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Staser named Hawthorne School principal

Toni Staser, coordinator of child welfare and attendance, was named principal of Hawthorne School at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday.

Staser was first hired in to BHUSD in 1978 as a music teacher at El Rodeo School, later becoming a social studies teacher when cuts were made to the district's music program. She later became assistant principal at El Rodeo until 2004 when she became an assistant principal at Beverly High.

She was recently promoted to the position in the district office a few months ago.

Staser's husband, Nick Strimple, is the long time choral director at Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.

Board meeting fireworks

In an unusually short Board of Education meeting Tuesday, classified employees dodged possible cuts for the second time.

According to the agenda, the planned classified cuts would save the district

\$320, 865.

Boardmember Brian Goldberg said even with basic aid, cuts were still inevitable.

"As long as we're going to be so one sided in the application of our cuts I cannot support the cuts of classified staff members," Goldberg said. "I believe we're picking on the most vulnerable portion of our community."

Board President Nooshin Meshkaty said the district has been looking at other areas to cut.

"We don't want this to be as lopsided as it looks but I know they're not ready to come forward with that yet," Meshkaty said.

The classified cuts were tabled until the next Board meeting Aug. 25.

In other meeting news, Board member Myra Demeter said while she was happy Toni Staser received the Hawthorne School principal position (see brief above), she was unhappy with how she was hired.

"I have great concerns about this election process that was not followed during this selection," Demeter said. "In seven and a half years of sitting on this board I have never voted "no" on a personnel appointment, but at this point I can not support this."

She said the final four candidates completed panel interviews, a writing assessment and interviewed with superintendent Jerry Gross, director of human resources Alex Cherniss and assistant superintendent Ilene Straus.

Demeter said Staser was qualified, but did not reply or follow typical interview procedures.

Board member Steven Fenton opposed Demeter's position.

"In the seven and a half years that you've been on this board, [Staser will be the] sixth principal at Hawthorne," Fenton said. "So clearly this process was not working."

Fenton was referring to the high turnover of principals at Hawthorne since Dick Douglas left in 1999 to become superintendent in Montecito.

Alex Cherniss, director of human resources, said the status of the position is still unknown.

"We're looking at the position and seeing what the best thing to do with it is," Cherniss said."

The meeting ended with Meshkaty's comments, which implied basic aid might disrupt the Joint Powers Agreement the district has with the City.

"A big chunk of our funding comes from JPA and I don't know if, after the result of the assessed evaluation, it will remain to be the same percentage as of August," Nooshin said. "I don't know how we can justify keeping JPA at the level it is now. We don't know what the Council will decide."

Vice Mayor Jimmy Delshad said it depended on the details of the agreement.

City Attorney Larry Wiener could not be reached by press time for those details.

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SNAPSHOT



FIRST PLACE GOES TO... SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

Melody Levian and Alex Levian award the first place trophy to Team Rambo at the first annual LEV men's basketball championship game and women's LEV all-star game on July 6. The league was started in May to support the LEV foundation, founded in memory of Daniel D. Levian, who passed away last summer in a drunk driving accident.

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Assessed property value increases 6.1 percent, BHUSD to enter basic aid

Despite predictions assistant superintendent Cheryl Plotkin made in the spring that property value would decrease by .5 to 1 percent this year, the 2009 Los Angeles County Assessor's Report shows instead a 6.1 percent increase in Beverly Hills assessed property value.

"If you look the overall county, if you look at that same [assessor's] report you're looking at, you will see that the country has dropped [in recent years] by .5 [percent]," Plotkin said on Thursday.

The increase means BHUSD will enter basic aid funding, Board of Education member Brian Goldberg said at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday.

Goldberg said this means, among other things, that recently proposed budget cuts for the district would not have to be made.

"That doesn't mean that we don't need to start looking at how we need to spend money," Goldberg said. "We still need that detailed line item budget and the zero based budgeting process so we can maximize the local dollars that we're going to be receiving, but this will put us in a much stronger financial situation that we are currently."

A district enters basic aid when its

assessed property value exceeds what it receives from the state. Then, instead of getting its money redistributed to it, the district keeps all of its local tax dollars.

With the state in a budget crunch, this could potentially mean that the district would have to pay its "fair share" back to the state, for the money the state would lose per pupil.

Opportunity permits in the district could also be curtailed once in basic aid, Goldberg said.

When funded by the state, districts get money on a per-pupil basis, so it does not matter how many students there are, each one has an allotted amount.

With basic aid, however, there is one lump sum. So if the district has \$50,000 and a combination of 50 permit and district students, there is \$1,000 per student. If it does not have permit students and has 25 district students, there is \$2,000 per student.

"We're taking money away from residents and redistributing that money to non-residents kids," Goldberg said. "That doesn't make any sense to me."

Plotkin and Goldberg both said they were looking forward to the district entering basic aid.

AYSO making budget cuts to meet its \$40,000 tax

AYSO region 76 commissioner Jeff Pop, issued an email to all AYSO parents, players and friends during the weekend, notifying them of eliminations being made to the program to prevent fees from being raised.

"We had to eliminate all the trophies, we eliminated the annual board dinner that we had and our meeting dinners," Pop said. "We eliminated our non capital donations and the free year books too."

