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In order that we may preserve the integrity of the application and interview process, please direct all inquiries to the City Clerk, City Manager or the Director of Public Works & Transportation. Please DO NOT contact the City Councilmembers or the Groundwater Management Plan Technical Committee members regarding these vacancies.

Application forms for the Groundwater Management Plan Technical Committee, along with background information and filing details are available for pickup in the City Clerk’s Office, Room 290, 455 N. Rexford Drive, or call 310.285.2400 to receive an application and information by mail or by e-mail.

The deadline for filing applications for this Committee has been extended to Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

BYRON POPE, CMC  
City Clerk

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## SNAPSHOT



### WHO ARE YOU WEARING? RODEO DRIVE

The Rodeo Drive Committee and the City of Beverly Hills presented Italian designer Valentino Garavani with the Rodeo Drive Walk of Style Award for his contributions to the worlds of fashion and entertainment on Thursday April 2. Pictured: Valentino Garavani, actress Anne Hathaway, Mayor Nancy Krasne

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# city & schools

## New Council, New Perspectives

### Mirisch votes against Chinese Sister City expenditure

By Diana Vu



Jimmy Delshad

In her first formal meeting as Mayor Nancy Krasne guided the council through permit parking, a number of new city ordinances, efficient spending, and a Sister City program in China.

The city was reminded that Beverly Hills once again, received a National AAA Bond rating based on fiscal management and strength in finances. Beverly Hills stands with Santa Monica, as the only two cities in California with the high-status ranking.

The rating lowers the interest rate for the city, makes financing the cost of infrastructure less, and creates an easier route to attain financing in these tough economic times. Only 20 cities in the country currently

ated cost-effective practices such as combining departments, and "training the trainers." As reported by Assistant City Manager Katie Lichtig, statistics from Tuesday's meeting show as much as \$8.45 in returns for every dollar invested.

In a discussion regarding the Beverly Hills Re-Branding Initiative, Krasne expressed her concern for the use of the city seal versus the city shield.

Krasne stated she liked the shield, but wanted the council's logo to be different from the Chamber of Commerce, whose shield is the same, but with a three-dimensional effect.

"With the seal comes weight. It's traditional, official, and it means something. When I send out an important letter, I want the seal. Just like when I receive a letter from Obama or Eisenhower, there is a seal on it. If I receive a letter from the White House, there's a White House on it, but no seal," said Krasne.

The shield, which has been branded on over 3,500 street signs, apparel, and vehicles, is a modern take on the Beverly Hills brand.

The seal is the traditional seal that dates back to 1914. It pictures among many things, a golden star, flag, state flag, and eagle.

Councilmember Barry Brucker said that he felt the seal was too cluttered and didn't capture the essence of Beverly Hills.

"I have been around the world with this

shield, and people recognize it. People want to take pictures with me because of it," said Brucker.

Councilmember Jimmy Delshad agreed with the look of the shield, but worried about synchronization and cohesiveness among the members.

Brien and Mirisch remained neutral on the issue.

After deliberation, the council agreed to place the shield on all business cards, with the option to use the official seal on letterhead.

Mirisch expressed his concern in regards to the Sister City Program with Pudong, China. He addressed human rights issues and believed the city was just another suburb of Shanghai.

"I've been to Shanghai and I've been to Pudong. It's a suburb, it would be like being a sister city with the Bronx. To me it just does not fit the image of Beverly Hills," said Mirisch.

He responded to Brucker stating he would

like more information about the program and what it will bring to the city.

"I understand we want to attract interest, and I am for that. But it is a special honor to be a Sister City with Beverly Hills and in this case I don't feel it is appropriate. I don't believe it is a good fit.

Brucker continues to support the program and believes it will attract high Chinese clientele towards Beverly Hills hotels and businesses.

Funding for Beverly Hills Global Partners was approved months ago, Tuesday's meeting agreed to provide the second supplement of 25,000 dollars.

"We are already committed to this, and we don't want to cause problems. It's water under the bridge right now," said Delshad. "We do this one, and then we can discuss more and take a step back in May."

Krasne said this issue should have an ambassador title, and stated the council will discover if there will be a return on the City's investment.



John Mirisch



Nancy Krasne

have such a rating.

Through audits, the City Manager has cre-



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE:** April 16, 2009

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

**LOCATION:** Commission Meeting Room 280-A  
Beverly Hills City Hall  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at a special meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2009, will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider:

A request for a modification to a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for expansion of the approved showroom space by 1,407 square feet at the existing Mercedes Benz automobile dealership located at 9250 Beverly Boulevard and 400 Foothill Road. The applicant is proposing to expand the showroom on 9250 Beverly Boulevard into the canopy service drive area within the existing footprint of the building to create additional exhibit space for Mercedes Benz vehicles. No changes are proposed at the Mercedes Benz service facility located at 400 Foothill Road. A 1,996 square-foot area on the ground floor of the 9250 Beverly Boulevard building that is currently used for vehicle service will be converted to six parking spaces to serve the building.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City, and an addendum to the Negative Declaration for the existing Conditional Use Permit has been prepared since the proposed project will not result in new significant environmental effects.

Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the Commission at or prior to the meeting date and time noted above.

If you challenge the Commission's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact Senior Planner Michele McGrath at 310.285.1135. Copies of the application, plans and project materials are on file in the Community Development Department Planning Division, and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Room 140, Beverly Hills, CA. 90210.

