The business is
conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, registrant(s) has begun STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 20101589534 The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fic-

> CA 90038; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION declare that all information in this statement is true and correct, Signed: Laetitia Allouche, CEO; Statement #2011069960 is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 25, 2011; Published: August 05, 12, 19, 26, 2011 LACC N/C MONICA BÜVD PROPERTY 710 Devon Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024; Karz Family Trust 2/90 710 Devon Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024; The business conducted by: A TRUST, registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herein: Stanley Karz, Trustee; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 03, 2011. 2011 LACC N/C Los Angeles: August 03, 2011; Published: August 05, 12, 19, 26, FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-

PUBLIC NOTICES delivery of the keys to the

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-09-260824-ED Order #: 090188400-CA-DCI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT unable to convey title for any all right, title, and interest UNDER A DEED OF TRUST reason, the successful bid-conveyed to and now held by DATED 1/8/2004. UNLESS der's sole and exclusive rem-the trustee in the hereinafter YOU TAKE ACTION TO PRO-TECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT monies paid to the Trustee, and pursuant to the Deed of MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC and the successful bidder SALE. IF YOU NEED AN shall have no further but without convenant or EXPLANATION OF THE recourse. If the sale is set warranty, expressed or NATURE OF THE PROCEED- aside for any reason, the implied, regarding title, pos-ING AGAINST YOU, YOU Purchaser at the sale shall be session, or encumbrances, CONTACT LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for Purchaser shall have no fur-secured by the Deed of Trust, cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, fees, charges and expenses check drawn by state or fed- or the Mortgagee's Attorney. of the Trustee for the total eral credit union, or a check Date: -- Quality Loan Service amount (at the time of the drawn by a state or federal Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San initial publication of the savings and loan association, Diego, CA 92101 619-645- Notice of Sale) reasonably or savings association, or 7711 For NON SALE inforsavings bank specified in mation only Sale Line: 714- below. The amount may be Section 5102 to the Financial 730-2727 or Login to: greater on the day of sale. code and authorized to do www.fidelityasap.com Place of Sale: AT THE FRONT business in this state, will be Reinstatement Line: 619- ENTRANCE held by duly appointed 645-7711 Quality Loan POMONA trustee. The sale will be Service, Corp. If you have COURTS BUILDING, 350 made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or through bankruptcy, you POMONA, CA Legal implied, regarding title, pos- may have been released of Description: AS session, or encumbrances, to personal liability for this loan FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID pay the remaining principal in which case this letter is DEED OF TRUST Amount sum of the note(s) secured by intended to exercise the note of unpaid balance and other the Deed of Trust, with inter- holders right's against the charges:\$903,119.61 The est and late charges thereon, real property only. THIS street address and other as provided in the note(s), NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE common designation of the as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS 8920 DORRINGTON AVE, thereon, fees, charges and ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A WEST HOLLYWOOD. CA expenses of the Trustee for DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE 90048 APN Number: 4336the total amount (at the time HOLDER AND OWNER OF 015-006 See Declaration, as of the initial publication of the THE NOTE. ANY INFORMA- required by California Civil Notice of Sale) reasonably TION OBTAINED BY OR Code Section 2923.54. estimated to be set forth PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM attached hereto and made a below. The amount may be OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE part hereof. CALIFORNIA greater on the day of sale. USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FORECLOSURE PREVENgreater on the day of sale. USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO As required by law, you are BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL hereby notified that a nega-AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): tive credit report reflecting Civil Code § 2923.54(a)) The DWIGHT WILSON, A MAR- on your credit record may be undersigned mortgage loan RIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND submitted to a credit report servicer hereby declares SEPARATE PROPERTY agency if you fail to fulfill the under penalty of perjury, Recorded: Instrument No. 04 0168451 in book xxx, page xxx of 07/22/2011, 07/29/2011 Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 8/15/2011 at Loan No. 1010169769 Title 2923.53 that is current and 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los MAI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S Angeles County Courthouse, SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT directly facing Norwalk Blvd., UNDER A DEED OF TRUST Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION before giving notice of sale of unpaid balance and other charges: \$545,352.60 The ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A \$ 2923.52(a). [X] The mort-purported property address PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED gage loan servicer has purported property address is: 1131 ALTA LOMA RD #511 WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA NATURE OF THE PROCEED- order of exemption pursuant 90069 Assessor's Parcel No. INGS AGAINST YOU, YOU to Cal. Civ. Code § 2923.53 5559-001-157 The under-SHOULD CONTACT A that is current and valid as of 5559-001-157 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any LAWYER. liability for any incorrectness at 10:30 AM, MERIDIAN Trustee's Sale was filed or of the property address or FORECLOSURE SERVICE given. [1] The timeframe for other common designation, if f/k/a MTDS, INC., A CALI any, shown herein. If no FORNIA CORPORATION DBA fied in Cal. Civ. Code § street address or other com- MERIDIAN TRUST DEED 2923.52(a) does not apply mon designation is shown, SERVICE as the duly because: [] The loan was not please refer to the referenced appointed Trustee under and recorded between January 1, legal description for property pursuant to Deed of Trust 2003 and January 1, 2008. I location. In the event no com-| Recorded 07-12-2007, Book | The loan is not secured by mon address or common , Page , Instrument residential real property. [] designation of the property is 20071652877 of official The loan is not secured by a provided herein directions to records in the Office of the first priority mortgage or the location of the property Recorder of LOS ANGELES deed of trust. [] The borrowmay be obtained within 10 County, California, executed er did not occupy the proper-days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request CACE ELECTRONIC SECOND by sending a written request GAGE ELECTRONIC REGIS- delinquent. [] The loan was to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. 7301 Baymeadows Way N.A. 7301 Baymeadows Way Indicate the control of the control o Jacksonville FL 32256 BANK, F.S.B., A FEDERALLY local public housing agency Pursuant to California Civil CHARTERED SAVINGS or authority. including state Code 2923.54 the under-BANK, as Beneficiary, will or local housing finance signed, on behalf of the bene- sell at public auction sale to agencies established under ficiary, loan servicer or the highest bidder for cash authorized agent, declares as cashier's check drawn by a & Safety Code and Chapter 6 follows: [1] The mortgage state or national bank, a of the Cal. Military & loan servicer has obtained cashier's check drawn by a Veterans Code, or (2) the from the commissioner a final state or federal credit union, loan is collateral for securior temporary order of exemp- or a cashier's check drawn ties purchased by any such tion pursuant to Section by a state or federal savings California state or local pub-2923.53 that is current and and loan association, savvalid on the date the notice of ings association, or savings ity. [] The borrower has sursale is filed; [2] The time- bank specified in section rendered the property as evi-

