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“New and Old Restaurants” [Issue 528]

Cheers to Rudy Cole for mentioning employee parking at satellite locations. I had mentioned this years ago to a then-council person whose eyes glazed over at the thought. Now that we have that big new parking structure on Alden Drive we should get business owners (including the department stores who every year need exemptions from providing employee parking during the holidays) to invest in a shuttle system. In the evenings office buildings sit with empty parking as well. It’s a win/win: employees won’t be parking up the adjacent neighborhoods bothering residents and they won’t have to be darting out every two hours to move their car 6 feet so they don’t

Corrections

The article “El Rodeo to Hold Family Food and Fun Day” misprinted the El Rodeo PTA e-mail address. Their e-mail is elrodeopta@yahoo.com.

In the article “Brucker Criticized at Council Meeting,” Frank and Steven Fenton both served as honorary chairs of Willie Brien’s campaign.

get a ticket.

While it’s likely too late to do this for this holiday shopping season I think it’s worth a try.

*Tom Pease
Beverly Hills*

“Letters and E-mail” [Issue 527]

Since my return from a business trip, I heard that Harvey Englander, Beverly Hills’ most successful developer lobbyist, claimed in a recent statement to this paper that I was paid to oppose Measure H, the Hilton expansion. Mr. Englander’s statement is 100 percent false, just like many of the claims that Mr. Englander’s staff made in the Measure H campaign for the Beverly Hilton expansion.

Unlike Mr. Englander, who was paid handsomely in recent years by the Montage Hotel developers, the Hilton Hotel owner, and by a Beverly Hills medical office landlord to oppose Measure P, I earned absolutely no money for opposing the Hilton Hotel massive expansion.

Instead, as a public service, I donated most of my billable time in 2008 to try to expose the falsehoods about the Hilton expansion. I also was the third largest cash contributor to the “No on Measure H” campaign. The Hilton Hotel spent almost \$5,000,000 to defeat us. Despite our limited budget of approximately \$80,000, the “No on H” opposition received the majority of the vote on election day. However, we were ultimately defeated by only 129 votes, only 8/10 of 1 percent of all votes cast.

Most of these ballots were late absentee and provisional ballots, some of which were cast by fraudulent voters who did not live in Beverly Hills.

After the election, our workers began knocking on doors in Beverly Hills to try to find many of the suspected fraudulent voters. Ultimately, we turned over 560 names of fraudulent voter suspects to the district attorney for criminal investigation. However, we were warned directly by Steve Cooley, the district attorney, that his office had very limited funds and budget problems. Thus, to this day, we do not know what, if anything, the district attorney’s office did with our investigation results.

In closing, if and when I should ever decide to become a “paid” Beverly Hills lobbyist, I too will wear a lobbyist badge, the same as Mr. Englander and his well-paid lobbyist friends. These registered lobbyists are now lobbying behind closed doors in an attempt to kill a Beverly Hills proposed ordinance. This ordinance would require that all paid lobbyists wear lobbyist badges at Beverly Hills City Hall. Badges will help establish more transparency and limit paid lobbyists masquerading as residents.

*Larry Larson
Beverly Hills*

In [Joel] Pressman’s Letter to the Editor (Courier Nov. 13th), he brings up the matter of comparative salaries in an effort to persuade readers that teachers are not paid sim-

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SNAPSHOT



HAWTHORNE ANGELS
NORTH REXFORD DRIVE

Hawthorne teacher Stephanie Lehrer and her first-grade students made Thanksgiving placemats as part of a service-learning project for Project Angel Food, an organization that cooks and delivers meals to men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS and other serious illnesses. Lehrer’s class has been making placements every year for more than 10 years. (top row: Leah Korori, Elan Amirianfar, Max Izumi, Vance Liu, Andrew Kim; middle row: Sasha Guilani, Celine Boudaie, Eldod Lalehzarian, Ryan Noorvash, Dylan Kohanzad, Joshua Saghizadeh; bottom row: Taylor Samidi, Brigitte Meshkani, Sumayah Johnson, Tom Turkey, Isabella Diprizito, Kiana Aminzadeh, Maya Lejia)

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Meshkaty Pressured Administrator to Change Grade; Investigation Under Way, Union Says

A Board of Education member allegedly pressured a Beverly High administrator to change her son's grade without the teacher's knowledge or consent, according to a Beverly Hills Education Association consensus newsletter released Wednesday.

Although the newsletter does not name the Board member or the student, Weekly sources have confirmed current Board of Education President Nooshin Meshkaty pressured a high school administrator to change her son's 'D' grade in a chemistry course to an 'incomplete.' Meshkaty's son is a Beverly High senior.

According to state law, teachers have the ultimate authority over a student's grade. The school district and the superintendent cannot change a student's grade unless the teacher is given an opportunity to give an oral or written statement outlining the reasons the grade was issued.

BHEA President Chris Bushée said BHEA is currently conducting an investigation about this incident, and will determine whether the board member abused authority to pressure a probationary teacher for a different grade.

"We take these matters seriously," Bushée said. "A teacher's right to issue a grade is protected by state law."

Meshkaty allegedly told the recently-hired teacher more than once that an 'A' or 'B' was the only acceptable grade for the student.

According to the consensus (bhea.org/news.htm), the student turned in homework assignments during the 2008-09 school year with different handwriting styles. The teacher brought the incident to the attention of high school administrators, who concluded that the different handwriting was caused by the variation of the student's fast and slow writing paces. The administration did not discipline the student.

The student also brought a copy of the teacher's edition of the textbook to class. On a different occasion, the teacher notified the administration of yet another cheating incident involving the student. Administrators ultimately concluded that there was insufficient evidence to warrant discipline.

In the same school year, Meshkaty told the teacher she would protest the teacher's handling of her son's cheating incident to administrators, who further advocated on behalf of Meshkaty by asking the teacher in June 2009 to accept several missing assignments.

The teacher issued the final 'D' grade in that same month, and was recently alerted of the grade change after asking the student why he still had an 'incomplete' from the prior school year.

Last Friday, the high school administration told the teacher that someone had accessed the computer system to change

the grade. The administration informed the teacher later that day that the grade would be changed back to a 'D.'

District administrators informed BHEA Tuesday that they are hiring an independent, outside investigator to look into the circumstances surrounding the grade change. The investigation will last no more than two weeks.

"If the accusations are true, it calls into question the integrity of our grading system at our high school," said Board of Education member Brian Goldberg. "This is the antithesis of what public service is supposed to be about. Public service should never be about personal gain or personal profit. If the board member is guilty, they have violated the public trust."

Goldberg said "there's very little that can be done" in terms of punitive measures against a board member found guilty of violating the education and government code "other than a recall, which is not available under this circumstance." Both codes are "silent" on such measures.

However, the same cannot be said for the high school administration.

"As far as I'm convinced, if these accusations are found to be true, those administrators need to be terminated immediately for cause," Goldberg said. "We need to investigate this thoroughly and make any corrective measure necessary to ensure the integrity of our rating system in our district. The only way we can get past this is complete and utter transparency."

Meshkaty was defeated for re-election earlier this month, but serves until Dec. 8. She could not be reached for comment.

Cat Talk Brings Out the Claws

A nearly hour-long discussion about feral-cat feeding dominated Tuesday's city council meeting as residents brought out their claws over the lack of enforcement of a standing ordinance prohibiting such feeding.

Thirteen people banned together to represent the sentiment of an entire neighborhood, and expressed their outrage over the continued feeding of feral cats in their alleyways, especially by non-resident Katherine Varjian.

"[We] are so sick and tired over the Vargian alley feeding which has continued for years and now months," resident Darian Bojeaux said. "We videotaped Varjian leaving food all over the alley, we have the license plate, and we contacted the city to get enforcement. Well, nobody was really excited to do anything."

The ordinance, which was implemented last month, heavily focused on a trap-neuter-return solution for feral cats and utilized TNR partners to handle the caring and feeding of feral cats.

"Katherine Varjian said she was going to continue alley feeding whether it was against the law or not," Bojeaux said. "We really are asking that our city respect its residents, and please put residents first and move forward with the enforcement and to not wait any longer."

Human Relations Commissioner Ilona Sherman and Courier Associate Publisher and Editor Marcia Hobbs were both pres-

ent to advocate on behalf of feral cat feeding.

"I have had the duty, the pleasure, or whatever you choose to call [it], of accompanying Katherine Varjian a couple of nights on feeding," Hobbs said. "She's feeding entirely behind where she has written permission from those residents until we get our feeders in place."