Jonathan Lait, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development /City Planner

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## City Clerk's Office

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, will hold a public hearing to consider:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING SECTIONS 10-3-2450, 10-3-2451, 10-3-2455, AND 10-3-3601 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF DISCRETIONARY REVIEW AUTHORITY OF SPECIFIC TYPES OF APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS IN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE CITY FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

The City Council will consider draft amendments to specific sections of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code within the single-family residential zone, in the Central area of the City listed as follows:

- A. Central R-1 permit to establish vehicular entrance width and orientation for garages (BHMC Sec. 10-3-2450A);
- B. Central R-1 permit to establish the cumulative coverage of the maximum potential façade permitted for architectural projections that encroach into the front yard (BHMC Sec. 10-3-2450D);
- C. Central R-1 permit to establish standards for placement of windows above a second story facing a street south of Santa Monica Boulevard (BHMC Sec. 10-3-2450E);
- D. Central R-1 permit to establish the maximum encroachment into a front yard for eaves and plant-on accents when the primary dwelling encroaches into the front yard by the maximum amount (BHMC Sec. 10-3-2450G) and,
- E. Minor Accommodation permit for the amount of front yard paving permitted, in the Central area of the City (BHMC Sec. 10-3-3600 C).

The proposed ordinance would amend the City's ordinances to change the reviewing authority over certain permit types from the Planning Commission to the Design Review Commission, and thus constitutes an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. The review process and the discretionary nature of the permits at issue will not change, only the body responsible for considering and acting on such permit applications will change. As such, this activity is not a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5). Further, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that amendments to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code will have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed amendments are administrative and procedural in effect, and maintain existing discretionary review processes of certain application and requirements on certain developments in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare. Therefore, as a separate and independent ground, the proposed amendments are exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

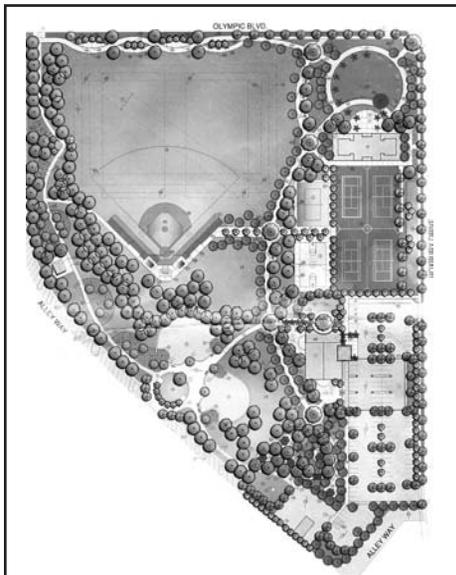
At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all comments, and may introduce the ordinance. If you challenge the City Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Community Development Department at (310) 285-1123. Copies of the proposed zoning regulations, staff reports, and other documentation are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

**BYRON POPE, CMC**  
City Clerk

# briefs

## Roxbury Park renovations to be presented to City Council



*Pictured: Draft of proposed Roxbury Park (Proposed Master Plan)*

The Recreation and Parks commission is focusing on moving forward with plans to renovate Roxbury Park based on direction from City Council.

The park's Master Plan was developed in reaction to amenities that have been supported by the public and approved by City Council.

According to Steve Zoet, Assistant Director of Community Services, City staff is recommending renovation in two phases. Phase I includes a new community center with a multi-use gymnasium, public meeting rooms, exercise room, library, café, and stage.

In addition, staff offices and a venue for senior citizen functions will also be available.

Phase II will address park improvements to athletic fields, park grounds, and other building such as the Ranger Station and Club House.

"The existing community center [at Roxbury Park] is approximately 60 years old. Although it has undergone some cosmetic upgrades through the years, the space is somewhat limiting. More practical, functional spaces that meets today's needs and demands are desired," said Zoet.

The committee is scheduled to meet with City Council in May to discuss further details and present funding options and opportunities.

At that time, the City will provide direction

on planning and design. The city is not committed to construction presently, but is prepared to assess park priorities based on timing and funding.

The commission will continue to listen to the opinions and needs of the community at monthly Recreation and Parks meetings. The commission also receives input through youth sports organizations.

If plan is approved, planning and construction will take at least 18 months.

"The community would have access to a larger, more modern facility that offers the opportunity to greatly expand services and be more responsive to their needs and interests. At present, space limitations restrict our ability to grow programs that are successful or to introduce new programs that the public has requested," said Zoet.

Peggy Kaus, Vice President of the Beverly Angeles Homeowners Association, and lives at the perimeter of the park, disagrees with the changes.

"I don't want a massive building in the park. The park is beautiful the way that it is because it is a natural oasis and place to relax. What they're doing is not rejuvenation, it's destruction," said Kaus.

According to Kaus, many residents surrounding the park agree with her argument.

"A park is supposed to be green and full of trees, not a building and parking lot," said Kaus.

Will Rogers Park, Beverly Gardens, and La Cienega Parks have had recent improvements, and Greystone Park is undergoing review for the possible inclusion of a catering kitchen, landscaping, and ground work. Additional improvements are being considered for Hammel Park.