He said only the "free" in "free year-books" would be eliminated and year-books could now be purchased for \$5 a piece.

In response to his email, Pop said he has received an estimated 40 emails, voicing concerns over the eliminations.

"Some [concerns] keep questioning why such severe tax had to be passed and some suggested why not eliminate year books and keep the trophies," Pop said.

A few emails also suggested having individual teams pay for their trophies. However, he said this would be the same

as raising fees.

"[If] you allow the teams to do it themselves there won't be uniform trophies for everyone," Pop said. "Some teams might not be able to afford it, some teams may choose not too. Then on trophy day there are little kids walking around with trophies and others not. That's not something we want to see happening."

Pop said for anyone who is not pleased with these changes, full refunds are still available until Aug. 1. Those interested should email AYSO registrar Melissa Krantz at registrar@ayso76.org.



Bradbury named Beverly High band director

Bill Bradbury is bidding adieu to Beverly Vista School and saying hello to Beverly High in the fall.

Bradbury said he is looking forward to starting as the Beverly High instrumental

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; will hold a public hearing to consider:

AN APPEAL OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION'S DECISION DENYING ARCHITECTURAL REVISIONS TO A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 13-UNIT CONDOMINIUM BUILDING LOCATED AT 155 NORTH HAMILTON DRIVE.

On May 20, 2009 the Architectural Commission denied the subject project. However, pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 10-3-3011, the applicant has appealed the Architectural Commission's decision to the City Council.

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 a Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to Section 15070 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The Negative Declaration was reviewed and adopted by the Planning Commission on August 27, 2003.

All interested persons are invited to attend and speak on this matter. Written comments may also be submitted and should be addressed to the City Council, c/o City Clerk, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 and should be received prior to the public hearing.

Please remember, if you challenge the Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the hearing before the City Council or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Ryan Gohlich, Assistant Planner** at 310.285.1194, or by email at rgohlich@beverlyhills.org. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for review in the Community Development Department/Planning Services Section, 1st Floor, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

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City Clerk



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A request for a Central R-1 Permit to orient a two-car garage to face the street rather than be perpendicular to the front lot line for a single family residence located at **305 South Rodeo Drive.**

Pursuant to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 10-3-2450 (A), a Central R-1 Permit may be granted to establish width and orientation requirements for garages in the Central Area, if the appropriate findings can be made.

On May 28, 2009, the Planning Commission approved the subject project. However, pursuant to BHMC Section 1-4-201, on June 16, 2009, the City Council ordered a formal review of this project. This is a de novo hearing before the Council, subject to the same findings considered by the Planning Commission.

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 has been found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15303(e) (Class 3(a)) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact Georgana Millican, Associate Planner, Community Development Department, Planning, at 310.285.1121 or gmillican@beverlyhills.org. Copies of the application and plans are available for review in the Community Development Department/Planning Services Section, 1st Floor, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

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music teacher in the fall, which became vacant when Richard Farmer retired after 31 years.

"I'd like to build upon the high school instrumental music program," Bradbury said. "Both the band and orchestra side of it and hopefully develop the kind reputation that the music program has had for many, many years."

Bradbury said one example of how he would accomplish that is helping the marching band gain a stronger musical presence at Beverly High football games.

"I'm hoping to have the band march during pre-game activities at the home games," Bradbury said. "Maybe a song before the team comes on the field, then playing 'The Star-Spangled Banner' when the team is coming on the field."

During the games, he said the music played will strive to inspire and motivate the team.

Bradbury said he would also like to get the band and orchestra participating in spring music festivals on a regular basis.

"Santa Monica High School does a music festival that's sponsored by the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association," he said. "They have adjudicators who listen and critique the instrumental music groups who perform, and then we receive a rating based on our performance."

He said he is excited to work with students who already have a musical foundation and helping them fine tune their musical skills, as well as work with for-

mer students he taught at Beverly Vista.

"It will be interesting to see the progress in students who I haven't taught in a few years," Bradbury said.

However, Bradbury said he would miss the faculty at Beverly Vista and "the culture of working with kids at a beginning level and bringing them along in their first and second years of instruction."

One coworker he is leaving behind is his wife, Kristi, who is a teacher's assistant at the school.

He said his entire family is musical. "Both my wife and I play instruments," Bradbury said. "I think it's just part of the fabric of the family."

His three oldest children, Alisha, class of '04, Deborah, class of '06, and Ben, class of '08, all participated in music programs as well, he said.

Bradbury's son, Daniel, will be a senior at Beverly High. Although Bradbury had him as a music student in third grade, he said Daniel quit band his sophomore year.

His youngest, Angela, is starting second grade at Beverly Vista in the fall.

"I think she will play a musical instrument too," Bradbury said.

Bradbury said he was hired when a lot of the Beverly Vista campus was shut down because of the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

"In my time there I've been able to see the campus rebuilt and my new, nice instrumental music room as well," Bradbury said.

Subway test drilling in the southeast

Metropolitan Transportation Authority spent Sunday drilling at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Stanley Drive as part of its environmental analysis for the proposed Westside subway extension, according to a work notice issued by Metro.

However, according to <http://www.metro.net/westside>, it will be a long time before Beverly Hills hops on the underground bandwagon. Public hearings and Metro Board adoption are not slated to take place until summer and fall of 2010.