Section 2923.52 does not ness in this state. Sale will be apply pursuant to Section held by the duly appointed 2923.52 . If the Trustee is trustee as shown below, of A entitled only to a return of to pay the remaining princi-1/26/2004 as terms of your credit obliga- under the laws of the State of 08/05/2011

Order No. 110183847-CA-07-05-2007 DATED TO PROTECT YOUR PROP-AN EXPLANATION OF THE obtained a final or temporary frame for giving notice of sale 5102 of the Financial Code denced by either a letter conspecified in subdivision (a) of and authorized to do busi-firming the surrender or

Trust. The sale will be made, estimated to be set forth T0 TION ACT DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE (California tions. ASAP# 4044983 California, as follows: [] The mortgage Ioan servicer has not obtained a final or temporary order of exemption Trustee Sale No. 19513CA pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § valid as of the date that the Notice of Trustee's Sale was filed or given. Therefore, the mortgage loan servicer has waited an additional 90 days as required by Cal. Civ. Code On 08-17-2011 the date that the Notice of SERVICE given. [] The timeframe for giving notice of sale speci-Instrument residential real property. [] Division 31 of the Cal. Health lic housing agency or author-

property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary or authorized agent. [] The borrower has contracted with someone whose primary business is advising people who have decided to leave their homes on how to extend the foreclosure process and avoid their loan obligations. [] The borrower has filed for bankruptcy, and the bankruptcy court has not entered an order closing or dismissing the bankruptcy case or granting relief from the automatic stay. OneWest Bank, FSB By: Vicki Brizendine ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". DATE: 7/20/2011 MERIDIAN FORE-CLOSURE SERVICE f/k/a MTDS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION MERIDIAN TRUST DEED SERVICE, As Trustee 3 San Joaquin Plaza Suite 215 Newport Beach CA 92660 Sales Line: (714) 573-1965 (702) 586-4500 PRIORITY-POSTING.COM JESSE J. FERNANDEZ, FORECLO-SURE ASSISTANT MERIDI-AN TRUST DEED SERVICE IS ASSISTING THE BENEFI-CIARY TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P857987 7/22, 7/29, 08/05/2011