## Horace Mann student raises money for underprivileged children

Horace Mann 7th grader Jacob Wolf Price will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah this June, but not with the usual party. Instead, Jacob will be playing soccer with one of Hollywood Police Activities League's soccer teams.

Due to the economy and lack of funding for the Police Activities League, Jacob has been helping raise money for the non-profit organization, which provides equipment through

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## City Council Meeting Dates:

▶ **Tuesday, April 14**

5:00 PM – City Hall, Council Chambers

**City Council Study Session**

There will be a discussion on the current economic climate in Beverly Hills, financial projections for the coming year and departmental presentations by staff on possible budget reduction scenarios.

▶ **Tuesday, April 21**

2:30 PM – City Hall, Council Chambers

**City Council Study Session**

Staff will provide final departmental presentations and Council will discuss budget funding options.

★ Meeting times and dates are subject to change.

Please check the City calendar at [www.beverlyhills.org](http://www.beverlyhills.org) for updated information.



**For more information go to [www.beverlyhills.org](http://www.beverlyhills.org)**

# from the hills of beverly



## Fun and games at City Hall

### As new council takes control

By Rudy Cole

Permit me to coin an elegant maxim: "If it ain't broke, why fix it?"

For reasons so convoluted, so lacking in reason or good governance, the city is about to decimate a Beverly Hills institution that has never functioned more effectively in the public interest: The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Actually, the dirty little secret deal is about to happen in this way: The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Conference and Visitor's Bureau will be separated. Since the city provides funding for the CVB and that agency works in the offices and with Chamber staff, it is the Chamber that will face cuts so severe it will never be the same.

Does this make any sense? Not in the least. So, why are so many well intentioned and able people actually participating in the immolation? Power politics at its worst, and some not so smart decisions by both sides, and there are two, of this debacle.

In case you just tuned in, some scenes you

may have missed. Some months back the city retained the services of an outside consulting firm to "audit" the work of the Chamber and also consider whether separating the charge of promoting tourism should be handled by a separate entity or even placed directly under the control of the city.

Some months before this, the Chamber became embroiled in a nasty battle with the owner and publisher of the Beverly Hills Courier, **Clifton Smith**.

Smith was denied membership on the Chamber's board of directors and it is moderately safe to say he did not take this lightly.

Not only has he carried on an editorial campaign against the Chamber, he has made it a personal tussle with the Chamber's top hired gun: **Dan Walsh**.

Smith has made it clear he wants Walsh "fired." However, the decisions that led to this confrontation are hardly those of Walsh alone. They are the actions of the board of

directors of the Chamber whose membership includes some of our brightest and most able business leaders. Smith needs to take his fight to the board and not Walsh.

But boy did they goof. For the record, Smith did not actually apply for a seat on the board of directors, he was invited to do so by a former Chamber president. When I first reported on this mini-war, Smith called me to give me his side of the story and, after checking, I found out he was correct. However, the result was the same and it certainly led to his anger: He was denied board membership or he may have refused because of board conditions.

There were other issues: The Courier was not pleased with a Chamber relationship with a magazine that competed with the Courier, and The Weekly for that matter, for advertising. Smith felt this was unfair competition, and on a visit by the economic development arm of the Chamber to New York, Smith was kept out of some meetings with tourist and business executives.

Now, the Chamber leadership and board may have very legitimate problems in working with Smith as a person. They feel he uses his paper to bully those with whom he has differences and would be a disruptive board member.

But those were not the reasons given: The Chamber argued that a newspaper publisher should not be on the board for two supposed reasons:

He or she would want to use the position to sell advertising and would have access to internal discussions that might not be ready for prime time.

Both arguments lack merit. All board members have some economic interest in the community, whether to sell cars or obtain clients for a law firm. Perfectly reasonable goals. Why single out newspapers?

As for "insider" information, are there any real secrets in our village? Also, publishers, and reporters too, attend meetings with the clear understanding that the session is "off the record" and we can either stay and accept that or leave and not participate.

The Chamber should also have checked some history. There have been newspaper publishers on past Chamber boards for decades. **Dave Heyler**, publisher of the Beverly Hills Citizen, was a board member as were **Walter Harris**, co-publisher of the Beverly Hills Post and former Courier owner and publisher **March Schwartz**, who served at least two terms on the board.

Smith, and for that matter, The Weekly publisher **Josh Gross**, both should have been asked to serve on the Chamber board of directors. There are few Chambers in America that don't have newspaper publishers on their board.

Wiser, calmer heads could have avoided all of the agony this has caused, including an incendiary, mean spirited attack on a councilmember during the last council election.

On the other hand, this Chamber, and Walsh and his staff deserve considerable credit for their good works, has more valu-

able programs, from economic summits to organizing a first ever South Beverly Drive merchants association to an annual health fair and many more member support activities than ever in its history. Ironically, it is also Walsh's expertise in tourism that made him such a good fit for a Chamber that led both business and visitor enhancement programs. If and when the separation occurs, Walsh would be lost to this work.

True, there are issues. The Chamber has, at least in my opinion, made some other mistakes: Giving the staff titles of president, vice president etc, and making the leadership use chairperson and vice chair was not a good fit for our city. Arguing, that this was the practice in "other" cities doesn't wash, especially when you also argue that Beverly Hills is too unique to separate the two agencies: You can't have it both ways.