Mayor Nancy Krasne responded by asking Hobbs why the residents don't feed the cats themselves if they gave written permission for Varjian to do so.

"I can't answer that question," Hobbs said.

Krasne said no one should break the law, and while this ordinance is in place, there should be no plates in the alleys.

"Then [we're going to] starve the cats," Hobbs said. "Sorry."



Brian Rosenstein

Rosenstein Donates \$10,000 on Behalf of May Foundation to Beverly Hills D.A.R.E. Program

Traffic and Parking Commissioner

Brian Rosenstein presented Beverly Hills Police Chief David Snowden with a \$10,000 check Monday to benefit the city's D.A.R.E. program.

The donation was made on behalf of the Wilbur D. May Foundation, Rosenstein's family foundation aimed at supporting children's causes and organizations.

"I am so pleased to be able to support our Beverly Hills D.A.R.E. program and the good work our D.A.R.E. officers do to help the youth of our community," said

Rosenstein, who is vice president of the foundation.

Rosenstein, a fourth-generation Beverly Hills resident, is also a board member of Beverly Hills CPR and a member of the city's Rotary Club.

The Wilbur D. May Foundation donates roughly \$2.5 million per year to children-based organizations. The organization was founded by Wilbur D. May, who was handicapped from birth and committed his life to the welfare and education of children.

BHUSD Lawsuit Reaches Settlement with Po Lau

A settlement has been reached in a July 2009 lawsuit filed by former Beverly High teacher Po Lau against the school district, according to Lau's attorney Richard Grey.

Lau, a retired ceramics and art teacher, claimed he was fired from his position because of his race and age. According to the complaint, BHUSD management forced Lau's students to make false accusations and derogatory statements regarding his classroom performance. Lau alleges he was placed on an administrative leave of absence for unspecified reasons and without proper investigation.

The lawsuit originally sought unspecified damages, including loss of wages and mental and emotional distress.

Details of the November 9 settlement are confidential, Grey said.

Chaos on the Human Relations Commission?

The Human Relations Commission was created nine years ago "to promote positive human relations in all aspects of community life," according to the city's municipal

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, will consider:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES & CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR THE INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTABLE CITATIONS

The proposed resolution will amend the Comprehensive Schedule of Taxes, Fees & Charges to establish a fee for the inspection of vehicles that have been cited for correctable traffic violations and certification that corrections have been made. The new fee would become effective on December 31, 2009.

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. The comments should be received prior to the hearing date. If you need more information, please contact Lieutenant Mark Rosen of the Beverly Hills Police Department at 310.285.2190.

Please note that if you challenge the Council's action in regards to this matter 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.

BYRON POPE, CMC
City Clerk

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ilarly to other (named) professions. But the disparity may not be as significant as Pressman portrays it.

To begin with, the use of doctors and lawyers, among other similar professionals is, at best, a misleading comparison.

And statistics can be used in many ways to shape a discussion.

There is a fundamental difference between non-governmental professionals who work in a competitive marketplace where they can make a profit or sustain a loss and educators who are employed by government supported (and often restricted) funding and protected by tenure

But even if the comparison used by Pressman is weak, let's "do the math" anyway.

Teachers work under a contract based on minutes of student contact per week. For this example, let's use 1,300 minutes per week which equals about 21.67 hours of contract time. However, almost all teachers work many more hours per week! Let's use a 40 hour week similar to other jobs.

As pointed out by the (Courier) editor, teachers work about nine months while other professions work on a 12-month calendar.

If you annualize an \$85,530 salary mentioned by Pressman (based on about 185 days of employment) and compare that to a typical attorney who may be required to work a minimum of 2,000 hours per year, a teacher's salary would be \$115,581. (185 days times 8 hr/day = 1480 hr/year)

While the debate will continue over professional salaries, the difference between the comparative professional groups and funding sources must always be considered.

Craig Davis
Beverly Hills

"Brucker Criticized at Council Meeting" [Issue 528]

The uncalled for attack at the city council meetings on Councilmember Barry Brucker by Ruth Kraft and Lee Lewis was extreme-

ly vicious and nasty.

Barry Brucker is one of the few people who have given up a great deal of time and effort to further this city for a very long time. He has every right as a good citizen to assist any candidate of his choice. It is of no consequence whether or not others agree or disagree.

To claim that he lost the election for Nooshin Meshkaty is ridiculous and abhorrent, to say the least.

Ruth Kraft and Lee Lewis — get a life!

Diane Jacobs
Beverly Hills

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

In the Matter of Brian Goldberg

The Beverly Hills North Homeowners Association focuses on maintaining and enhancing our quality of life citywide. Within the scope of that concern, our association has endorsed candidates for public office and on occasion taken to task city officials who, in our judgment, have failed to represent the best interests of our residents.

The measure of a city is not simply determined by the size and grandeur of its brick and mortar. Rather, the true nature of a community is revealed by its values and standards. We share together in a special city because we are a moral people.

While we may choose to agree with policies put forth by our public officials, or at times differ, we expect that they will act morally and reflect the time honored values and standards we hold dear as a community. When, in our opinion, an individual holding public office violates the public trust by evincing disreputable character, we believe he ought to use whatever honor he may possess and resign from his office.

In our judgment, Brian Goldberg presents such an individual, who, for the following reasons, we believe ought to resign from his position as a member of the board of education.

Background/Chronology of Events

In late August into early September 2009, we became aware of a judgment rendered in a civil case by a unanimous jury in superior court in San Bernardino County against Brian Goldberg et al. The plaintiffs allege, inter alia, that Brian Goldberg, during the sale of a family business, fabricated a profit and loss statement upon which plaintiffs relied when they purchased the business. The jury trial in superior court commenced on April 27, 2009 and was concluded on May 22, 2009. The jury finding specifically against Brian Goldberg provided in relevant part as follows:

- 1.) Brian Goldberg made false representations of an important fact;
- 2.) Brian Goldberg knew the representations were false or made the representations recklessly and without regard [for] the truth;
- 3.) Brian Goldberg intended that plaintiffs rely on the representations;
- 4.) Plaintiffs reasonably relied on the representations and that plaintiffs' reliance was a substantial factor in causing harm to plaintiffs
- 5.) Brian Goldberg acted with malice, oppression or fraud in this matter.

Additional testimony was taken on the issue of punitive damages following which the jury rendered a punitive damage award against Brian Goldberg et al.

On Sept. 2, 2009 the court denied Brian Goldberg's motion to set aside the jury verdict and certified its finding.

Brian Goldberg Meeting with BH North HOA Executive Committee

On Sept. 4, 2009 the executive committee of our association, which is comprised of the elected officers, met with Brian Goldberg to give Brian an opportunities to explain his position. He stated, inter alia, that he was merely a conduit in the sale of his father's business, attending one meeting, at which he handed one page of tax return to the plaintiffs, that he had nothing to do with the day-to-day operations of the business or

with negotiations regarding the sale and just attended that one meetings at his father's behest. He led us to believe that he was an innocent bystander regarding the entire transaction.

Brian Goldberg Deposition

After the meeting with Brian Goldberg, we came into possession of his deposition, which he gave on June 21, 2006 and was represented by Stephen Webb, Esq. His deposition reveals his direct, active participation in both the operation and negotiations leading up to the sale of the business. His deposition statement was inconsistent with and contradicted, in substance, his statements given to us during our aforementioned meeting on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009.

On Sept. 30, 2009 Brian Goldberg sent an e-mail stating, in relevant part, that "I stand by what I told the group..."

Recommendation

We believe that the superior court jury determination of malicious fraud with an award of punitive damages against Brian Goldberg has stigmatized him and calls into question his character. Moreover, Brian was less than sincere when he met with us. We believe that he lacks the judgment, character and integrity to sit as a member of the board of education.

One of the most revealing moments during our Sept. 4, 2009 meeting and discussion that ensued occurred when Brian was asked the following questions and gave the following answers:

Q. As a member of the Board of Education, would you hire a district superintendent and/or school principal(s) who had against them the very same civil judgment for malicious fraud which now exists against you?

A. No

Q. Why not?

A. Because I wouldn't believe or trust such a person.

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police blotter & arrestsummary

Beverly Hills Weekly receives the information that appears below from the Beverly Hills Police Department. This information is released each week to the public. We assume no responsibility for any errors or omissions in the Arrest Summary and Blotter.