Trustee Sale No. 748593CA Loan No. 0082570128 Title Order No. 110194758-CA-MAI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST 12-23-2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROP-ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEED-INGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08-12-2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 01-12-2004, Book N/A, Page Instrument 0067692, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: CONNIE STEVENS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of

the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE POMONA SUPERIOR COURTS BUILD-ING, 350 W. MISSION Legal Description: AS MORE DEED OF TRUST Amount of charges: \$1,148,910.24 (estithe real property: 9551 CHEROKEE LANE BEVERLY undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any address and other common "as is". In compliance with California 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their explore options to avoid foreefforts to contact the borrow-States mail; either 1st class delivery; by personal delivery; CALIFORNIA Trustee CASIMIR NÚNEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECON-VEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A OBTAINED WILL BE USED PURPOSE. FOR THAT California Reconveyance Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 HYPERLINK "http://www.lpsasap.com" www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-

08/05/2011 Title No. 4486401 ALS No. 2010-6259 NOTICE TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE TS No. 10-0040619 Title CA 93063 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED RECONTRUST COMPANY, TO PROTECT YOUR PROP- OF TRUST, DATED N.A. is a debt collector ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A 07/25/2007. UNLESS YOU attempting to collect a debt. PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT Any information obtained AN EXPLANATION OF THE YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE will be used for that purpose. NATURE OF THE PROCEED- SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF FEI # 1006.102270 7/22 INGS AGAINST YOU, YOU YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION 7/29, 8/05/2011 SHOULD CONTACT A OF THE NATURE OF THE LAWYER. NOTICE IS HERE- PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU. BY GIVEN THAT: On YOU SHOULD CONTACT A 8/12/2011, at 10:30AM, LAWYER. Notice is hereby ASSOCIATION LIEN SER- given that RECONTRUS VICES, as duly appointed COMPANY, N.A., as duly Trustee under and pursuant appointed trustee pursuant to to a certain lien, recorded on the Deed of Trust executed by number 20100742088, of the MAN, dated 07/25/2007 and official records of Los recorded 07/31/07, Angeles County, California. Instrument No.
WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUC- 20071803047, in Book , Page TION TO HIGHEST BIDDER), of Official Records in the FOR LAWFUL MONEY OF office of the County Recorder THE UNITED STATES, OR A of Los Angeles County, State CASHIERS CHECK at: At the of California, will sell on

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front entrance to the Pomona 08/12/2011 at 1:00PM, for the total amount (at the address and other common Blvd., Pomona, Los Angeles, unpaid balance and other common designations, if any, if any, of the real property mated) Street address and be made, but without to be: 1155 N. LA CIENEGA other common designation of covenant or warranty, BLVD., 1107, WEST HOLLY HILLS, CA 90210 APN encumbrances, to pay the claims any liability for any Number: 4388-008-036 The remaining principal sum of a incorrectness of the street designation, if any, shown provided therein: plus interest thereon of the obli-herein. The property hereto-advances, if any, under the gation secured by the propherein. The property hereto- advances, if any, under the gation secured by the prop-fore described is being sold terms thereof and interest on erty to be sold plus reason-Civil Code charges, expenses of the expenses and advances at financial situation and to sonable estimated costs, the total indebtedness due. closure; or that it has made time of the initial publication Trustee will accept cashier's situation and to explore be in cash, a cashier's check by a state or federal credit options to avoid foreclosure drawn on a state or national union, or a check drawn by a by one of the following meth-bank, a check drawn by a state or federal savings and ods: by telephone; by United state bank or federal credit loan association, savings or certified; by overnight state or federal savings & specified in Section 5102 of RECON- the Financial Code and made, in an "AS IS" condi-Company 9200 Oakdale written declaration of Default in said Note, plus fees, Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 and Demand for Sale, and a charges and expenses of the HÝPEŔLINK http://www.priorityposting.c www.priorityposting.com 7/29, 7/22. 7/29. 08/05/2011