The Chamber also lacks involvement by the major department stores, is too loaded with professionals and not merchant leaders, even though many are highly skilled, and is a toothless tiger when fighting to save itself. Facing near deconstruction, the board leadership seems strangely muted.

So, what will happen? First, and back to the independent audit, although it cited both advantages and problems with separating the Chamber and the CVB, there was no clear recommendation in their study. If the separation occurs, the Chamber will not be the same, jobs will have to be cut, their building either leased or sold and major programs cut. This is hardly in the public interest.

There is a committee working to carry out what is a council mandate: Separation. How this committee came to be formed is worth a whole column. Supposedly, it was "self appointed" a euphemism that can only mean the process did not violate the Brown Act. The members of the committee are among our most knowledgeable, the gms of our hotels, some restaurateurs, a representative of the Rodeo Drive Committee and a professional, and this latter appointment also disturbed the Courier.

It is probably far too late for cooler heads to prevail. But a compromise could both save the Chamber and the CVB from government control.

The elected leaders of the Chamber and the appointed members of the hospitality industry should try to talk to Smith and Gross and invite them to serve on both boards – and while not separating the two agencies, they should have different board members all under the general management of whoever is the chief exec of the Chamber, and if some leadership and compromise is shown by all those involved, including members of the city council, that could still be Walsh.

The split is going to create a loss of services we can not even begin to afford in the middle of our economic crisis. Come on guys, put aside petty differences and do this for the community.

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The city council took its act back to their own chambers Tuesday after an out of city hall try out at the Motion Picture Academy, and newly installed Mayor **Nancy Krasne**

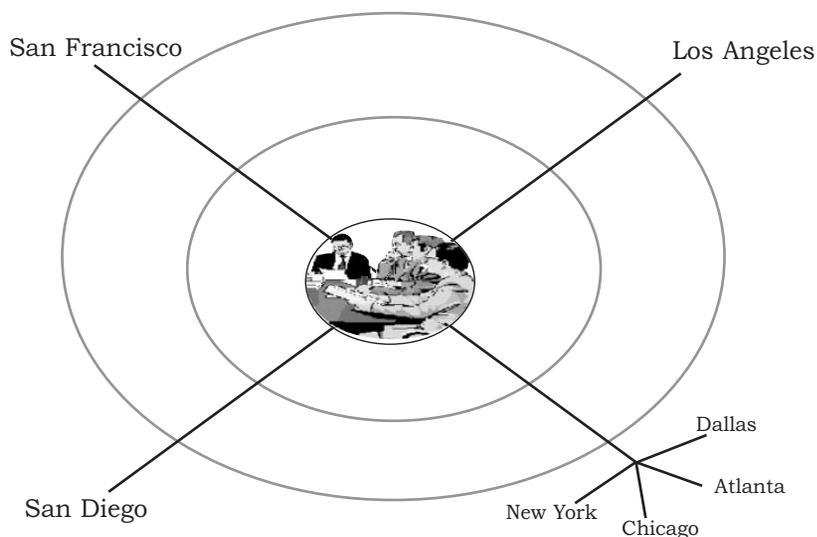
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ran a fairly smooth meeting with some amusing side battles – she wanted a more distinctive logo for the mayor and not business cards or stationary that was the same as lowly staff members.

Councilmember **Barry Brucker** at first balked at Krasne's logo hopes, citing a critical budget short fall as far more critical than business card designs, but the council decided this was one battle it might avoid and agreed to a separate design for the mayor's tools. After all, Krasne cited the president and the White House where President Obama has separate stationary.

On a more serious note, the council came within inches of violating the Brown Act. A group of irate residents of Trowsdale appeared at the council to demand action on trees on many area homes that have grown so high they block their views, one reason they moved to Trowsdale.

Reasonable problem and one the city should address. But when some members of the council began to try to solve the problem by giving "direction" to the Planning

Commission by "council consensus" an action short of a formal vote, they were quite correctly advised to wait and let the normal review actions be used. An alert city attorney avoided a Brown Act violation.

This is precisely why public notice must be given before council adopts ordinances or takes legislative action. Nothing wrong with their having opinions, but giving direction is not fair or proper. The owners of the offending trees need to have an opportunity to be heard before they are charged with trimming.

A very important report to the council on reforms at city hall that have led to millions in savings and consolidation and modernization of services was made by Assistant City Manager **Katie Lichtig** Tuesday and merited some praise from the council. More on this later, but we are serving our city more efficiently than ever with far fewer people in management jobs.

New Councilmember **John Mirisch** bit a tough bullet Tuesday when he voted against additional city funding for a sister city program with a Chinese city. Mirisch may have

been too late, because he just took his seat, to prevent continuation of a program that does need far more study and evaluation. If this is a good fit for the city, the community has yet to be convinced. Mirisch is to be commended for raising the warning flag.

Speaking of the Chamber, later this year they will honor **Fred Hayman** with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Richly deserved.

This is earthquake preparedness month and I urge my readers to once again give this some preparatory thought. Visit the city web for information on city resources in case of a disaster, but take a moment, after you complete your reading of this column chores, to see if you do have batteries, a radio that works, water and other basics, a keep the family informed and together plan and an understanding of where the safest places are at home or if you have to find shelter. I can't spare any faithful readers.