ARRESTS

REYNOLDS, JOSEPH PATRICK, 23, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/15/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

BRADLEY, MORTON, 20, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/15/2009 for possession of marijuana (28.5 grams or less).

RIBLET, MICHAEL BRUCE, 53, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 11/14/2009 for bench warrant, misdemeanor.

THOMAS, ASHLEY SEAN, 27, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/14/2009 for driving with suspended license.

BARZI, ELIAHO MICKEL, 18, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 11/14/2009 for possession of marijuana while driving (one ounce or less).

LAME, FARHAD, 23, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 11/14/2009 for possession of marijuana (28.5 grams or less).

RODENBAUGH, DAVID CARROL, 46, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/13/2009 for driving with suspended license.

WHARTON, PHILIP RICHARD, 41, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/13/2009 for disorderly conduct: intoxication.

KNUDSEN, DAVID ALEXANDER, 40, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/13/2009 for possession of narcotics/controlled substance.

LUO, XI, 21, of Alhambra, arrested on 11/13/2009 for burglary.

CRIBAS, JOSE ERNESTO, 27, of Van Nuys, arrested on 11/14/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

TIAN, YUAN, 21, of San Gabriel, arrested on 11/13/2009 for burglary.

LU, DA, 25, of Monterey Park, arrested on 11/13/2009 for burglary.

LEIB, AUDREY ANN, 49, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 11/12/2009 for obstructing/resisting public/peace officer.

ZAMORA, SILVIA PEREZ, 37, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/12/2009 for driving without a license.

THOMSEN, LESLIE SHARON, 56, of Culver City, arrested on 11/12/2009 for possession of controlled substance without prescription.

TEEGUARDEN, KAI SINCLAIR, 25, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/12/2009 for outside warrant, felony.

COBB, TYRONE HEZ, 53, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/12/2009 for battery.

RAHIMIAZIM, MURWARID TARNUM, 25, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/11/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

BROOKS, YUSEF, 28, of Inglewood,

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code.

But its current commissioners are allegedly butting heads and burning bridges.

According to sources, the commission's functionality has plummeted since the departure of its Chair Rabbi Laura Geller, the current senior rabbi at Beverly Hills' Temple Emanuel.

"I can't comment on the commission since I'm not on it anymore, but I think in the early years we clarified our mission and created an agenda," Geller said. "We made an important step to raising significant human relations issues including civility and what it means to be a leader."

Former Commissioner Carol Goldsmith recent resignation was reportedly due the commission's lack of accord.

Current Human Relations Commissioners include Chairperson Cheri Yousem, Vice Chairperson Dr. Sharona Nazarian, Barbara Linder, Yar Meshkaty, Rochelle Ginsberg and Ilona Sherman.

Yousem said the commission has made an effort to prioritize, focus and move forward in a positive direction.

"It's not where we are today, certainly," Yousem said. "We were trying to find our way and establish our priorities. We weren't sure what the scope of the commission would be. I don't sense discord. I sense people who are passionate, who want their passions dealt with immediately. That's seven people and seven passions."

Sherman compared the commission to the city council.

"When they have issues, they disagree about what they are in opposition to," Sherman said. "We're very vocal about [our opinions], but we have come to agree to disagree."

Goldsmith could not be reached for comment.

City Manager Contract Signed

City council unanimously approved the employment agreement between the City of Beverly Hills and incoming City Manager Jeff Kolin at its Tuesday meeting.

According to the agreement, Kolin will earn a base salary of \$275,000 annually in addition to deferred compensation in an amount equal to six percent of base salary, retirement and medical benefits, and reimbursement for relocation expenses.

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Kolin will rent the city-owned home on South La Peer Drive previously occupied by retiring City Manager Rod Wood. A lease agreement will be presented to the city council next month.

Kolin will begin the five-year term mapped out by the agreement on January 25, 2010.

Beverly Hills Public Library Ranks Top Three Statewide

The Beverly Hills Public Library has been awarded five stars by the prestigious Library Journal, making it one of the top 85 libraries in the nation and top three in the state. Earlier this year, BHPL was rated four stars.

The November issues of Library Journal ranked libraries based on per capita statistics, including circulation, visits, total program attendance and public internet terminal uses. Public libraries nationwide were rated on the quantity of services provided on a per capita basis in order to assess services patrons received from libraries based on how much they are used.

"The City of Beverly Hills is absolutely thrilled to receive this five star rating which honors our treasured library for being a center of information, recreation, learning and fun for all ages," Mayor Nancy Krasne said. "In challenging economic times, our top-notch library staff is truly doing more with less. Their ability to achieve an even higher rating recognizes the outstanding service they provide to our local community."

Beverly Hills One of Two Cities Statewide to Receive AAA Bond Ratings

The City of Beverly Hills has received confirmation of its AAA bond rating from the nation's three major credit agencies — Standard and Poor's, Fitch Ratings and Moody's Investment Services.

The ratings reflect the city's financial credit worthiness, placing Beverly Hills in an elite group of 23 U.S. municipalities to receive this honor and one of two cities in California.

"In uncertain economic times, maintaining the AAA rating is critical to getting financing cheaper, which helps provide services and programs more cost-effectively," Mayor Nancy Krasne said. "These elite ratings reflect the city's



BHFD Receives \$2,000 Donation for Fallen Firefighters

Beverly Hills Fire Chief Tim Scranton accepts a \$2,000 donation from Allan Brooks of Al's Newsstand for the families of fallen firefighters Ted Hall and Arnie Quinones, who died in the line of duty in the Station Fire.

ongoing financial strength and the security of all our departments and are a credit to our city's experienced and highly competent finance team."

The rating was confirmed during the city's recent rating request for its City of Beverly Hills Public Financing Authority 2009 Lease Revenue Bonds, for which the city received the highest rating for this type of financing from the rating agencies.

"Credit worthiness, as measured by the rating granted for an issue, can cause a substantial difference in the total cost of borrowing," said Scott Miller, Beverly Hills' Chief Financial Officer. "An even slight downgrade can result in an increase of hundreds of thousands of dollars or more over the life of a bond."

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More Restaurant Notes

And some political reform ideas

By Rudy Cole

Note to event planners: Check with city hall, the Chamber of Commerce or FTA to make sure you don't spend a small fortune for grand openings only to discover many, if not all, the local style-setters are at another soiree.

Monday night was a case in point: Our most successful event each year is the Black and White Beverly Hills Police Officers Annual Dinner held once again at our best banquet provider, the Beverly Hilton.

Across town, an unveiling was simultaneously occurring, the much-anticipated grand opening of **Thomas Keller's Bouchon**. True, the restaurant event had sufficient star power to attract a small army of paparazzi, but not the city's leadership, including members of the city council.

Mayor **Nancy Krasne** did do the official Bouchon ribbon cutting almost two hours before the opening party, but she too found her way to the Hilton.

Some thoughts on Bouchon: the design is simply outstanding. Yes, high tech, but in a comfortable mode. The staff, and what would you expect at an opening, was attentive, welcoming and knowledgeable — obviously, well-prepared and trained.

If the restaurant even partially lives up to expectations, it will be a major addition to our growing and improving food-serving community. How about the food? Not quite ready for a review; while we were there it was cocktail-hour offerings and not menu ordering. So that will have to wait for another column. However, because of Keller's credentials and history, and the worldwide reputation of his French Laundry, expectations are very high. At the very least, it is good to have a French option to pastas and linguini.

Yet to open is the smaller wine bar and food diner on the ground floor. Bouchon is a mezzanine, above ground venue. And that is an asset and a problem. The view is excellent, but getting there, and climbing all those steps, is not half the fun. There is an elevator (our ordinances make that mandatory); however, upon exiting, you are not precisely in the restaurant, but a kind of corridor with some unmarked doors that do, eventually, open to the restaurant. This can and will be easily solved with some simple signage.

Bouchon, after a series of soft openings and some charity events, is now open to the public, and it will be a hard ticket. Located just north of the Montage Beverly Hills, its arrival has also contin-

ued the phenomena of North Canon Drive becoming the New Restaurant Row.

As for the Montage, more later on their incredible speedy award as a five-star hotel. With the Peninsula Beverly Hills having the same stars, our village could have two of the best hotels in America. Note: our Beverly Hilton may have a higher rating than any Hilton in North America, and they too have moved up the evaluation ladder since being acquired by **Beny Alagem**.