June 1, 2010, as instrument ROD DEOCERA, A SINGLÉ as

Superior Courts Building, the front entrance to the 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona Superior Courts Pomona, CA The street Building, 350 West Mission designations, if any, of the CA at public auction, to the real property described above highest bidder for cash or is purported to be: 1155 N La check as described below. Cienega Blvd No 807, West payable in full at time of sale, Hollywood, CA 90069 all right, title, and interest Assessor's Parcel No. 5555- conveyed to and now held by 006-125 The owner(s) of the it under said Deed of Trust. real property is purported to in the property situated in be: April Botton, A single said County and State and as BOULEVARD, POMONA, CA woman. The undersigned more fully described in the Trustee disclaims any liability above referenced Deed of FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID for any incorrectness of the Trust. The street address and street address and other other common designation. shown herein. Said sale will described above is purported expressed or implied, regard-WOOD, CA, 90069. The ing title, possession or undersigned Trustee disnote, homeowner's assess-laddress and other common ment or other obligation designation, if any, shown incorrectness of the street secured by this lien, with herein. The total amount of interest and other sum as the unpaid balance with such advances, plus fees, able estimated costs Trustee and Trust created by the time of the initial publicasaid lien. The total amount of tion of the Notice of Sale is the unpaid balance of the \$545,049.17. It is possible obligation secured by the that at the time of sale the property to be sold and rea- opening bid may be less than expenses and advances at the In addition to cash, the of the Notice of Sale is checks drawn on a state or er(s) to assess their financial \$21,714.98. Payment must national bank, a check drawn union, or a check drawn by a association, or savings bank loan association, savings the Financial Code and by e-mail; by face to face association, or savings bank authorized to do business in meeting. DATE: 07-18-2011 specified in section 5102 of this state. Said sale will be VEYANCE COMPANY, as authorized to do business in tion, but without covenant or this state. The real property warranty, express or implied, described above is being sold regarding title, possession or subject to the right of encumbrances, to satisfy the redemption. The redemption indebtedness secured by COLLECTOR period within which real said Deed of Trust, advances property may be redeemed thereunder, with interest as DEBT. ANY INFORMATION ends 90 days after the sale provided, and the unpaid The beneficiary of said Lien principal of the Note secured hereto executed and deliv-by said Deed of Trust with ered to the undersigned, a interest thereon as provided and Demand for Sale, and a charges and expenses of the written Notice of Default and Trustee and of the trusts cre-Election to Sell. The under- ated by said Deed of Trust. If signed caused said notice of required by the provisions of default and election to sell to section 2923.5 of the be recorded in the County California Civil Code, the where the real property is declaration from the mortlocated. Date: July 11, 2011 gagee, beneficiary or author-Association Lien Services, as ized agent is attached to the Trustee P.O. Box 64750. Los Notice of Trustee's Sale duly Angeles, CA 90064 (310) recorded with the appropri-207-2027 By: Elsie Canul, ate County Recorder's Office. Trustee Officer P857255 DATED: 07/01/2010 RECON-TRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, Phone/Sale IN DEFAULT OF A LIEN, Order No. 10-8-155425 APN Information: (800) 281 8219 DATED MAY 28, 2010. No. 5555-006-167 YOU ARE By: Trustee's Sale Officer No. 5555-006-167 YOU ARE By: Trustee's Sale Officer

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

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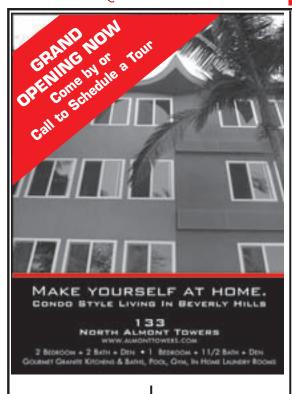
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# **City Manager Jeff Kolin** Responds To The Courier

The City of Beverly Hills recently provided comprehensive salary and benefit information to *The Courier* in response to public records requests. In the interest of transparency in government; the City willingly granted the requests each time. All City salaries and benefits are, and should be, a matter of public record.

I would like to point a number of inaccuracies in The Courier's editorial commentary:

• It was stated that salary consists of "about half the cost of each employee" with the reminder of the cost taken up by benefits. In the chart provided to *The Courier*, calendar year 2010 benefits actually make up on average 25.58 percent of total compensation for miscellaneous employees (non-safety) and about 29.60 percent of total compensation for sworn police and fire employees.

• The articles also stated that "most City of Beverly Hills employees cost taxpayers over \$200,000 each year." In fact, some 19.82 percent of fulltime employees cost the City more than \$200,000 each year. The average cost of a full-time employee to the City of Beverly Hills for calendar year 2010, including all special pays, leaves payouts and benefits was \$210,667.25 for sworn police and fire and \$111,

393.44 for non-safety employees.