Quote of the week: During a discussion of fees for parking violations, Mayor Krasne said "only stupid people get parking tickets." But where would we be without their fine

ines.

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Thanks to **Victor M. Bardack** and **Marty Geimer** for altering us to a theatre event at Greystone.

"Franklin and Jefferson – Sex, Politics and the American Revolution" will have three performances next week: Friday, April 17, 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, 1:30 pm. and Friday, April 24 at 6 p.m. This play which has run in New York with good reviews will be in Greystone Mansion under the sponsorship of Friends of Greystone. For more information and reservations, please call 310.285.6830. All profits to the Friends for mansion restoration work. This could sell out early, so call soon if you hope to attend.

*Rudy Cole served for eight years as a member and chair of the city's Recreation & Parks Commission. He was also President of the Greystone Foundation and served on three other city committees. Rudy can be reached at: Rudy@bhweekly.com.*

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donations and fundraising.

The majority of children in the organization come from low-income families.

Jacob has created a website to raise more money, and has accumulated a list of contributors and sponsors including: The U.S. Soccer Foundation, The David Beckham Academy, Fox Soccer Channel, Adidas, Futboleros, Yakult USA, and Pacific Coast Soccer Club, to name a few.

In June, Jacob will celebrate his rite of passage with a morning temple service then play a friendly scrimmage game with the children from the Police Activities League.

For more information visit [www.ussoccerfoundation.org/jacobsgoal](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/jacobsgoal)

month, which is open to the public.



#### **Messinger to discuss critical issues with Jewish-Americans**

Ruth Messinger, President of American Jewish World Service, will be speaking at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills April 17-18.

Messinger will discuss foreign policy and how American Jewish World Service hopes to partner with President Obama in working towards ending the genocide in Darfur.

She will also discuss the role of "Jews as Global Citizens," share her personal experiences, and talk about what Jewish-Americans can do to help alleviate poverty, hunger, violence, disease and oppression.

Messinger was a delegate to the 1980 Democratic National Convention and served on the New York City Council from 1978 to 1989. She also served as Manhattan Borough President from 1990-1998.

Messinger was the Democratic nominee for Mayor of New York City in 1997, and lost to Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Series produced by BHHS graduate to premiere tonight on CBS

#### **Beverly High launches new student support center**

NormanAid, the most recent addition to Beverly High's counseling program opened its doors Thursday April 2 during open house.

The Student Outreach Service Information Center offers confidential one-on-one counseling on issues such as depression, peer mediation, relationships, and eating disorders.

In addition, the center also includes a resource area where students can find specific information on related issues and flyers for upcoming events and seminars.

Assistance at the NormanAid center also comes from peer counseling and therapists from the Maple Counseling Center.

Intervention counselor Alison Norman-Franks has been at Beverly for the past five years and became an intervention counselor

three years ago to address more pressing issues facing high school students.

"We really want to let our students know that their emotional well being is just as important as their education," said Norman-Franks.

According to Norman-Franks, she has seen as many as 100 students a week.

"The students see me a lot at different events, so I think they have gotten really close to me and have been able to open up more about personal issues," said Norman-Franks.

"We are available to all at-risk students for any issue from drugs to being stressed out with school."

#### **Series produced by BHHS graduate to premiere tonight on CBS**

Producers of scripted primetime television programming often loathe their counterparts from unscripted series because they reduce their opportunities of getting series on the air.

However, 1981 Beverly High graduate Jon

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#### **Meet and Greet author Deborah Lytton**

1984 Beverly Grad Deborah Lytton will be signing her new novel Jane In Bloom at Book Soup, 8818 West Sunset Boulevard on April 11,

2009 at 2:00 p.m.

The book is a heart felt family drama aimed at middle-school aged students and up.

#### **The countdown to countdown signals**

Replacement of stop-and-go signals with countdown signals was approved earlier this year by City Council.

The issue arose as the City realized dangerous cut-through traffic, particularly Wilshire, Olympic, and Santa Monica Blvd.

According to Chad Lynn, Director of Parking Operations, signals are scheduled to be completed by the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30.

As of April 2, many signals on Wilshire Boulevard have been replaced with countdown signals. Approximately 50 percent of the city's crosswalks are finished.

The Traffic and Parking Commission continues to move forward with this issue, and will update reports at the monthly commission meetings held the first Tuesday of each

  
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## Paysinger To Remain Involved With BHHS Football Program

**New coach to be named by mid-May.**

**By Steven Herbert**

Recently named assistant principal Carter Paysinger will continue to be a coach with Beverly High's football team, helping call plays during games and joining the rest of the staff on weekends in designing game plans.

A member of the coaching staff will be named as the new coach before the start of spring practice May 18, Paysinger said.

"On Friday nights, anybody that shows up to our games probably won't see any changes," Paysinger said.

Since at least 1972, all of the school's football coaches had previously served as assistant coaches with the team. Paysinger called the continuity the program has had as "invaluable."

"Programs that have continuity in their coaching staff and in their operations are usually the ones that are most successful," Paysinger said. "That's been one of the reasons for us being as successful as we've been over the years."

Paysinger said he will miss being on the field full time, but "I just think at this point in my career it was time to make a move."

Paysinger said he thought about applying to become an assistant principal two years ago and "going through that process helped me this time."