Dave Sotero, spokesperson for Metro, said it is one of two locations being considered. The second option is at Hollywood and Highland.

"We're going to go to our board next year with a locally preferred alternative," Sotero said. "Because we're doing the environmental work right now it will determine where the stations are going."

Mayor Nancy Krasne said she had not heard about the drilling and declined to comment further.

the latest news on the amendments to the City's General plan in an email Friday.

Phase One, which involves a review of the goals, policies and implementations by the Planning Commission is set for Aug. 7.

Phase Two, which will present a recommendation to the City Council, as well as open up the discussion to the public, is anticipated to take place in Sept.

According to <http://www.beverlyhills.org/generalplan>, no revisions to the plan have been made since the '70s.



Mayor Nancy Krasne says her scholarship offer stands

At the City Council's July 7 meeting, Mayor Nancy Krasne offered to provide a \$1,000 scholarship

for those kids who can not afford to participate in AYSO sports because of costs.

One week later Krasne, who voted against the proposed fees, said she still stands by her offer.

"I thought maybe for the first time now, the fees were too high," Krasne said.

She said she would not provide the money unless it was applied only to Beverly Hills residents.

"I don't want to be subsidizing someone from Culver City or some place else," Krasne said. "It's our residents that are my responsibility first and foremost."

AYSO region 76 commissioner Jeff Pop said her request was most likely doable.

"If somebody gives money they can put restrictions on it and the organization can accept it or not," Pop said.

He said all requests are handled confidentially and usually require those requesting full or partial scholarships to provide pay stubs, tax returns, bank statements or other financial documents to prove their financial instability.

"I have no doubt if the mayor says she's going to do that she is in good faith," Pop said.

Pop said with registration at \$140 per player, the money would benefit seven full-scholarship players.



Nicole Avant to serve as Ambassador to the Bahamas

Nicole Avant, a 1986 Beverly High graduate and daughter of music mogul Clarence Avant, was named Ambassador to the Bahamas by President Barack Obama.

Avant served as the southern California finance co-chair of the Barack Obama presidential campaign and was named one of the American Cancer Society Next Generation Leaders in 2007.

She was vice president of Interior Music and Avant Guard Music, which is her family's music company. She also worked as an academic counselor at the Neighborhood Academic Initiative, which is a University of Southern California mentorship program for high school kids.

Avant could not be reached for comment by press time.

City's General Plan will be open for comments in September

The City of Beverly Hills announced

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Candidates file for Nov. Board of Education race

Lisa Korbатов and Jake Manaster are the first to file for Board of Education in Nov.; Craig Davis is expected to follow

As reported in issue #510, filing for the Nov. 3 Board of Education elections began Monday. The Weekly has confirmed two new candidates and a possible third. Following is introductions to each of the 2009 Board of Education candidates as of Wednesday.



Lisa Korbатов

The North Rodeo Drive resident, who co-owns and manages a commercial property and management company in Los Angeles,

filed to run for Board of Education Monday.

"I want to bring back the glory of our yesteryear," Koratov said. "I'm dismayed by the ways a lot of the kids behave towards each other and their elders. I want to put respect back into the district and bring accountability and transparency back into how the whole district functions."

One thing she said she hopes to address is retention of administration in the district.

"This is a district where we've had too many superintendents," Korbатов said. "In 10 years we've had eight. Something is wrong. I think we should be honest enough to say "what is not working," "what do we need to fix," and "how do we fix it?"

Korbатов has two daughters in the district, Anna Bella, who will be a junior at Beverly High and Elizabeth, who will be in second grade at El Rodeo School. Her oldest daughter, Lauren, graduated Beverly High in 2007.

"I'm not doing this specifically for them," she said. "I really think that we need to put some more basic common sense back into this district."

Korbатов, who was set to graduate Beverly High in 1982, left the school in 1981 after completing all of her requirements a year early. She attended the University of Southern California.

Her husband, Igor, graduated in 1981.

"I didn't enter this just to do it halfheartedly," Korbатов said. "I'm going to put my all into it because at the end of the day you always run the risk that you may not make it. That's always a possibility and I hope that's not my fate."



Jake Manaster

The president and chief executive officer for

Contract Carpet Corporation filed to run Wednesday.

"It is my hope that my service to our community can make a difference for all students," Manaster said. "We are a good district but [we] should be great."

He said he wants to enhance students' academic excellence on standardize test scores and college placement in to four year universities.

"I would like to see our students excel and have that reflected in the educational product we deliver every day through our valued staff and educational community," Manaster said.

Manaster has two children in the district who both attend Horace Mann School. Amanda will enter seventh grade in the fall and Ethan will be in third.

He graduated from University High in 1987, and attended Case Western Reserve School of Law.

His wife, Lynda Miller Manaster, graduated Beverly High in 1987.

"We are high school sweethearts, so it was natural for us to come back from grad school and raise a family here," Manaster said.

He said coming from public and private schools, he has a feel for what works and what does not.

"I will work tirelessly to see the BHUSD gem shined up physically, organizationally and educationally to restore its status as a role model for other K-12 public education institutions across the country," Manaster said.



Craig Davis

Retired Hawthorne School teacher Craig Davis is expected to file for the Board of Education.