Following up on last week's cursory review of some of our restaurants, I do appreciate the quick response of all those who pointed out that I had listed an eatery that had actually been closed for over a year: Da Vinci. Considering how many calls and e-mails this gaffe triggered, it's surprising the long-running Italian diner on Little Santa Monica ever closed. Not quite sure how to take one reader's message: "Whoopee, how wrong you are."

Hey, the Los Angeles Times, in its "For the Record", admitted last week that it reported a football game in the wrong city! Now, I suppose some kind reader will point out that Rite Aid is really an historic landmark for Beverly Hills.

Digressing for a moment, my favorite store has initiated a new service to confound customers. Instead of being able to validate for parking, you now must show a receipt. Watch all the wonderful wait time as customers search through store bags for proof of purchase.

Back to restaurants: I am indebted to long-time resident **Marilyn Granas** for helping solve the **Mama Weiss** mystery, a restaurant I neglected to mention in the history graphs. The legendary Weiss Hungarian diner was on the 200 block of North Rodeo. In recent years, Mama Weiss' son, **Milton**, had a very great American-food restaurant on Little Santa Monica called "The Players" with the best brisket in town. Unfortunately, Milton closed the diner for health reasons.

Other restaurant memories: The moderate priced and attractive Swiss Café on North Rodeo and the Luau, just across the street. These two, for different reasons, were very successful. Today, there are only two options on Rodeo: The Cow Jumped Over the Moon at the Rodeo Collection and just down the street, the quite excellent small restaurant in the Luxe Hotel. Very nice menu choices, street-view dining and reasonable prices.

Of course, the most elegant restaurant in Beverly Hills was L'Escoffier at the Hilton: on the top floor with a panoram-

ic view of the city. Last week we neglected to mention that Circa 55 is in the Hilton, and the Parq is at the Montage.

Another long-gone community favorite was Andre's, several blocks east of Robertson on Wilshire. This was a crusty, moderate-priced, most-generous-portion Italian restaurant with very large side rooms and a big bar area with seats taken by almost the same visitors every night after work.

For even more senior diners, MFK at the Beverly Wilshire was our most popular choice for late refreshments. It was open 24 hours, and was both a deli and a soda pop with ice cream server.

As for the Luau, it fell on hard times, not because the food quality declined — the Polynesian menu was popular until its demise — but because of a scam. According to legend, here's what happened. Suddenly, the number of home burglaries seemed to increase in the city, mostly in the early evenings. This was before modern burglar alarm systems became the vogue.

Police finally saw a pattern to the victims, and it was good detective work too. Each had been dining at the Luau! Apparently, the parking lot attendants, in league with some pros, carefully made wax copies of keys while patrons were dining. The next time these same customers arrived at the Luau, the burglary confederates were alerted and targeted the empty homes. Those with baby sitters or others still at home escaped being victims, but many Luau customers had a big shock when they returned to their home.

Didn't help business, but of course the final blow came when the restaurant was demolished to make way for the Rodeo Collection, and that outstanding addition with its trend setting design helped redefine Rodeo Drive. Thank the Mahboubi family.

Not sure how you segue from dining options and history to political reform, but maybe the phrase fat cats would help. No, we are not even considering entering into the most significant, at least to the participants, issue in modern Beverly Hills history: the feeding of feral felines in our alleys, a vexatious matter that has dominated city hall for weeks, incredibly.

The modern political fat cats are those who have resisted some basic political reforms we must finally address. There are simply too many misunderstandings: Questions of the legality of our voting lists, how we handle public forums and voter disinterest are just a few of the challenges our community faces.

In the last election, and since, another side issue was raised regarding endorsements by public officials of each other. It is legal, and it has historical precedence, whether or not you consider it proper for

a city councilmember to publicly endorse a candidate for school board or any similar action. As for a possible conflict because councilmembers vote on school support through the Joint Powers Agreement, it would be hard to find any political leader or community activist without some form of conflict. Whether or not making endorsements or being actively involved in other elections is wise is another matter, but it is legal. It has always been the practice, and to make it illegal would tempt constitutional credibility.

Far more important are the matters of voter lists and city-controlled candidate forums. There are probably 1,000 people registered to vote of approximately 21,000 total at business or postal box addresses. This is completely legal if the voter actually also lives in the city, but it is not legal to use a business address if you live outside the city.

Because of laws protecting invasion of privacy at polling places, it is also difficult to assure the legality of those voting at the polls. But short of a police involvement, some better means needs to be found to make sure that voters not only live here but are also citizens.

Another issue in recent elections is who actually has the right to set the rules and control the scope of candidate forums. Recently, that responsibility has been assumed by the city council, and that is not good or fair governance.

The council position has been that if the forums are held on city-owned property, mostly that meant city hall, and the city's cable television is used, the council should set the rules.

True, there have been abuses of free and open candidate forums. When they are used to become partisan, when the people running the forums enter the fray and attack candidates, the whole concept of impartial forums is demeaned.

There is a possible solution that might help with all these voter issues: the creation of a totally independent committee to monitor elections, administer forums and encourage voter turn outs. The once logical agency for this would have been the League of Women Voters, but we no longer have a city chapter, now merged into Greater Los Angeles league.

However, in the same manner that presidential debates are now managed by an independent agency, so could our forums. Voter legality and increased voter turnout programs could also be assigned to a truly non-partisan committee.

The best possible starting point might be the Beverly Hills Bar Association. Under their direction, a monitoring city committee could include every legitimate civic organization that does NOT make endorsements of any kind. These include PTA, Beverly Hills Southwest Homeowner's Association, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and similar groups.

Beginning with candidate forums, the independent group could set the rules and establish procedures that would be fair to candidates and the voters. It could also process complaints on voter irregularities

and act as a conduit between possible abusers and enforcement agencies, and finding the means of increasing voter participation would also be on this group's to-do list.

The obvious first step is to ask the BH Bar Association to take responsibility for candidate forums before we enter the next election cycle. This just might work.

Eli Broad always manages considerable ink with whatever his involvement, and those are almost always in the public interest. His family gives generosity and charitable and cultural support a very good name.

However, he does stretch himself, and

sometimes, but not too often, that creates issues on expectations. Despite all the interests in his involvement, he did not buy the Los Angeles Times, he did not lead a group to bring the NFL back to Los Angeles, and now we have no idea what his real plans are for a museum to house his magnificent art collection.

As first disclosed in this column and not in that other paper as they mistakenly claim, Broad has "talked" to city officials about creating a museum and a headquarters for his other interests at Little Santa Monica and Wilshire Boulevards. Sounds good, but Broad wants some entitlements that go beyond land issues: city financial contributions to the project, whether that means a parking structure or other elements of his proposals is not yet too clear.

Now, we learn that he is also talking to Santa Monica about the same project and whether this is designed to rush us into some bidding war or not, it should never make the city less than diligent in protecting our limited resources, even if this means losing Broad to our bay sister city.

Broad may be very serious about all of this, may indeed want to bring a first-rate art museum to Beverly Hills, but I would not yet return your membership to MOCA in anticipation.

Side note: The more recent Los Angeles Times piece on the Broad story placed the museum at the wrong corner. It is not being proposed for where Budget Rent A Car is located but where Starbucks now operates, and was once the home of the historic Wilson's House of Suede.

Save the date: JVS, Jewish Vocational Services, will honor two generations of a family that have made a major mark in community involvement: The Powells, Saturday, January 30, 2010, for information: (323) 761-8598. More on the Powells and JVS next week.

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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Just as Brian would not trust or believe such a person, we too seriously question his credibility and no longer trust him. Brian also confirmed to us that he had not adequately informed the residents of our community about the details of the judgment rendered against him. We believe that the best interests of the school district would be served if he resigned.

Beverly Hills North Homeowners Association Executive Committee
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Christopher Brix, Treasurer

BRIAN GOLDBERG RESPONDS:

I want to begin my response by thanking the North Homeowners Association for all the work their members do on behalf of our residents. It has meant a great deal to me and my family to receive so many wonderful e-mails and calls of support from the majority of the members.

I regret that a family civil legal matter involving the sale of a family-owned business and the property those business were located on in Big Bear Lake, CA has distracted some members of the North Homeowners Association from the important work of delivering the highest quality of life for our residents. I remain fully committed to continuing to serve the

community and believe that my service on the board has been and will continue to be beyond reproach. I believe that my record of public service is indicative of my moral and ethical character and appreciate that the noise this matter has generated could shake the faith people have placed in me and this board. I have and will continue to work diligently to keep the trust of the families of Beverly Hills who elected me to the Board of Education. The case in question is a complex family matter that cannot be easily explained in sound bites. The bottom line is that it has no bearing on my ability to serve...so I will continue to serve.