Paysinger is a 1974 Beverly High graduate who has been the school's football coach since 1990 and is believed to be both the winningest and longest serving in the position.

A successor to Paysinger as athletic director will be named before the football coach. Because there is no teaching position to accompany the athletic director position, it is expected the new athletic director will be a

member of the staff, Paysinger said.

Paysinger said his position as a physical education teacher will not be filled because of a school board vote to reduce the number of teaching positions in the department by one.

Paysinger said his responsibilities as assistant principal will include overseeing athletics and physical education, but the rest of his duties have not been determined.

### Boys' Golf

#### Beverly Hills 189, Palos Verdes 211

Dillon Curtis shot an ever-par-35 and Colt Knedler a two-over-par 37 for the Normans (8-0, 5-0) March 31 in an Ocean League match at Rancho Park Golf Course.

### What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play in the Champions Invitational Friday and Saturday at The Golf Club at Terra Lago in Indio and North Torrance Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in an Ocean League match at The Links at Victoria in Carson.

### Boys' Tennis

#### Beverly Hills 13, Culver City 5

James Ephrati was a 6-2, 6-0, 6-1 winner, while Sam Farzani won 6-0, 6-0 and Gary Parizher 6-1, 6-0 before being replaced by substitutes for the Normans in an Ocean League match April 2 at Beverly Hills.

Beverly Hills' No. 3 doubles team of Joshua Berris and Steven Kim won their sets 6-1, 6-4 before being replaced by substitutes.

The Normans' No. 1 doubles team of Jonathan Jason and Donovan Suh lost its first

set, 7-6 (5), then won its next two, 6-0, 6-1. Beverly Hills' No. 2 doubles team of Ben Haber and David Roth won two of three sets.

The starters won 13 of their 15 sets for the Normans (6-5, 2-0).

### What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Santa Barbara Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. and Studio City Harvard-Westlake Wednesday at 3 p.m. in a nonleague matches.

Santa Barbara was ranked third and Harvard-Westlake seventh in the Southern Section Division I poll released March 30, while Beverly Hills was ranked first in Division III.

### Girls' Track and Field

#### Pasadena Games

Kemi Olbnade set a Beverly High school record in the triple jump for the second time in 17 days, leaping 35 feet, 5 inches to finish fourth March 28 at Pasadena City College.

Olbnade's previous record was 35 feet, 3 inches in a nonleague meet against Mira Costa and North Torrance March 12.

Norman senior Ashley Austin finished second in the large schools 300 meter low hurdles in 47.71 seconds and third in the invitational 100 meters in 12.48 seconds, while teammate Raquel Hefflin was third in the 800 invitational.

Beverly Hills junior Andrea Wilson (invitational 300 low hurdles) and teammate Brittany Prince (large schools 200) both finished fourth in their races.

Austin, Brittany Morgan, Wilson and Erika Hill finished fourth in the 400 relay.

#### Beverly Hills 122, Inglewood 6

Olbnade won the triple jump and 100 high hurdles while Austin won the 300 low hurdles and ran a leg on the Normans' victorious 400 relay team in an Ocean League meet at Nickoll Field March 19.

Beverly Hills also got victories from Jamie Bratman (3,200), Hefflin (1,600), Syline Kim (high jump), Brianna Smith (long jump) and Nicole Weinstein (800).

Erika Hill, Morgan and Wilson ran the other legs of the relay.

### Boys' Track and Field

#### Pasadena Games

Beverly Hills senior Trey Haughton fin-

ished third in the large schools 400 B race in 51.84 while teammate Kenny Bassett was fourth in the large schools 100 B race in 11.43 March 28 at Pasadena City College.

The Norman 1,600 relay team was third in the large schools B race.

#### Beverly Hills 118, Inglewood 8

Alex Cascante won the 1,600 and 3,200 while Caylin Hauptmann won the shot put and discus throw for the Normans in an Ocean League meet at Nickoll Field March 19.

Beverly Hills also got victories from Bassett (100), Dan Bradbury (300 intermediate hurdles) Haughton (400), Gunther Klaus (800), Elliot Peaks (200) and Marcus Silberger (110 high hurdles).

### What's Next?

Hauptmann and the girls' 3,200 relay team of Sydney Gray, Hefflin, Brianna Simmons and Weinstein are scheduled to compete in the Arcadia Invitational Friday and Saturday at Arcadia High School.

### Boys' Swimming

#### South Torrance 86,

#### Beverly Hills 81, Inglewood 0

Ilan Ariel (200-yard freestyle) and Chris Kim (100 butterfly) were the individual event winners for the Normans, who also got victories from their 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay teams in a Pioneer League meet March 19 at the Swim-Gym.

Beverly Hills (0-2-1, 0-1-1) led 70-67 with two events remaining, but a 1-3 finish by Charles Yuhass and Tony Joo in the 100 breaststroke and a victory in the 400 freestyle relay gave the Spartans the victory.

Tracy Ainslie swam legs on both of the Normans' winning relay teams. Justin Brezhnev, Daniel Ilinsky and Kevin Youssefzadeh swam the remaining legs of the 200 medley relay. Justin Ezor, Harrison Hopp and Michael Presas swam the remaining legs of the 200 freestyle relay.

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Turteltaub has the unscripted genre to thank for his second primetime series as a producer.