Davis served in various BHUSD positions before returning in 1982 as a math teacher at Hawthorne. He retired in 2008.

When asked in issue #454 what he would do to improve the Beverly Hills Unified School District, Davis said "teaching kids how to research more effectively."

Davis is a 1963 Beverly High graduate and attended Cal State Northridge.

Other candidates

Incumbent Nooshin Meshkaty also filed papers to run for re-election. Meshkaty was automatically elected in 2005 when the election was cancelled due to a lack of candidates.

Incumbent Myra Demeter was first elected in 2001. Demeter has not specified by press time if she will file for re-election.

For filing information cal 562-462-2748.

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Movie Academy Continues 1939 Screening Series Monday With "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"

A newly restored print of "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" will be shown Monday at the Samuel Goldwyn Theater as the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts continues its screenings of all 10, 1939 best picture Oscar nominees at its headquarters at 8949 Wilshire Blvd.

Longtime Beverly Hills resident James Stewart received a best actor Academy Award nomination for his portrayal of a youth group leader appointed by a governor to fill a U.S. Senate seat.

Pre-show elements, which begin at 7

p.m., will include the 10th chapter of the 1939 serial "Buck Rogers," and the animated short "Scrappy's Added Attraction."

The curtain time for "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" is 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for the general public and \$3 for Academy members and students with a valid identification. They may be purchased online at <http://www.oscars.org>, in person at the Academy during regular business hours or, on beginning at 6:30 p.m. the night of the screening if available.

More information on the screening series is available by calling (310) 247-3600 or online at <http://www.oscars.org>.

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Docs Yes, Offices No

And other notes for next city manager

By Rudy Cole

Jack Benny once quipped that with 1,000 lawyers and 1,000 doctors practicing in our city, "Beverly Hills has to be the sickest, most crooked city in America."

Benny might have been surprised to learn that those two professions have actually increased their numbers since his 1950s jab. The total now is 2,578! This despite the growth of professional offices available in Century City, Westwood, West Hollywood and the UCLA and Cedars-Sinai proliferation all over West Los Angeles.

UCLA and Cedars-Sinai are ranked among the finest in the world, and we are fortunate to have them so close to our village. The docs who are associated with both are also loaded with real stars. From oncology to heart disease and everything in between, their physicians and surgeons are among the finest in the world.

What is reasonably new are medical offices both institutions, and mostly Cedars, have created. This has totally changed the character of the land around Cedars-Sinai, and has extended to our city and much of the areas around us. You will find Cedars uses on Robertson, Wilshire, Olympic and more as well as Third Street. This aside from Cedars-Sinai docs in our medical office buildings.

However, there is a problem, and one first addressed some 40 years ago by the then city council. No office use creates more traffic than medical, none.

Yes, there are some rare exceptions such as surgery centers, but the average medical office has a higher per day visiting turn over than your neighborhood car dealer or even hotels and restaurants.

The economic impacts are even more negative: Doctors, and lawyers pay less in taxes than almost any other use, most

no longer provide parking validations – and this means their patients take up two hour free facilities and equally important, doctors and their visitors seldom combine trips with shopping or dining which would at least have contributed to our tax revenues.

Understanding this very clearly, the then council made it far more difficult for the construction of more medical buildings. One of the tools was increasing parking requirements.

I understand Mayor Nancy Krasne's concerns that a moratorium on all new medical also might impact such uses as surgery centers that are not high traffic generators, but I still agree the council made the right move to consider a total freeze on medical. Last week I credited staff and the commission for supporting the ordinance, but we should also commend new councilmember John Mirisch for initiating the reform and, as we pointed out last week, thank Dr. Willie Brien for putting community first.

What is inexplicable is the years long delays in adopting a new, state mandated, general plan. Despite years of debate and public hearings including many citizen study groups, we are still months away from final adoption. Medical uses, consideration of adjusting height limits, means of improving deteriorating sections of the business sector are being delayed because of this inability to expedite a conclusion on the general plan. We would not have needed an "urgency" ordinance if a general plan addressing medical and other uses was in place.

However, the conversion of some of the older medical buildings to mixed use also should be noted. The renovation of the buildings owned and managed by G and L on North Bedford, Camden and Roxbury Drives are now far more attractive, and most also provide retail, tax producing uses on the ground floor.

As for the legal profession, at least they take lunch breaks and even entertain clients. What they seem unwilling to do these days is run for city council or school board. Of our ten local officials, only one, Myra Lurie, is a lawyer.

Maybe the new restrictions on coming back after they leave public service to represent business interests is one reason, but whatever the causes, we need them now more than ever.

Historically, some of the most able and prestigious legal minds in our state served on the council. These included Mendell Silberberg, legal advisor to the big players in the film industry, Hugh Darling, managing partner of a law firm that represented air lines and major industries, George Slaff, life long counsel for Samuel Godwyn, Lee Combs, president of the Beverly Hills Bar Association and more recently Allan Alexander, Mark Egerman, Steve Webb

and others.

Fortunately, we have the services of one of the best municipal law experts in the state, Larry Wiener, as our city attorney, and the backup of his Richards law firm that holds the legal services contract with the city.