I am thankful for the support shown to me by the families of Beverly Hills, from the time I was elected through today, and

I intend to continue working diligently on the board's business for as long as the voters elect me to serve. Everyone knows we have pressing issues to address, and most would agree that focusing on a civil lawsuit that is currently being appealed is not a constructive use of time and energy. In the past few months, people in our community have helped me understand that every family deals with complex and personal issues that could end up in the public eye. My family is still working to resolve our issues through the legal system, and we are saddened by attempts to distort the record and intimidate us. So, yes, we are all humbled at times, but we are not deterred. We remain dedicated to the tasks at hand and to the people who put their faith in us.

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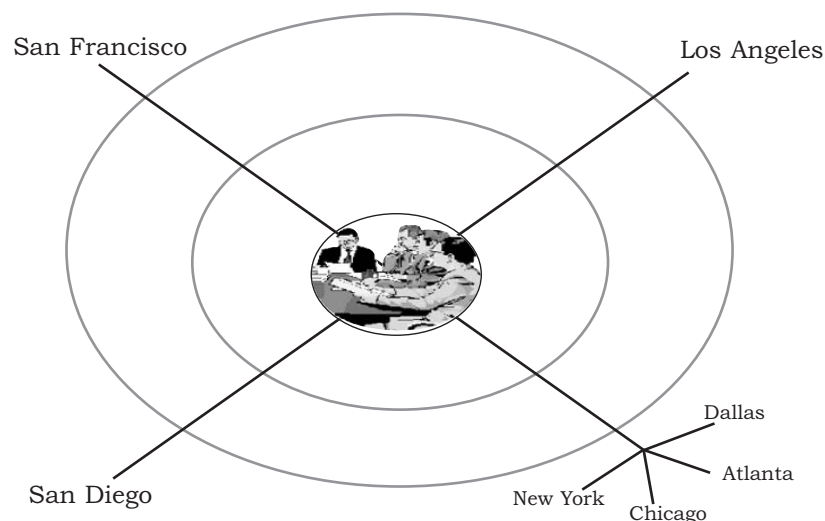
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BHHS Edged In Football Finale

Team misses playoffs for first time since 2004.

By Steven Herbert

The 2009 Beverly High football season – which ended Friday night with a 38-35 loss to Culver City in an Ocean League game at Nickoll Field – will probably be best remembered for its failure to qualify for the Southern Section playoffs for the first time since 2004 and late-game losses.

The Normans suffered their third late-game loss in their final four games as quarterback Marquel Carter ran four yards for a touchdown with 29 seconds to play, capping an 80-yard drive for the league-champion Centaurs (9-1, 5-0).

In a game with seven lead changes, Beverly Hills (4-6, 2-3 in league play) had taken a 35-31 lead earlier in the fourth quarter on Frank Brown's 20-yard touchdown run.

The Normans opened the game strongly, taking a 14-3 lead on Josh Newman's four- and 22-yard touchdown passes to Daniel Bradbury in the first and second quarters, sandwiched around Culver City kicker Devin Sylvester's 24-yard first-quarter field goal.

The Centaurs took a 17-14 lead in the second quarter on Edwin Tillman's 20-yard touchdown run and Carter's 20-yard touchdown pass to Sylvester.

Beverly Hills led 21-17 at halftime on Abe Kim's 80-yard touchdown run.

Culver City regained the lead in the third quarter on Tillman's 16-yard touchdown run, only to fall behind after A.J. Fortier ran 49 yards for a touchdown for the Normans.

Tillman (183 yards on 18 carries and seven catches for 120 yards) ran seven yards for his third touchdown later in the third quarter, giving the Centaurs a 31-28 lead.

Beverly Hills still would have missed the playoffs if they won, as Santa Monica (4-6, 3-2) assured itself of the league's final playoff berth with a 56-0 victory over Hawthorne (0-10, 0-5).

If the Vikings and Normans tied for third, Santa Monica would have gone to the playoffs on the basis of its 28-27 victory over Beverly Hills.

The 35 points matched a season high for the Normans.

Beverly Hills is 0-5-2 against Culver City since 2002.

Girls' Tennis

Beverly Hills 12, Culver City 6

Amanda Zalameda won all three of her sets 6-0 while Megan Margolin was a 6-0, 6-0 winner before being replaced by a substitute for the Normans in an Ocean League match at Culver City Nov. 2.

Brianna Morgan, Beverly Hills No. 1 singles player, was a 6-0 winner in her only set.

The Normans' No. 1 doubles team of Allison Isaacman and Erica Lee won one of two sets before being replaced by Allison Lee and Rachael Levi, who won their only set 6-4.

Beverly Hills No. 2 doubles team of Nicole Levy and Hillary Monroy won its sets 6-2, 6-3, before being replaced by substitutes.

Norman substitutes Samantha Elbaz (6-0) and Victoria Mamatova (6-1) were winners in their only sets.

Beverly Hills 14, Culver City 4

Zalameda was a 6-1, 6-0, 6-1 winner while the Isaacman-Lee team won its sets 6-1, 6-2, 6-0, as the Normans concluded regular-season play with a victory in an Ocean League match at Beverly Hills Nov. 3.

Monroy was a 6-0, 6-1 winner and was then replaced by Elbaz, who won her only set 6-2.

Margolin was a 6-1, 6-1 winner and was then replaced by Celine Rouben, who won her only set 6-4.

The Sydney Segal-Meghan McMurray

and Allison Lee-Levi doubles teams both won one of two sets before being replaced by substitutes.

Girls' Cross Country

Ocean League Finals

Beverly Hills 24, Santa Monica 32, Morningside 94, Culver City 101

Beverly Hills senior Raquel Hefflin was the overall winner and the Normans had four of the top five finishers Nov. 5 at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in Baldwin Hills.

Hefflin completed the three-mile course in 20:16, 36 seconds ahead of the runner-up, Santa Monica junior Amanda Botfeld.

Beverly Hills junior Sydney Gray finished third in 20:57, followed by Norman teammates Gitla Shooster, fourth in 21:11, and Brianna Simmons, fifth in 21:26.

Mount San Antonio College Invitational

Hefflin was Beverly Hills' top finisher, finishing ninth in 19:32 on the Green Course Oct. 24, the same time as eighth-place finisher Michelle Poquette, a San Jose Leigh freshman.

The Normans finished fifth among the 16 teams in the Division 2 race with 150 points, four behind fourth-place South Pasadena. Beaumont won with 84.

Carly Lake of Covina Charter Oak won in 18:59.

Boys' Cross Country

Ocean League Finals

Santa Monica 20, Beverly Hills 35, Culver City 80, Inglewood 107, Morningside 118

Ali Hatcher was fourth in 17:48 and Beverly Hills teammate Josh Galen fifth in 18:06 Nov. 5 at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

Santa Monica swept the top three places, with Nicholas Salazar winning in 17:00, 24 seconds ahead of Jamie Levinson. Andrew Capron was third in 17:29.

Girls' Volleyball

Beverly Hills def. Inglewood, 25-6, 25-21, 25-7

Mallory Smith had eight kills, Emily Rosen seven service aces and Ore Ezer five kills in eight attempts for the Normans Oct. 26 in an Ocean League match at Inglewood they extensively used their reserves in the second and third games.

"It was a pretty sold match against a team that's still weak in our league," Beverly Hills coach Marla Weiss said.

Santa Monica def. Beverly Hills, 25-21, 22-25, 25-21, 25-14

The Normans committed 29 errors in an Ocean League match Oct. 28 at Santa Monica that dropped them into a tie for the league lead with the Vikings.

"We had a lot of serving and hitting errors," Weiss said. "You cannot do that and win a match."

Smith led Beverly Hills (7-1 in league play) with eight kills.

"We weren't clicking," Weiss said. "It was a close match even for us not playing

well, which I guess is a pretty good thing, but we just were not 100 percent on and Santa Monica had a phenomenal match."

Beverly Hills def. Morningside, 25-4, 25-10, 25-10

Norman middle blocker Tamara Skootsky had six kills, Rosen eight service aces and Brianna Prince five service aces Nov. 3 in an Ocean League match at the Swim-Gym.

Girls' Golf

Beverly High went 0-10 in 2009, including two losses by forfeit when it was unable to field the minimum five players required, and failed to have any golfers advance to the Southern Section Northern Individual Regional.