- The articles mention that most City employees take every other Friday off - known as the 9-80 schedule-and implied that this was paid time off. The City offers a number of alternatives to the traditional 40-hour work week. One of those, the 9-80 schedule, allows employees to work longer days over a two-week period (80 hours in nine days) and take a day off every other week, usually Fridays. This is unpaid leave, exactly the same as a regular weekend. All full-time employees work the same number of regular hours/ regardless of schedule. The 9-80 schedule has a number of benefits for residents, including longer business hours at City Hall and less traffic congestion on Fridays. 9-80 schedules were developed in the early 90s response to the South Coast Air Quality Management District's mandate that employers develop ways to reduce the number of drive trips their employees make during a work week. A number of private organizations offer a 9-80 schedule including Cedars-Sinai, UCLA, Disney, and Boe-
- The articles say that all leave time (vacation, sick leave and administrative leave) can be cashed in if not used. In fact, a limited amount of unused leave can be cashed in each year-the amount varies by employee group. The cash-out option pays the accumulated leave at the employee's current hourly rate, rather than the generally higher rate they would be earning if they waited to cash out upon retiring.
- Another statement: "every City worker has at least 13 weeks off with pay" is inaccurate. Full-time City employees have from six to 13 weeks of paid leave each year, depending on length of service and employee bargaining group. This includes sick leave, vacation time, national holidays and administrative leave for executive and management employees.
- The statement: "Even highly paid executives and other staff members receive overtime" is inaccurate. Executive and management employees receive no overtime for hours worked beyond the regular work week. Management and professional receive 80 hours of administrative leave and can cash in up to 40 hours at the end of the year. Executive staff receives 120 hours of administrative leave and can cash in up to 80 hours at the end of the year.
- Regarding retirement, the articles say that "Beverly Hills grants employees retirement benefits equal to 3 percent of their highest ever compensation multiplied by each year of service to a maximum of 30 years." Only sworn police and fire department employees receive 3 percent. All other City employees receive 2.5 percent.
- Finally, the articles state: "Beverly Hills does not know how many former employees receive retirement pay from working for Beverly Hills." The City knows exactly how many people have retired from the City. However, many employees haveworked for other agencies and accumulated retirement benefits through those organizations in addition to the City. Retirement benefits are calculated, processed and paid for by the California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS). Therefore, the record of retirement benefits for each employee is maintained only by CalPERS.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The majority of our City Council has been often brooks no change, even if it's for the greater weak and quiet. This is enough. Stop negotiating quietly. The Metro does not belong under our high school for all the reasons already given, but let's recap the essential ones.

(1) It would forever preclude any change or reconfiguring of BHHS with the Metro link easement underneath and changing the size or density of the high school.

(2) That is our disaster relief center where a community would congregate in an emergency.

(3) Where would L.A. and Beverly Hills first responders enter for evacuation purposes and where would you triage people.

(4) But the last and most overlooked item on the list is... the Metro accident with the Amtrak train in Chatsworth. That suit has been resolved as Congress held in favor of Metrolink, which also named Veolia Transportation and its subsidiary, Connex Railroad. The most critical issue remaining in play is a provision in the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-134), which places a \$200 million cap on the aggregate of all passengers' damage claims in an accident against a passenger railroad, including punitive damages.

Bloomberg News reported this event would likely be the first legal test of this law, according to a former staffer for U. S. House Transportation Subcomm- ittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials who helped write the law. The latter predicted that given the number of casualties, the cap is almost certainly going to be an issue in pending litigation. An attorney representing two of the victims agreed, saying payouts could range from \$5 million to \$10 million per death or serious injury. Metrolink reportedly has insurance coverage totaling \$150 million

The interests of our children, families and City come first. We have passed school bonds in excess of \$334 million plus an earlier bond measure in excess of 90 million. We self insure. City Council--wake up! Nancy Krasne\*

\*Former mayor of Beverly Hills and past member of the City Council

I work for the City as an environmental maintenance worker, and wanted to thank you for printing the salaries and total compensations for all City employees. The article and chart needed to be printed and most of the employees here in the Public Works Department have picked up the paper for the reason of finding out what was also closed to our eyes in the past, and straighten misleading facts given to us as well.

It is a shame litigation had to be threatened for you to receive the truth. However, I would also like to point out inaccuracies in your articles. Though the chart is correct, the articles state all City employees receive 13 weeks paid leave, guaranteed overtime, work a 9/80, and are paid double what the private sector would be paid—for my job, at least, are all untrue. I get only about five weeks paid leave annually, like I have for five years, get no guaranteed overtime, and though receiving some overtime this last year, it was for working the L.A. Marathon on a Saturday (my sixth day at work that week) and paid by L.A., not B.H. And some of the years prior to last one, I have not received any overtime. I work eight hours a day, five days a week and have for the past five years, including working weekends with no differing compensation for working a weekend shift.

Furthermore this last year, our exact job title was put out to bid to see what the outside (private) sector would pay or cost the City so as to outsource our job.. The results of those bids showed, however, we cost the City almost \$100,000 less than the private sector would. And the outside companies could pay more in salaries than the City and we still ended up dropping four employees from our department to save the City money.

Therefore I find it irresponsible to print an article that showed such consistent inaccuracies about some of the City jobs, especially when my name was printed in the paper. However, the article and chart needed to be printed. A lot of the City employees do get such benefits you mentioned, and it is in my personal opinion there is an overkill of the benefits for working in the City.