Lawyer members would more fully understand the legislative process and the legal opinions provided by Weiner. They would also protect the very careful balance of a city manager form of government. I understand the frustrations felt by many mayors, and other councilmembers, when they are inhibited from being able to directly impact public services. They were elected to lead, but in our checks and balances general law city, their authority is strictly limited to making laws and providing guidance on public policy and not in staff management. Legally, the council only hires and fires the city manager, city attorney and city clerk. Every other department, agency and employee reports through the city manager.

In Los Angeles, a charter city, the mayor is the chief executive officer. In Beverly Hills the mayor presides at meetings, speaks for the council when in the majority, signs official documents, assists in the preparation of the agenda, but that's it. Otherwise, the mayor is just one of five. Efforts to change the system, to make the mayor job a four year term directly elected by the voters has never gained support.

Back to legal limits. In a more amusing side bar on mayoral powers, in recent years our mayors simply announced that the "meeting is adjourned."

Not their ability to order. Although, most often it is time to adjourn and there are no objections, but if the mayor could do this on his or her own motion, it could create havoc with due process. Don't like what a majority wants? Simply adjourn the meeting.

No, the rules are simple: a meeting is only closed when a majority supports a motion to adjourn.

Which brings us to the most important challenge city government has faced for many years: The hiring of a new city manager.

Seldom, if ever, in our history will we be bringing on a new city manager with more challenges. The draconian cuts in revenues and across the board reductions in services in a community that will continue to insist on excellence and total public safety, is an historic reversal of years of ever increasing enlargement of municipal resources.

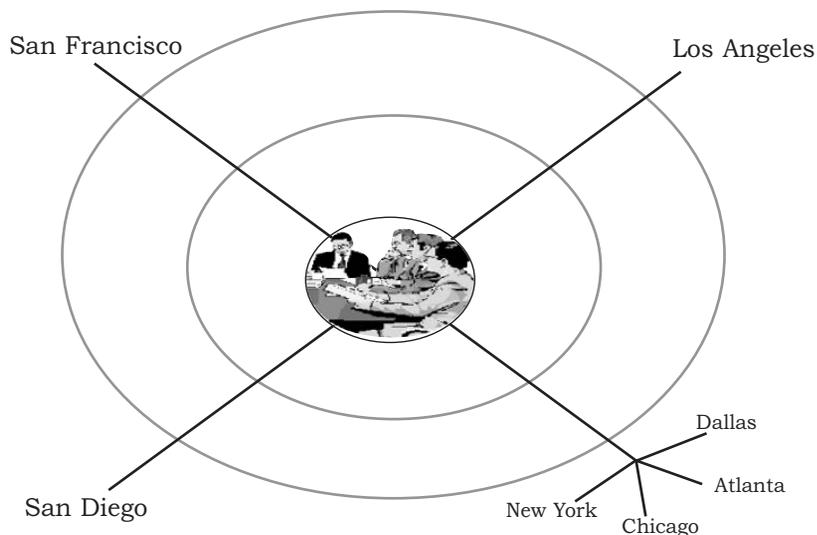
Gone, at least for now, are the days when we could build a new civic center and public works building, remodel city hall, provide funding for social service agencies at almost always the requested level, avoid even a suggestion of reductions in police and fire services and staff and strive toward ever greater means of filling citizen demands.

Fortunately, retiring city manager Rod Wood has worked with the council to adopt a realistic city budget that mini-

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mizes some, but not all, of the hurts. Rod also leaves behind an incredibly able city staff including very talented people leading and working in city departments and divisions. Some of these he inherited from former city manager **Mark Scott**, was also one of the best in our history, but Wood carried out reforms and initiated some of his own that has made our city government the envy of the state.

A new city manager will also have to contend with an often sharply divided city council, although that's not usual in many municipalities in the midst of crisis.

Just one example of a civic shocker the new city manager will have to understand. Although schools are a totally independent governmental agency, mostly funded by the state, at least until we implement and absorb the changes that will come when we are a Basic Aid district, our city council consistently votes money for our schools through the Joint Powers Agreement. No money for basic city needs, but funding for an independent agency in amounts no other city would even consider?

True because of our community's historic commitment to public education and the total interdependence of excellent in education services and our economic stability and growth. The JPA should not be touched.

Although the divisions in our city are minor and almost not even visible, compared with other communities, we do face challenges in cultural diversity. Also, and this too is true in most other upscale communities, there is a sharp divide among business and residential interests – through the years just talking and arriving at understandings and compromises have not been very successful. Easy to say how dependent both are on

each other, hard to put into place at decision making time.

The new city manager might be surprised to learn that despite years of successful operations, we have separated the Chamber of Commerce from the Conference and Visitor's Bureau; that we have no plan to deal with a planned subway through our city and not even one staff person assigned to work with the agency creating the mass transit scheme. (We do have a former Mayor, **Allan Alexander**, who is our go to person on the project.)

As for commercial uses and improvements, the new city manager will find it hard to understand why a whole block on the western most part of Wilshire Boulevard has been empty for years, why some eastern sections of the city show signs of civic neglect and why citizens will march on city hall to protest the arrest of a resident for feeding homeless cats, but show little interest when a homeless person hangs himself at city hall.