"It was a disappointing season, but even in a disappointing season, you have moments that are rewarding and I prefer to focus on those moments," coach Jason Newman said.

Those moments included senior Attiya Harit shooting a career-best nine-over-par 44 in a three-way match against Palos Verdes and Redondo Oct. 13 at Rancho Park Golf Course and freshman Valerie Deutsch shooting a 10-over par 46 at The Links At Victoria Park course in Carson Sept. 29 against North Torrance, Newman said.

The Normans were hurt by the absence of their projected top player Hannah Merenstein, who missed all but one team match and the Ocean League final, because of a stress fracture in her foot, Newman said.

Merenstein shot a team-low 17-under-par 89 at the league final Oct. 29 at Harding Golf Course at Griffith Park, but failed to finish among the top seven qualifying for the Southern Section Northern Individual Regional.

"The bottom line is that in a sport like golf... you need to prepare in the off-season," Newman said. "It's the repetitions of swinging the golf club... combined with being out on the golf course and getting enough experience that you know how to execute shots when you're not in a pristine environment like a driving range where everything's perfect. It takes work in the off-season and a lot of practice."

When asked if his players did not get enough work in during the off-season, Newman replied, "Whether we got enough work or not, we didn't work as much as the other teams we played."

College Football

Oregon 44, Arizona State 21

Linebacker Spencer Paysinger, a 2006 Beverly High graduate, made a game-high equaling eight tackles, for 14th-ranked Oregon Saturday night in a Pacific-10 Conference game at Eugene, Ore.

Penn 17, Harvard 7

Trevor Charlston, a 2007 Beverly High graduate, kicked off once for 43 yards for Penn, which assured itself of at least a share of the Ivy League championship with the victory Saturday at Cambridge,

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The Quakers (7-2, 6-0) can assure themselves the championship outright Saturday when they play host to Cornell (2-7, 1-5).

College Basketball

Percy Miller, a 2008 Beverly High graduate, had to sit out USC's season-opening 77-67 nonconference victory

over UC Riverside Tuesday at the Galen Center because of an unspecified infraction, an athletic department official said.

The Citadel 64, Kenyon College 45

Cosmo Morabbi, a 2007 Beverly High graduate, scored seven points in 25 minutes off the bench, making all five of his free throws, for The Citadel in its season opener Friday night in a nonconference game at Charleston, S.C.

Professional Football

Sonny Shackelford, a 2003 Beverly High graduate, started and caught two passes for 20 yards for the California Redwoods in a 34-7 loss to the Florida Tuskers in a United Football League game Oct. 22 at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

Shackelford started and caught two passes for 24 yards in a 20-13 victory

over the New York Sentinels Oct. 29 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Steven Herbert has covered Beverly Hills 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.

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Holiday Shopping at The Grove to Support Local Schools

Five percent of total purchases made by Beverly Hills residents who shop at The Grove or The Americana at Brand for the holidays will be donated to the BHUSD.

From Nov. 19 through Dec. 24, or until \$100,000 in donations is reached, customers can take their receipts to the concierge and tell them which school they would like to support. Donation checks will be given to the schools in January 2010.

Launched by Caruso Affiliated, the new holiday gift program will also provide customers who spend \$250 or more on the same day with a complimentary all-day valet parking pass that can be used the same day or any day in the future.

For more information, contact The Grove Concierge at (323) 900-8080 or The Americana at Brand at (818) 637-8982.



Rebecca Mader

Rebecca Mader to Light Beverly Hills UNICEF Snowflake

The U.S. Fund for UNICEF announced last week that actress and UNICEF supporter Rebecca Mader will light the UNICEF snowflake on Saturday, Nov. 21 at this year's Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony.

The event will begin at 4 p.m., and the official lighting will take place at 7 p.m.

The 12,000-crystal UNICEF snowflake will be located over the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. The ceremony will feature balloon artists, jugglers, caricature artists, musicians, complimentary pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus and a fireworks display.

For more information, call (310) 285-2454.

Beverly Hills Police Begin Special Traffic Enforcement Program

The California Office of Traffic Safety recently awarded a \$158,000 grant to the Beverly Hills Police Department, which will result in continued DUI checkpoints and increased special traffic enforcement measures.

"[I'm] very proud of the successes [this] department has achieved in its continual efforts to make the roadways of Beverly

Hills safe for vehicle and pedestrian traffic," Police Chief David Snowden said. "The [BHPD] is committed to getting drunk drivers off the road."

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant will help deal with increased traffic safety problems — such as motorcycle safety, DUI offenders, drivers with suspended or revoked licenses, red-light running and seatbelt violations — and reduce the number of traffic-related deaths and injuries. Specifically, the grant provide overtime funding for DUI and driver's license checkpoints, special enforcement operations and court stings, where DUI offenders with suspended or revoked driver licenses get behind the wheel after leaving court.

Grant operations begin this month and continue through September 2010.

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arrested on 11/11/2009 for miscellaneous Beverly Hills Municipal Code violation.

CANO, JESUS, 32, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/11/2009 for driving without a license.

HADJYAN, ERYEH, 53, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 11/10/2009 for fugitive from justice: arrest without warrant.

KOHEN, ELYEH PASAR, 41, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 11/10/2009 for fugitive from justice: arrest without warrant.

MALE JUVENILE, 15, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 11/10/2009 for fighting/challenging fight in public place.

LANE, ROY LANDIS, 56, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/10/2009 for disorderly conduct: intoxication.

MALE JUVENILE, 16, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 11/10/2009 for fighting/challenging fight in public place.

ROMERO, RUBEN VEGA, 37, of Sun Valley, arrested on 11/9/2009 for taking vehicle without owner's consent.

VARELA, MENDEL AZDRUBAL, 40, of Montebello, arrested on 11/9/2009 for driving without a license.

JACKSON, TRACIE L MELLON, 36, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/9/2009 for getting credit/etc. from other's ID.

BLOTTER

Burglary: Occurred between 1700 on

11/11/2009 and 0925 on 11/12/2009 in the 400 block of North Beverly Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) entered locked location, opened safe and removed property. No force observed. Loss: \$3,112

Occurred between 2309 on 11/12/2009 and 2318 on 11/12/2009 in the 400 block of North Beverly Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to enter location by lifting the roll-up gate to the parking lot, causing damage.

Occurred between 0632 on 11/14/2009 and 0624 on 11/14/2009 in the 9700 block of Wilshire Blvd. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) utilized rock to shatter window, entered location and took property.

Occurred between 1200 on 11/4/2009 and 2300 on 11/9/2009 in the 200 block of South Doheny Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect pried open bedroom window, entered, took jewelry box containing jewelry and fled with same. Loss: \$11,280

Occurred between 1600 on 11/10/2009 and 0730 on 11/11/2009 in the 400 block of South Palm Drive. No suspect information. Suspect entered victim's rear yard via unlocked rear door, removed victim's bicycle and fled undetected. Loss: \$350

Occurred between 2030 on 11/10/2009 and 0800 on 11/11/2009 in the 200 block of South Gale Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect removed victim's lock from bicycle and fled garage with bicycle and lock. Loss: \$310

Occurred between 1000 on 11/12/2009 and 1800 on 11/12/2009 in the 100 block of

North La Peer Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) pried apartment screen/window, entered location, ransacked apartment and removed property through same window. Loss: \$300

Occurred between 1400 on 11/13/2009 and 1500 on 11/13/2009 in the 100 block of North Stanley Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) climbed front wall, forced entry to rear French doors, ransacked dresser and took property. Loss: \$39,700

Occurred between 1248 on 11/15/2009 and 1252 on 11/15/2009 in the 300 block of South Peck Drive. Suspect: Male Black, 20, 5'9", 180 lbs. Unknown suspect forcefully kicked open the front door, entered residence, was confronted by resident and fled the scene.

Occurred between 2030 on 11/15/2009 and 2310 on 11/15/2009 in the 300 block of North Palm Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) entered secured sub garage, smashed the right front window of vehicle, ransacked glovebox and fled location.

Assault: Occurred between 1325 on 9/17/2009 and 1325 on 9/17/2009 in the 9900 block of South Santa Monica Blvd. Suspect: Female White, 49, 5'9", 170 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. Suspect got physically aggressive with victim.

Occurred between 2010 on 11/12/2009 and 2010 on 11/12/2009 in the area of Clifton Way and North Robertson Blvd. No suspect information. Suspect walked up to victim and punched him and kicked him several times.