Robert Sizemore, who has directed such unscripted series as "The Real World," "The Bachelor" and "The Surreal Life," came to Turteltaub to pitch an unscripted series.

The eventual result was "Harper's Island," a scripted drama incorporating the competition series element of having one character depart on each episode.

"This is a weird show, no question about it," Turteltaub said at CBS' portion of the Television Critics Association winter press

tour. "This is a huge roll of the dice. It's something that's never been done."

"Harper's Island," which premieres tonight at 10 p.m. on CBS with an episode directed by Turteltaub, is a murder mystery about a group of family and friends who travel to a secluded island for a destination wedding. CBS promises that "Harper's Island" will run for 13 consecutive weeks and by the conclusion July 2, "all questions will be answered, the killer will be revealed and only a few will survive."

This is the second foray into network series television for Turteltaub, best known as the director of such films as "Cool Runnings," "While You Sleeping," "Phenomenon," "National Treasure" and its sequel "National Treasure: Book of Secrets."

"I think it's much harder to do a television show than a feature," Turteltaub said. "It's like the lottery doing TV. If you make the movie, you make the movie and it's going to show. You do a TV pilot, they may not pick it up.

Then you do a series and it gets canceled."

Turteltaub's first network series was "Jericho," which was canceled by CBS in 2007 after its first season, then given a second season after a campaign by its fans. However, ratings remained low and it was canceled for a second and final time.

Turteltaub said the experience with "Jericho" did not dissuade him from producing a second series.

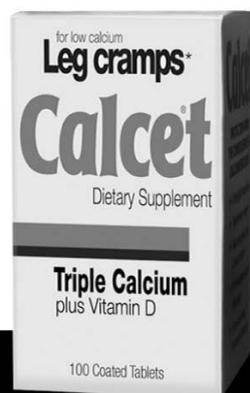
"Almost every television show ends badly," said Turteltaub, whose father Saul produced such series as "That Girl," "Sanford and Son" and "Kate & Allie." "There's a handful of shows that don't get canceled. The potential for disappointment is huge, but I think it's a really fun, creative way to make a living."

"Harper's Island" has a second tie to Beverly Hills. Tyler Bensinger, who graduated from Hawthorne School in 1976, a year before Turteltaub, is also one of its executive producers.

-- Steven Herbert

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# INSIDE THE MAGBIT FOUNDATION

The Weekly's Exclusive Interview with  
**President Bijan Nahai**  
By Diana Vu

## Tell us about the Magbit Foundation.

The Magbit Foundation is a charitable organization that started approximately 20 years ago. Its purpose is to provide interest-free loans to college students who have obtained admittance to universities in Israel. The foundation has given over 9,500 loans and we assist approximately 500 students each school year. As the students graduate and enter the workforce, they would then repay the loans that the foundation had provided them.

Essentially, what we now see is an organization that has approximately \$7 million in circulation. And 97 percent of the loans that we have extended have been repaid. Certainly these students are worthy of the donation and take their education seriously.

There isn't a deadline, but they know that within a reasonable period of their graduation, once they've entered the workforce, they will begin to pay the loans back either in full sum or installments.

They all are very respecting of the fact that we make financial possibilities for them to take on a graduate education.

## Do you provide loans for students in the United States as well?

Our mission is to assist [Iranian-Jewish] students for obtaining admittance for universities in Israel. We do not extend loans to those who do not qualify for financial aid. We pre-screen from numerous universities in Israel, to make sure these individuals are in need of financial assistance.

Many of them, although they have been admitted into the university, cannot afford to pursue their studies. Hence, we review applications to determine whether or not there is an actual need.

## How do you determine who receives the loans?

All the universities that we sponsor, which are all the major universities in Israel, are required to send out applications prior to the commencement of the school year. We then have a committee at the Magbit Foundation that reviews all of those applications for student loans.

There are poignant questions in those applications and they have to meet certain financial situations. The universities do some of the pre-screening for us. They make sure that the applications that are sent to us are

legitimate.

It becomes an approval process for us. We then determine whether or not we believe the students qualify.

## Are there any other Magbit Foundations in the US?

We are the only Magbit Foundation in the US, here in Beverly Hills.

We also have a Youth



David Merage, Bijan Nahai, and Rabbi David Wolpe



Bijan Nahai with wife Mahnaz Nahai

division. They set up functions on their own; get the young people to mingle. This group also brings awareness of the work of the Magbit foundation and support the foundation itself. It strives to get the youth to rally and have their own events to support the foundation.

We recently appointed a new president for the Young Leadership Division, her name is Jennifer Ghadishah. They division will be having a mixer later this month, and the annual Comedy Fest will held this summer. Their website is [www.youngmagbit.org](http://www.youngmagbit.org).

The events are really useful, and translate to acquaintances, friends, and even marriages. It really prepares the next generation to take the reigns of the Magbit Foundation.

## You are also involved in the insurance business, how did you become involved in that?

My family owned the largest privately held insurance company in Iran. I became a graduate of the London Insurance Institute, I then went back to Iran and joined by father and uncle with the insurance company and ran the international division.

In 1979, they nationalized the insurance industry in Iran, therefore they nationalized our company without

any compensation and because of our ethnic backgrounds and high profile, and it was not a safe haven for us to remain in Iran.