But, yes, the new city manager will also move into a community that gives more to charities, the arts and to education even considering our economic status, than almost any other city in the world. Although there has been some political change, this city still votes Democratic, is basically liberal and it completely supportive of the men and women who are first responders in the police and fire departments, even though that may seem perplexing to people not familiar with our relationship to law enforcement.

How different is our relationship with our own law enforcement agency? One new police officer defined it well. When he came to Beverly Hills he discovered that people actually waved their hands in greetings. In his previous community, that was most often with one fin-

ger.

Am I the only one who feels the **Michel Jackson** story, as well as his body, should be put to rest?

Exhausting every nuance possible, the news channels seem absorbed with toxicology reports, likely custody court battles, and reruns of his former wife's melt down when confronted by paparazzi.

True, Jackson was an incredible performer and from all accounts a generous, caring person. But he was also terribly flawed as a human being and hardly ready for sainthood. To make it more local, his dermatologist, who will not deny that he could be the biological father of Jackson's adorable children, has his office on North Roxbury. This doc says he was also a close friend, how close we may never know, but recent leaks of Jackson's frequent anti-Semitic outbursts collide with this doctor's heritage: he describes himself as an orthodox Jew.

Another note on medical uses; We have some animal hospitals, but none for humans. That was almost changed about 40 years ago when the late **Gordon Levoy** representing the Victor family, owners of the property on Third that now houses the post office, brought a proposal for a non-profit hospital to the city council.

Guess who led the fight against the hospital? Cedars-Sinai. They, along with Litton Industries, a major land owner in the industrial area, organized neighborhood opposition. Litton clearly wanted to acquire even more city land and did not want property values to escalate.

When Levoy and hospital consultants

argued that there was a critical need for hospital beds on the Westside and Beverly Hills, Cedars lawyers showed up with a marvelous rendering of a new facility that they were committed to build at Wilshire and Veteran. This would be a 1,000 plus bed hospital and fill then and future needs. The Beverly Hills hospital never made it out of the council, but the last time I drove by the Federal Building, I could not spot any Cedars signs.

There will be an election for school board, complete with a large cast of candidates. So far, we know of three likely challengers for the seats now held by board president **Nooshin Meshkaty** and Dr. **Myra Demeter**. Meshkaty has a campaign in place is running hard, but Demeter has yet to announce, but is probably unlikely to seek a third term. More next week.

Sad note: One of the finest most creative newspaper people I ever knew, **Cecil Smith**, died this week. Smith was the long time television critic of the Los Angeles Times. His acerbic but gentle thrusts at the industry and his expertise in his field made him the envy of all in the profession.

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.

sports & scores



Paysinger Praises Play of BHHS Football Team In Tournament

Normans post 3-3 record.

By Steven Herbert

Beverly High "played well" as it went 3-3 in seven-on-seven touch football games played in T-shirts and shorts in the Claremont Tournament Friday and Saturday at Claremont High, coach Carter Paysinger said.

"We're working at developing more depth on both sides of the ball, so it was important for our [second- and third-string] players to get a lot of reps and to improve and I thought we did that in a couple of

areas," Paysinger said. "We're improving in terms of our depth."

The Normans lost to Crescenta Valley and defeated Workman, Industry Workman, Redlands Citrus Valley in pool play games Friday and lost to Orange Lutheran, a Southern Section Pac-5 Division semifinalist in 2008, and Etiwanda in the bracket portion of the tournament Saturday.

A late touchdown put Orange Lutheran

ahead by eight points. Beverly Hills was driving as time expired. Etiwanda also defeated the Normans by eight, with Beverly Hills scoring a late touchdown to reduce a 14-point deficit.

Running back-safety Kenny Bassett, cornerback Cameron Countryman, safety Marcus Silbiger, receiver Daniel Bradbury and linebacker-safety A.J. Fortier drew praise from Paysinger for their play.

What's Next?

The Normans are set to conclude their summer play by playing in the Arroyo Grande Tournament Friday and Saturday at Arroyo Grande High School.

Tennis South End Open

Jackson Leipzig of Beverly Hills lost to second-seeded Alex Gaal of Hermosa Beach, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, in the final of the boys' 12 and under division.

Leipzig, who was seeded first, defeated third-seeded Cole Tournat of Palos Verdes Peninsula, 6-1, 6-0, in the semifinals, and Sevag Keosseian of Glendale, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, in the quarterfinals to reach the final.

The tournament was played July 6-10 at the South End Racquet Club in Torrance.

Beverly Hills Junior Tournament

Beverly High junior Donovan Suh lost to eventual champion Zach Drost of Westlake Village, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5, in a semifinal match of the boys' 18 and under division at Beverly Hills Tennis.

Drost was seeded first in the tournament that concluded Sunday.

Boys' Golf

Beverly Hills resident Seiji Liu finished in a five-way tie for ninth in the American Junior Golf Association's West Junior Open at Robinson Ranch Golf Club's Valley Course in Santa Clarita.

Liu entered the final round in sixth, but shot a seven-over-par 79 in last Thursday's final round, to finishing the three-round tournament at five-over-par 221, nine shots behind winner Jeffrey Kang of Fullerton.