Occurred between 0001 on 11/13/2009 and 0010 on 11/13/2009 in the 500 block of North Bedford Drive. Suspect: Female White, 21, 5'7", 140 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. Suspect pushed victim and when victim tried to brace herself from falling, victim's right arm broke through a window severely cutting victim's arm.

Occurred between 0110 on 11/15/2009 and 0113 on 11/15/2009 in the 400 block of North Beverly Drive. Suspect: Male White, 20, 6'0", 180 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. Suspect approached victim outside of nightclub, punched victim in face with closed fist, fled location in unknown direction.

Identity Theft: Occurred between 0001 on 10/29/2009 and 2359 on 11/8/2009 in the 300 block of North Palm Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect used victim's name and credit card without permission to make fraudulent purchases at stores.

Occurred between 0001 on 10/15/2009 and 2359 on 10/16/2009 in the 300 block of South Doheny Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect used victim's name, account number and PIN without permission to make fraudulent withdrawals from ATM machines.

Occurred between 1645 on 11/9/2009 and 1645 on 11/9/2009 in the 8500 block of Wilshire Blvd. No suspect information. Suspect/arrestee attempted to cash fraudulent check.

Occurred between 0001 on 10/21/2009 and 1400 on 10/24/2009 in the 9500 block of Wilshire Blvd. Suspect: Male. Suspect used victim's credit card and personal infor-

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HEEDING THE HUNGRY

Beverly High Graduate James Banks changes lives in Nepal

By Kimberly Cheng



Tell us what you've done since graduating Beverly High in 2001.

I went to UC Berkeley, and I majored in biological sciences. I did a study-abroad program while I was there for research and microbiology labs and different things on the pre-med track. Then after I graduated, I started working closely with a good friend of mine who had been to Nepal a few times. And we developed a nonprofit organization to help people living in rural communities in the hills of Nepal, basically working with local health care workers and bringing specialized medicine to those outlying communities.

That segwayed into what I'm doing currently in Nepal which is working with an organization called Global HEED. Through my experiences working in Nepal in health care I learned a lot from good friends I made in different organizations and partners we had on the ground as far as development issues go.

What struck you about Nepal?

[I went] in the spring of 2006 and absolutely fell in love with the place. The people there are one of a kind. Really remarkable people. I think there's something really refreshing about the way of life and the pace of life there that really resonates with me. It's kind of difficult to explain. I feel a really strong connection to a lot of the aspects of life there. I've made a lot of really great

friends, and the people that I've met in Nepal have so little to speak of. They live in mud huts and everything they do is manual work. It's a really difficult life but somehow they always smile, and they treat guests with open arms and will offer their own food. They'll have an empty plate in front of them and let their guests eat first. It's a really amazing and inspiring mentality. That's really what struck me.

Tell us about Global HEED.

Global HEED as an organization was founded in 2006. [Their Web site is] www.globalheed.org. The goal is to employ the ideas of sustainable development. We are working in smaller communities that are very underserved [and] impoverished and helping to improve their quality of life and standards of living by giving them access to credit through microfinance, helping to improve educational standards and access by building schools and providing scholarships for children, and health

sectors through health education as well as basic health care provision with local health care workers.

[We are] building on the capacity of the local infrastructure to better serve the needs of the people. We bring medication and equipment, and right now our goal is to raise another \$40,000 for construction on a clinic in Guatemala. That clinic would allow women to have a place to go to deliver children. Right now, it's more than a four-hour walk to the nearest center where they can do that. And it'll be more accessible for the people in general to get the medications for the gamut of [medical problems], mostly gastrointestinal, but there's also a lot of chronic illnesses that are manifesting in most of the developing world.

In Nepal we have similar goals, but we're a few years away from that because we only just completed our community assessment and case study this past summer. This summer we'll start some initial plans in improvement and further evaluate what our role really

should be. I think the most important thing that organizations that work abroad usually neglect to do, which sadly has bad consequences for the people, is really to listen to the communities and work with them and have them feel like they have a deep sense of ownership of these projects

What is your involvement with Global HEED?

[Global HEED] got organized and started working in Guatemala, and I jumped on board as the director of Nepal Initiatives last fall and helped expand their programs and the model that they're using in the communities in Nepal that I have been working with for a few years.

As a board member, I'm involved in a lot of the organizational flow and helping to build the organization up and expand our operations domestically and abroad. So for the past few months I've been working toward the coming winter trip to Guatemala. I wear a lot of hats with [Global HEED]. Specifically with Nepal, I developed the research project we undertook this past summer, and I've been working on developing our projects, our strategies and plans for the future, and how to address the specific issues. We've been collaborating with our partner organizations to find out more about what the local priorities are in terms of health and education and economic development.

Were you involved in volunteer work at Beverly High?

I volunteered for Teen Line. It's a youth crisis hotline [and] the concept is it's peer-to-peer counseling, so I went through a pretty rigorous training course with that and volunteered about four hours a week. [It] was an amazing experience, and [it] definitely opened me up to the idea of giving back and dedicating a chunk of my time to helping others. When I went to college at [UC] Berkeley, I definitely felt the palpable asset of [volunteering]. I had school, family, friends, and I was working, but without having that service [aspect in



James Banks volunteers at a medical clinic in the mountains of Nepal by distributing medication such as antibiotics and bringing specialists into the area, such as OB-GYN physicians and cardiologists.

my life], I definitely felt that something was missing. I started volunteering for a homeless shelter and resource center in Berkeley that provided basic health services as well as legal advice and food and clothing. I don't think I could, at this point, ever walk away [from volunteering]. Volunteerism is such an important part of having a balanced life, at least for me.

What affect did Beverly High have on you and your decisions in life?

Definitely my teachers throughout were incredible, and really, I don't think I would have had the same outlook on life without the educational opportunities I got through Beverly Hills schools. It was such an enriched learning environment, and I think that having that upbringing and having the access to those experiences really helped me develop into a more well-rounded individual. What I said before about having that balance in life, I think a lot of that came from my education and my upbringing, and I definitely take none of it for granted. I felt very lucky to have had that, and a part of me really felt that I had a responsibility to do something more for other people who weren't so lucky, who didn't have such supportive and nurturing teachers through all the years.

Who were some of your most inspirational teachers at El Rodeo and Beverly High?

Miss [Lisa Harris]. I had AP Biology with her. She passed away [two] years ago. She was a really wonderful inspiration for me. I ended up majoring in biology because of her, and her passion for sciences really steered me in that direction, and it was a really unforgettable gift she gave me. And Mrs. [Jean] Rosenfelt, now Mrs. Nelson. She definitely turned me on to music, and I think I wouldn't be the same person today without the love of music I have. I always have music playing in my house. I love it. I continue to play music and she was definitely a big inspiration for

"I don't think I would have had the same outlook on life without the educational opportunities I got through Beverly Hills schools."

that. And Miss [Joanie] Garrett with history. I really love to travel and explore the world because of her.

Who do you keep in touch with from school?

One my best friends now lives in Chicago. We were best friends since seventh grade. Matt Susnow, and we're

still really close. I'm actually going up to Chicago to spend Thanksgiving with him. My family still lives in Beverly Hills. My friend Sheera Frenkel is one of the closest people to me in the world. They both graduated in 2001. She's actually doing amazing stuff. She works for the Times of London. She's their correspondent in Israel and has been living



Global HEED members plan a strategy for assessing a community's needs in a Nepal village.

in Jerusalem for five years. She's really amazing and inspiring.

What do you miss most about Beverly Hills?

I like how you can basically walk everywhere. Beverly Hills is a really small town in the middle of a huge city. I could walk to coffee shops or restaurants, to school, to a park or to friends' houses. The weather is obviously uncanny. It's really such a unique part of this world. There's so much aesthetic quality, and everything is always well-maintained. It's such an idyllic place to live. It's sad to think about how long it will take me to pay off my medical school bill so I'll be able to afford to live anywhere like that again.

Where are you doing right now and in the near future?

I'm in my second year of medical at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, and it's brutal. I want to do either family medicine or internal medicine or pediatrics. I didn't think I'd ever see myself in the Midwest, but I really like it here. They have a really good global-health track in their residency programs here. That's something that I'm heavily considering. My options are relatively open. As far as the immediate future I'm planning on taking a one-year leave of absence before I start my fourth year to spend a more substantial amount of time in Nepal and elsewhere.