**Charles Boeshaar** 

Thanks for providing our City's salary and compensation data. Those who want to make change in Beverly Hills know that entrenched conservatism

good.

Now we have a better idea what may be behind a perceived lack of responsiveness on the part of City Hall. This despite eyebrow-raising salaries, non-competitive benefits, and questionable bonuses that should mean full-time staffing, while we seem to have instead is a part-time City Hall. Call midweek, for example, and your call may be returned at the end of the day Thursday, moments before staffers leave for the long weekend. Try to find a higher-level administrator on a Friday, and you're likely out of luck until the next week. All you are told is they're not in. Perhaps technology offers an answer to the value question. What about an online "staff tracker"? Through the Internet, then, we could know when that well-compensated administrator is available to solve our problem or answer our question, or when they're off-duty. Seeing as how the City's website is still in the Web 0.5 era (circa year 2000), I don't expect to see such a handy tool appear any time soon.

**Mark Elliot** 

Great reading on the obscene benefits of the almost 1,000 Čity "civil servants" ala Bell, Compton, et. al. but you missed another super benefit worth tens of thousands, it not more. They are allowed to enroll their children in our wonderful schools at no cost whereas private schools would cost them a bundle. As a 35-year resident who moved here because of the schools-which were better then-I was disturbed by the defeat of the legacy permits recently which now allows non-residents the benefits of our BHUSD.

Can you find out how many school children does each City employee enroll here and what the total enrollment is on our campuses? loe Marc

Thanks for publishing the Beverly Hills salaries, but unfortunately the City gave you old data--not even close to current. For salaries over \$100,000, you can add between \$30,000- 70,000+ dependent on original amount it gave you.

Also note, there are no salaries published for part time employees, people who really work in the City. Comparing salaries to Los Angeles or Santa Monica, part timers in Beverly Hills make in average \$2-4 less per hour with no benefits. On the contrary full time Beverly Hills employee same positions with salaries over \$100,000 a year makes more than any city around with amazing benefits.

The City itself is involved a lot of conspiracy with impossibility of getting hired, unless you know somebody. When it does open competitive hiring, it already has somebody in mind to be hired, but puts on some kind of circus show for people who think they have a chance. I am a part-time employee myself one of the few who managed to be hired without knowing anybody in the City, and only got lucky because the guy whom they planned to hire, ended up being a fugitive after background check.

We have freeze up salaries now by missing cost of living increase for over three years. Hopefully, you will take my info for consideration and request more recent salaries from City of Beverly Hills and may be do small investigation.

Ollie Carr

May I congratulate The Courier for leading the charge to obtain City employment records, along with employee benefit packages. We now know why City parking, water, trash, and other fees have been raised substantially in recent years. We now know why our City's parking structures have substantial deferred maintenance.

We have plenty of City revenue. However, we have three serious financial problems that must be immediately corrected: (1) We overpay City employees compared to the private sector; (2) The size of our City staff is too big; and (3) our City's overly generous pension programs with retirement at age 50, are not sustainable.

Generating more revenue and raising fees again is not the solution to our City's financial problems. The City Council must now lead and not continue to follow or listen to City staff and experts hired by staff. Our council must correct the above three financial problems with every single department in the City of Beverly Hills, including our excellent fire and police.

**Larry Larson** 

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# **OPINION**

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# From the Publisher CLIF SMITH

# THANK YOU, MR. KOLIN, FOR CONFIRMING OUR ARTICLES

We publish, in full, a letter received from City Manager Jeff Kolin commenting on the articles in *The Courier* about City staff costs. We remind our readers that we had to threaten to sue to get this information, but in fairness the City ultimately provided all the information we requested. They did give us some information the first two times we asked, but never gave us what we asked for until we threatened to sue. What we published as charts are, in fact, exact copies of what the City supplied.

We want to thank Jeff for taking the time to respond to our reports. His letter confirms what we reported and we think that is quite admirable of him to do so.

As for his specific comments, we are reminded of the story of the blood-spattered suspect being led away in handcuffs from the scene of a multiple murder who protested: "I didn't kill five people; I only killed four."

Numbers, averages, medians and means are useful tools to play games with. Semantics enters. We believe that Beverly Hills citizens can read the raw data for themselves and draw their own conclusions.

Regarding Kolin's first comment about "benefits," the percentage is a result of what you consider "benefits." Does that word mean only healthcare and retirement? Or does it mean vacation, overtime, "administrative leave," "sick time," car allowance, and everything else? That's why we urged our readers to look at the "Total" column to see what each employee costs them. Our point is that the word "salary" is deceptive standing alone and Mr. Kolin's letter only reinforces the point.