Steven Herbert has covered Beverly High sports for the Beverly Hills Weekly since 1999. He welcomes feedback and suggestions. He can be reached by e-mail at StvHerbert@aol.com, by telephone at (310) 275-7943 or by fax at (310) 273-4519.

coverstory

DEVELOPING THE COMMUNITY

The Weekly's exclusive interview with Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene

By Amanda Renner

Susan Healy Keene is in her sixth week as Director of Community Development in Beverly Hills. She sat down with the Weekly to discuss her job, her family and the community.

Tell us about Community Development.

Community development includes the planning division, as well as the building and safety division. We oversee several commissions, including the planning, design review and architectural commissions. So there are a lot of meetings that our staff is responsible for. Not only are we looking at reviewing projects that come in for compliance with city zoning codes and building codes, we're also looking ahead at the policies and goals for the city as we move forward in the future.

Could you give us an example of the policies and goals you review?

The biggest example of course is the update to the City's general plan. I'm new to the story, but I know for about the last eight years a number of citizen's committees have been working to come up with the goals and policies for the general plan. The general plan is something that's state mandated for cities in California. It looks at various chapters, known as elements that look at different aspects of the city. It has been a while since that general plan has been updated. The work that has been done has been fabulous and it needs to be finalized and brought forward for approval recommendation of the planning commission and approval by city council. We anticipate we will have something before city council by the end of the year.

What else are you working on?

Oh my goodness. Our work is really two fold. We have applications that come in, and they come in as they come in, so whatever comes in is what we're work on. So anyone who is applying for any type of new construction, remodeling and any other type of project in the physical environment, we review first through planning and then through building and safety. Then we follow up regularly to make sure the work that is under construction is following code and that when it is completed it follows all city codes.

That is one aspect of it. The other aspect of course is whatever we have in our work program that is directed by city council, because ultimately we are carrying out the direction of city council.

For instance, we have a couple of recent items. One is direction from city council to prohibit or limit the amount of medical land use in the city. Another recent directive from city council is to consider whether or not we want common interest development in commercial buildings, which is conversion of buildings to commercial condominiums. So we're doing the research and analysis on those items as well. A number of those projects I would categorize as advance planning projects; projects that, as we look ahead, we have been directed to undertake study on.

Before coming to Beverly Hills you were community development director for West Hollywood. What brought you into this position?

I was invited to interview, and frankly Beverly Hills is an intriguing city. It's a world class community located in an enormous regional area, but it's a city that even though it's not a huge city, it's world renowned. It's intriguing and challenging to be in a city that has a great reputation and has many of the challenges that other west side cities have in terms of development and traffic. I thought it was a great opportunity.

Do you have any personal goals for yourself and the position?

I always want to do the best job I can. It's important to understand as part of this, all city departments have work programs and we have a work program that has been approved as part of the budget, so that is really how we focus our work. My goal is to do the best job I can, in carrying out the directives that we're given. Be responsive, provide great customer service, instill public trust and confidence, and provide accurate information in a timely manner.

Do you have any ideas on how you can strengthen your position?

I'm of the belief you can always fine tune any organization. We have an excellent staff here of very qualified professionals.

But there are systems that can always be improved. I'd like to work on improving systems and continuing training, so people can give the best information they can, as well as give it in ways that are easiest for our customers to receive it; whether it's improving our online services or improving our in person services at the counter. The permit center just opened in October and it's an incredible space where we can really help people have one stop shopping. They can talk to building and safety and transportation all in one area. So continuing to improve the service we provide in the permit center is certainly something we'll be continuing to work on.

What are some challenges you face at the job?

Some of the challenges in any community development department is trying to preserve the quality of life for residence, while you continue to find ways to continue economic stability. Often times the appearance is that those two are in conflict. I don't think they need to be, but that is where the challenge is. Because if you can't provide economic stability over time it starts to affect the services you are able to provide to your residents.

Since you've started has who has made your job a little easier?

There are two great assistant directors, George Chavez and Jonathan Lait. They have been a huge help to me. But I've been meeting with different commissioners and residents and other directors, so I'm very much in the early assessment phase, if you will. I'm continuing to meet with my own staff, which consists of 48 people. Everybody has a different perspective that I think is important to me to inform people where Beverly Hills is now and where we need to go in the future.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married to a very lovely man, Christopher, for 19 years. We live in Santa Monica with our two sons, James who is 14 and Kevin who is 10. They're both baseball little league guys, so that's how we spend a lot of our weekends. We also have two cats,

Chunky and Cali. They're brother and sister, and are the children of feral cats. In our free time we like to go to baseball games and we like to go downtown to the Ahmanson from time to time. We went and saw Spamalot on Saturday night.

What are your plans for the future?

Given I've just started; I'm looking forward to having a good number of years here with the City of Beverly Hills.