That was when we ventured into the United States. After time, and after we realized this was our permanent home, I then established a brokerage by the name of Nahai Insurance services here in Beverly Hills back in 1980.

## Tell us about your family.

I have been married for 36 years to Mahnaz [Nahai]. I have a daughter [Azita Nahai] who is getting her doctorate in human development and I have a son [Shahrad Nahai] who is a graduate of Boston University majoring in finance.

He joined a firm about 8 years ago and now has taken the reigns of being our chief operating officer. He will be overseeing much of the technology that our business requires as well as consult.

## What sparked your interest in becoming a part of the Foundation?

There use to be a Magbit Foundation in Iran, which was headed by my father. It had a different mission statement, and rather than loans, it was more about fundraising for different causes in Israel. My father, being a huge philanthropist, instilled in us as kids, the worthiness of being involved in charity.

As such, I saw education as very integral and important, and Magbit was the right fit. I have been involved directly and indirectly for approximately 19 years. I've been president for the past three years.

We've made some great strides, and taken on new universities. Our growth and expansion with universities has been very encouraging, as well as the level of fundraising that we've been able to accomplish.

## Tell us more about the Board of Directors that you work with.

[Vice Mayor] Jimmy Delshad is the chair, and I work with a diverse group of people. Real estate developers, people involved in the manufacturing field, and people who have brought in their energy to assist with new ideas and thoughts.

Fortunately, we've had a very active board, one comprised of successful business people in the community.

Soloman Gabbay, Mr. and Mrs. Parviz Nazarian, Ebby Simhaee, all these people are specific individuals who have made tremendous impact on the organization.

## What is one of the biggest accomplishments you've seen from your time as president?

We took it upon ourselves to honor an individual who has been successful and not only in philanthropy, but in business. We introduced this concept to honor individuals with the Humanitarian Award at the Gala during my presidency. This year's recipient is

This has attracted a great following, because people love to come see one of their own honored. That has created more awareness for Magbit and has increased the number of participants at our event.

## Tell us more about the Gala coming up in May.

It's on May 12th at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. It's in the middle of the week; we usually have it on a Sunday. Again, we anticipate that we will have a really good turnout, even though the economy is somewhat distressed. You can check out the website [[www.magbit.org](http://www.magbit.org)] or call the Magbit Foundation for more information. It is an event that really brings the community together for a good cause.

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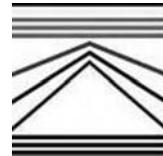
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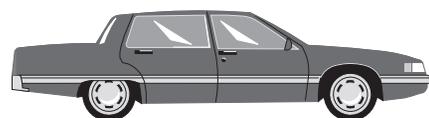
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
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CASE NO. BP115737**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ALBERT WEXLER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ARLENE LIEBERMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ARLENE LIEBERMAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/27/09 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing.

Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner JAY FULLER, ESQ. CHRISTINE ZWAAGSTRA, ESQ. FULLER & FULLER ATTORNEYS AT LAW 5850 CANOGA AVE #400 WOODLAND HILLS CA 91367 4/9, 4/16, 4/23/09 CNS-1559096#

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Loan: SANTA MONICA/WILSHIRE Other: 860000497-H03 File: 2008-1209 REC A.P. Number: 4333-018-009 and 5531-004-024 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED May 5, 2008, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that Western Fidelity Trustees, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by GEORGE LANNING AND NANSEE LANNING HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded on 05/15/2008 as Instrument No. 2008-0866804 in Book // Page // of Official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 12/16/2008 as Instrument No. 20082208993 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 04/30/2009 at The front entrance to the office of Western Fidelity Trustees, located at 1222 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite B Torrance, CA 90501 at 10:30 A.M. AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: PARCEL 1: 8668 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA APN: 4333-018-009 Lot 731 of Tract No. 4988, in the City of Beverly Hills, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 54, Pages 98 and 99 of maps, in the

office of the county recorder of said county. Except therefrom, all oil, oil rights, natural gas rights, mineral rights, all other hydrocarbon substances by whatsoever name know, and all water, claims or rights to water, together with appurtenant rights thereto, without, however, any right to enter upon the surface of said land nor any portion of the subsurface lying above a depth of 500 feet, as excepted or reserved by deed recorded December 29, 1975 as Instrument No. 25, official records. PARCEL 2: 7335 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA APN: 5531-004-024 Lots 1 and 3 of Plummer Place, in the City of West Hollywood, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 8, Page(s) 31 of maps, in the office of the county recorder of said county. Except the easterly 50 feet thereof. THESE PROPERTIES WILL BE SOLD SEPARATELY. PLEASE CALL TRUSTEE FOR OPENING BID AMOUNTS. PARCEL 1: 8668 WILSHIRE BLVD. BEVERLY HILLS, CA. PARCEL 2: 7335 SANTA MONICA BLVD. WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8668 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills and 7335 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood 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 the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$1,446,838.91 In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the 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 until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Dated: 04/01/2009 Western Fidelity Trustees, as said Trustee, 1222 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite B Torrance, CA 90501 (310) 212-0700 By: Kathleen DiMeo Herrera, Trustee Officer 4/9, 4/16, 4/23/09 CNS-1560780#

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SENTA WEIL**

Case No. BP115796 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SENTA WEIL. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Wells Fargo Bank in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Wells Fargo Bank be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 30, 2009 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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