His admission that nearly 20 percent of City staff cost over \$200,000 per year needs no comment other than to say that our jaws remain dropped in the same place they were when we first learned of this. Using "numbers" as tools, he concedes the AVERAGE cost of a City employee is about \$150,000. Excuse us?

He then admits that EVERY City employee, regardless of salary, time off or vacation, is paid by the hour. Work an extra hour, get paid extra. For someone costing even \$150,000 a year that would bring to bankruptcy any private company. In private industry, it is just not done. Period. For straight hourly employees, that's one thing. For a six-figure executive the notion is astonishing. Execs working only 40 hours a week get overtime, sick time, AND an extra day off? Yep!

Terminology? Oh, "senior staff" don't get "overtime," they get "administrative leave," which City staff told us means, "overtime." Playing games with terminology is how they have hidden the ball for years. We refuse to play.

The rest of his letter confirms what we reported in all material details.

What remains to be seen is whether, as our readers demand, the current City Council majority of Mayor Barry Brucker, Vice Mayor Willie Brien, M.D. and Councilmember Julian Gold, M.D., will join the reform Councilmembers John Mirisch and Lili Bosse to create a pay structure which is fair to taxpayers and staff. Gold promised he would do that in our editorial interview with him before he was elected. He promised voters he would do that. We hope he can break with his medical colleague Dr. Brien on this one and support the taxpayers.

Wait for next week's installment. It's a good thing we have top-notch oral surgeons in Beverly Hills. They are going to be swamped putting jaws back.



# Rabbi Jacob Pressman WASHINGTON'S 'NATIONAL THEATER'

Hollywood, look to your laurels. The mantle of Euterpe has been passed from your shoulders to the twin bodies of House and Senate in our stately national Capital Building in Washington, D.C. From the last days of July to the second day of August our solons have kept us twisting in the wind with anxiety about the future of our government, the direction of the marketplace, and the economic stability of much of the world.

This drama had a fixed final curtain and kept us wondering fearfully: will the stock market crash? Will the U.S.A. lose its AAA rating? Will thousands of our fellow citizens who can least cope with it lose these homes, or their paychecks, or their jobs? Will our troops in dangerous places around the world be asked to serve without compensation, or to thumb their way home?

The press was mustered in the thousands; hordes of cameramen and camerawomen, reporters and commentators were herded together in the corridors of both houses, the clicks of

Hollywood, look to your laurels. The mantle hundreds of camera shutters and flashes created uterpe has been passed from your shoulders an ominous drum-roll in the background.

With exquisite dramatic savvy the answers were deferred to the very last possible day. The House made sure that their roll call would be made at the primest of prime time, 7 p.m. on the East coast, dinnertime, 4 p.m. in the laid-back West, to the largest possible audience, when the roll call was taken and the tiny numbers came on the screen. The Senate vote on the last morning was taken at noon, Eastern and 9 a.m. Western. The breath of relief could be heard across the continent. But, alas there was no applause. The stock market kept dropping and the dramatic critics were e-mailing luke-warm reviews. A puzzled audience turned back the game and sport shows and sighed: "Now what?"

And the tag line was universal and was the same one with which I used to conclude my sermons: "To be continued."

The greatest show on earth had come to its intermission.

#### **POLICE BLOTTER**

BURGLARY

Occurred between 4 p.m. on 7/22 and 8:15 a.m. on 7/26 in 300 block of S. La Peer Dr. Unknown suspect used bolt cutters to cut padlock, entered location and stole property. Loss \$90 Occurred between 11 p.m. on 7/25 and 7:30 a.m. on 7/26 in 700 block of Walden Dr. Unknown suspects gained access to victim's garage and took items from unlocked vehicles.

Occurred about 1:10 p.m. on 7/27 in 200 block of S. La Peer Dr. Unknown suspect shattered window pane on French door, entered residence but fled without property.

Occurred between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 7/27 in 200 block of S. La Peer Dr. Unknown suspect attempted to force entry into victim's residence via a rear slider.

Occurred between 8:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 7/27 in 100 block of N. Swall Dr. Unknown suspect cut screen to bedroom window, entered residence but fled without property.

Occurred at 12:15 a.m. on 7/31 in 300 block of S. Clark Dr. Suspect: Male Black, 30–entered unlocked vehicle, took garage door opener and used it to enter residence.

Occurred between 6 p.m. on 7/26 and 6 a.m. on 7/27 in 400 block of Martin Lane. Unknown entered three closed gates and stole two pool motors and one heater.