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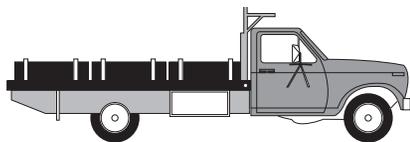
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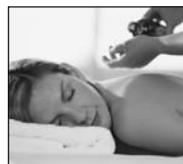
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/s/ HOUMAN FATEHI, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/30/09 indicated by file stamp above.
NOTICE-THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
LA149085 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 7/9,16,23,30,2009

FILE NO. 20091006347
FILED: 7/6/09
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
Fictitious Business Name(s): TORRANCE ARCO; ANZA ARCO
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 6/8/07 in the county of LOS ANGELES. Original file number, 20071396305.
The full name of registrant: ILIANA MONTEAGUDO, 348 E. OPP ST, WILMINGTON, CA 90744
This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime).
/s/ ILIANA MONTEAGUDO
LA149152 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 7/9, 16, 23, 30, 2009

FILE NO. 20090969174
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: FAST-FIX JEWELRY REPAIRS, 24201 VALENCIA BLVD, #2265, VALENCIA, CA 91355 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MALEK JEAN KALAYLI AND CHANT ARABIAN, 24201 VALENCIA BLVD #2265, VALENCIA, CA 91355. This Business is being conducted by a/an: COPARTNERS. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).
/s/ MALEK JEAN KALAYLI AND CHANT ARABIAN, OWNER
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LA149042 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 7/2,9,16,23,2009

FILE NO. 20090969173
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: JUG & JIGGER LIQUOR, 5235 TYLER AVE, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: KANDORIA INVESTMENT CORPORATION, [CA], 3650 E. 1ST ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. This Business is being conducted by a/an: CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).
/s/ KANDORIA INVESTMENT CORPORATION, BY: KHIMA K. KANDORIA, PRESIDENT
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LA149043 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 7/2,9,16,23,2009

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
FILE#: 96-2035945
Name of Business: 1980 CLEANERS 420 S Glendale Ave #5 Glendale, CA 91206
File #: 20090960187
Registered Owners: Edwin Baltazar 9530 Pali Ave Tujunga, CA 91042

FILE NO. 20090913522
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MOMOTARO'S KITCHEN, 2257 W. ROSECRANS AVE, GARDENA, CA 90249 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MOMOTARO'S KITCHEN INC, 3230 OVERLAND AVE #328, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 (CALIFORNIA). This Business is being conducted by a/an: CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).
/s/ MOMOTARO'S KITCHEN INC. BY: HUI-JEN LIU CHEN, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/17/09 indicated by file stamp above.
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LA148888 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 6/25, 7/2, 9, 16, 2009

FILE NO. 20090921514
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: THE DRAFT BAR & GRILL, 12430 RIVERSIDE DR, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91607 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DRAFT HOLDINGS INC, 13922 PEACHGROVE ST, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91423 (CALIFORNIA). This Business is being conducted by a/an: CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.
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/s/ DRAFT HOLDINGS INC. BY: TIM RETTELE, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/18/09 indicated by file stamp above.
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LA148907 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 6/25, 7/2, 9, 16, 2009



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Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, Revenue and Taxation Code, the Notice of Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Power of Sale in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in said County for publication of a portion thereof in each of said newspapers.

**Public Auction Notice (R&TC 3702)
Of Sale Of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject To
The Power Of Sale (Sale No. 2009B)**

Whereas, on May 12, 2009, I, MARK J. SALADINO, Treasurer and Tax Collector, was directed by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, State of California, to sell at public auction certain Tax-Defaulted properties which are Subject to the Power of Sale. Public notice is hereby given that unless said properties are redeemed prior thereto, I will, on August 17 and 18, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Fairplex Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, 1101 W. McKinley Avenue, Building 5, Pomona, California, offer for sale and sell said properties at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check in lawful money of the United States for not less than the minimum bid. If no bids are received on a parcel, it will be re-offered at the end of the auction at a reduced minimum price.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by Section 3698.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the County Treasurer and Tax Collector. Pre-registration and a \$5,000 deposit in the form of cash, cashier's check or bank issued money order is required at the time of registration. No personal checks, two-party checks or business checks will be accepted for registration. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., starting, Monday, July 13, 2009, at the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, located at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California and will end on Friday, July 31, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

If the property is sold, parties of interest, as defined by Section 4675 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If excess proceeds result from the sale, notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to law.

All information concerning redemption, provided the right to redeem has not previously been terminated, will upon request be furnished by MARK J. SALADINO, Treasurer and Tax Collector.

If redemption of the property is not made according to the law before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2009, which is the last business day prior to the first day of auction, the right of redemption will cease.

The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the Assessor's Identification Number occurred, both prior and current Assessor's Identification Numbers are shown. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the maps referred to are available from the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012.

A list explaining the abbreviations used in this publication is on file in the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012, or telephone 1 (213) 974-2045.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on June 2, 2009.

MARK J. SALADINO
Los Angeles County
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The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EHSAN ALLAH NOORI AKA EHSANALLAH NOURI CASE NO. BP117286

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of EHSAN ALLAH NOORI AKA EHSANALLAH NOURI.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SALEH SHOOSHANI in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SALEH SHOOSHANI 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. (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: 07/29/09 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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 writ-

ten 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
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS in the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, that an election will be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009 for the purpose of electing officers for the following district:

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Candidates for the above offices must be registered voters residing within the district at the time the declaration of candidacy is issued pursuant to Section 53107 of the Education Code and Section 201 of the Elections Code.
Declaration of Candidacy forms for the election are available no earlier than JULY 13, and no later than AUGUST 7, at the REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, 90650, 2nd Floor, Room 2013, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
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- b. A petition signed by 10% or 50 voters in the district, whichever is the smaller number, requesting that an election be held, has not been presented by 5 p.m., AUGUST 12, 2009.

Polling places shall be open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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