Loss \$4,500

Occurred between midnight on 7/27 and 5:30 p.m. on 7/28 in 600 block of N. Palm Dr. Unknown suspect entered victim's secured rear yard and stole property. Loss \$1,030

GRAND THEFT

**ROBBERY** 

Occurred between 3:40 and 4:05 p.m. on 7/29 in area of N. Roxbury Dr./S. Santa Monica Blvd. Unknown suspect stole merchandise from store. Loss \$17 Occurred between 5/28 and 7/28 in 9100 block of Beverly Blvd. Suspect: Female Hispanic, 70, 5'01", 110, brown eyes and gray hair–stole victim's property while employed as a caregiver.

Loss \$60,000

Occurred around 4:28 p.m. on 7/27 in the area of Clifton Way and N. Swall Dr. Suspect #1:

Male Black, 50, 6'01", 250, black hair. Suspect #2: Male Asian, 40, 5'08", 250, bald head-grabbed victim's cash and fled after the latter gave them a ride. Loss \$1,800 **ASSAULT** 

Occurred around 1:30 a.m. on 7/27 in 1700 block of Loma Vista Dr. Two people struck each other while arguing in a moving vehicle causing visible injuries to both.

Occurred about 6:50 p.m. on 7/27 in 9700 block of S. Santa Monica Blvd. Unknown suspect assumed fighting stance and spit at victim when asked to leave site for aggressive panhandling.

Occurred about 11 p.m. on 7/29 in 300 block of S. Linden Dr. Suspect #1: Male White, 16, 5'08", 160, black hair and eyes. Suspect #2: Male White, 16, 5'07", 130, black hair–repeatedly hit victim in head with closed fist while the other hit victim in face with closed fists.

Occurred about 11:48 p.m. on 7/30 in area of Charleville Blvd. and S. Doheny Dr. Suspect began a physical altercation with victim when the latter removed keys from vehicle.

FORGERY
Occurred between midnight on 7/12 and 11 a.m. on 7/23 in 9500 block of Wilshire Blvd.
Unknown suspect forged victim's signature on counterfeit check, then attempted to deposit it into

bank account without success.

Occurred between 9 and 9:30
a.m. on 7/28 in 9600 block of
Charleville Blvd. Suspect: Female
Asian, 42, 5'07'', 135, black hair
and brown eyes–completed and
cashed victim's signed checks.

Loss \$1,020

**IDENTITY THEFT** 

Occurred between 10/3/10 and 7/18 in 800 block of N. Camden Dr. Unknown suspect used victim's personal identifying information to open several fraudulent accounts.

Occurred between 1/1 and 7/20 in 100 block of N. Willaman Dr. Unknown suspect obtained victim's credit card and pin number and then made unauthorized purchase

Occurred between noon on 7/8 and 3:36 p.m. on 7/19 in 9400 block of Wilshire Blvd. Unknown suspect transferred funds without victim's authorization.

Occurred at 4:12 p.m. on 6/26 in 9600 block of Wilshire Blvd.

Suspect: Male Black-used victim's credit card and identifying information to fraudulently obtain goods.

Occurred between 7/13 and 7/21 in 200 block of S. Gale Dr. Unknown suspect used victim's personal information to open a billing service account, then made purchases using the latter's

Occurred between 5/23 and 7/21in 10900 block of Magnolia Blvd. Unknown suspect obtained victim's personal information, opened a bank account, applied for an auto loan and financed two vehicles.

Occurred between 7/8 and 7/10 in 100 block of N. Clark Dr. Unknown suspect attempted to obtain credit cards using victim's personal information.

#### LETTERS

(Continued from page 30)

I have sent the following letter to members of the City Council this week. . .

I was appalled by the schedules listed in the paper these past two weeks. The number of employees, the magnitude of their compensation and the pay policies which give rise to such excesses shock me. Unlike the Bell disclosures, none of you has personally participated, but you are responsible for allowing this to grow like some unwanted tumor.

There was a time when public employees received fringe benefits as compensation for lower wage scales than those in private industry. It is evident that our employees have surpassed private industry in all respects.

You shorten work weeks to meet budgetary pressures but allow overtime that negates that effect. You approve overtime pay to department leaders who should be salaried. You approve retirement credit at the highest wage level not at annual levels during the earning years

What is your reaction to the disclosures? What do you plan to do about it if anything?

Bert Serden

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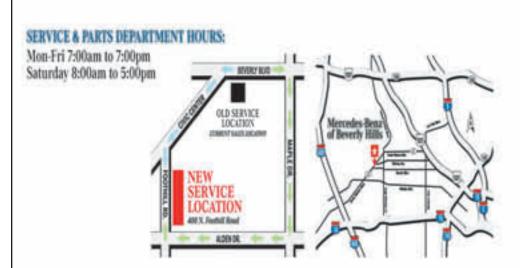




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