What is your ultimate goal?

Through all that [I've experienced and learned] I really feel I'm a much better person. Hopefully that will translate into me being a better doctor and me being able to better relate to my patients in the future. I honestly feel really confident in myself and what I've seen in people that I'm working with right now. We're really onto something and headed in the right direction, and it won't be that long before we're able to really start making some big things happen, moving some mountains.

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mation to purchase food from restaurants.

Occurred between 1530 on 11/10/2009 and 1530 on 11/10/2009 in the 200 block of North La Peer Drive. No suspect information. Unauthorized use of personal identifying information.

Occurred between 1200 on 7/1/2009 and 1200 on 9/14/2009 in the 200 block of North Swall Drive. Suspect: Female Black, 44, 5'7", 200 lbs., black hair, brown eyes. Victim's caretakers used victim's information to obtain American Express card without permission. Suspect also accessed victim's bank account.

Occurred between 0800 on 10/13/2009 and 1730 on 11/9/2009 in the 100 block of North Doheny Drive. No suspect information.

tion. Possible identity theft.

Occurred between 0800 on 11/6/2009 and 1730 on 11/6/2009 in the 400 block of South Almont Drive. No suspect information. Identity theft.

Occurred between 0001 on 10/11/2009 and 2359 on 11/9/2009 in the 200 block of South Stanley Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) used victim's identification without permission to make credit applications and to change her account user list.

Occurred between 0001 on 11/13/2009 and 2359 on 11/13/2009 in the 200 block of North Clark Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) used victim's credit card number to purchase gasoline at an unknown Shell station in Lawrenceville, GA.

Forgery: Occurred between 0001 on 10/28/2009 and 1900 on 11/12/2009 in the 400 block of North Bedford Drive. Suspect: Female White, 32, 5'7", 140 lbs., blonde/strawberry hair, blue eyes. Suspect obtained/altered prescription forms to obtain additional medications.

Robbery: Occurred between 2330 on 11/1/2009 and 2335 on 11/1/2009 in the 9400 Block of Gregory Way. Suspect: Male Hispanic, 25, 5'8", 175 lbs., bald. Suspect approached victim on sidewalk brandishing a large auto pistol and demanded victim's cash. Loss: \$900

Grand Theft: Occurred between 1200 on 11/8/2009 and 2300 on 11/8/2009 in the 300 block of North Oakhurst Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) entered location by unknown means, removed prop-

erty from bedroom dresser and fled with same undetected. Loss: \$0

Occurred between 0230 on 7/26/2009 and 0233 on 7/25/2009 in the 9300 block of Wilshire Blvd. Suspect: Male Black, 32, 6'0". Suspect deposited three account closed checks and endorsed one account closed check before depositing them into his account via ATM.

Occurred between 1745 on 11/10/2009 and 11/10/2009 in the area of South Bedford Drive and Wilshire Blvd. Suspects: Female White, 20, 5'6", 130 lbs., bald hair, blue eyes; Male Black. Female suspect entered Saks Fifth Avenue and requested to look at a men's Cartier watch. Suspect was handed the watch and fled the store. Loss: \$53,625

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YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED JUNE 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.

On December 10, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. Beverly Hills, California Melvin H. Malat, Esq., as Trustee or Successor Trustee under a Trust Deed dated June 5 2008 executed by Island Shore Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company as Trustor, for the benefit and security of Arman Zatyian and Lillt Grigorvan as Beneficiary, recorded on June 18, 2008, as Instrument No. 20081081682 in the records of the County Recorder, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, A CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION/THRIFT DOMICILED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at front entrance to Building at 270 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, at 10:00 A.M.

all rights, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Trust Deed in the property situated in said County and State described as:

That portion of Lot 22 of Coldwater Canon Tract, in the City of Los Angeles County of Los Angeles, State of California, Book 18, Pages 22 and 23 of maps, in the office of the county recorder, described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 22; thence along the northerly line of said lot north 89° 54' 45" west 161.52 feet; thence south 0° 00' 45" west 115.51 feet to the true point beginning of this description, thence south 66° 21' 25" east 125.53 feet, thence south 0° 00' 45" west, 101.34 feet to the southerly line of said lot; thence along said southerly line south 85 degrees 38' 00" west 115.34 feet; thence north 0° 00' 45" east, 160.47 feet to the true point of beginning.

Said land is also known as parcel 2 of certificate of compliance recorded January 16, 2007 as Instrument No. 07-79355.

The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above in purported to be: 9311 Cherokee Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90210.

County assessor's parcel number: 4388-019-036
THE TRUSTEE, DISCLAIMS ANY LIABILITY FOR INCORRECT INFORMATION FURNISHED.

THAT said sale is made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, or as to insurability of title.

THE total amount of the unpaid balance of said obligations together with advances, and estimated costs and expenses, is \$6,744,176.55.

THAT notice of breach of this obligation and election to sell said real property was recorded as instrument No. 20090508450, on April 8, 2009, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California

This transaction is exempt from the provisions of California Civil Code Sections 2923.5 and subdivision(s) of 2923.52. Melvin H. Malat, Esq. may be acting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Date: November 17, 2009

Address: 270 North Canon Drive, Suite 300, Beverly Hills, California 90210-5311

Phone: (310) 278-8700

Fax: (310) 273-4107

Melvin H. Malat, Esq., substituted Trustee

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On November 17, 2009, before me, Christine M. Paul, Notary Public, personally appeared Melvin H. Malat, Esq., who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of

the State of California the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature: Christine M. Paul

My Comm. Expire Oct. 3, 2010

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CNS-1742241#

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 5041210-SC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) are: SANTA MONICA OIL CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 7960 SANTA MONICA BLVD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046

Doing business as: SANTA MONICA UNION 76

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE

The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: SAME

The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: AR-RAHMAN INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 7960 SANTA MONICA BLVD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046

The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, LEASEHOLD INTEREST AND IMPROVEMENTS AND INVENTORY and are located at: 7960 SANTA MONICA BLVD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CENTRAL ESCROW INC, 3660 WILSHIRE BLVD #108, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 9, 2009

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CENTRAL ESCROW INC, 3660 WILSHIRE BLVD #108, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be DECEMBER 8, 2009, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.

Dated: OCTOBER 22, 2009

AR-RAHMAN INC, Buyer(s)

PCTS LA151187 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 11/19/09

ORDINANCE NO. 09-O-2571

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS REGARDING THE MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE AND AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS DOES ORDAIN
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 7-3-207
of Title 7, Chapter 3, Article 2 of the Beverly
Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended to
read as follows:

"7-3-207: Modification of an
Existing Zone. A preferential parking zone
once established may be modified as follows:

A. The Director of Public
Works and Transportation, at the request of
the traffic and parking commission or the
City Council, may initiate a modification to
an existing preferential permit zone. If a
request is initiated by the City Council, the
modification shall be heard by the City
Council and approved by resolution. If the
request is initiated by the Traffic and Parking
Commission, the Traffic and Parking
Commission shall provide a recommendation
to the City Council and the modification
shall be approved by resolution of the City
Council.

B. Sixty percent (60%) of the
residents within the existing zone sign a
petition requesting a modification to the
parking restrictions in that zone. The Traffic
and Parking Commission shall provide a
recommendation to the City Council. The
modification shall be approved by resolution
of the City Council.

The City Council shall determine the maximum parking restriction that may be imposed for vehicles parking in a preferential parking zone as it deems appropriate."

Section 2.

The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage, in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance, and shall cause this ordinance and his certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this
5th day of November, 2009.

NANCY KRASNE
Mayor of the City of
Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:

(SEAL)
BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT
RODERICK J. WOOD, ICMA-CM
City Manager

DAVID D. GUSTAVSON
Director of Public Works & Transportation

AARON KUNZ
Deputy Director of Transportation

VOTE:
AYES: Councilmembers Mirisch, Brien,
Brucker, Delshad and Mayor Krasne
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
CARRIED

NOTICE TO BIDDERS for STREET LIGHTING PROJECT – PHASE III COMMERCIAL at VARIOUS LOCATIONS within the City of BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

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BIDS - Sealed Proposals for street lighting improvements at various locations within the City of Beverly Hills, California, will be received up to the hour of **2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009** at the office of the City Clerk of said City, located in Room 190 of City Hall at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on the above-mentioned date in the office of the City Clerk of said City Hall, and award of the contract will be made during a subsequent meeting of the City Council.

PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE SURVEY – A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on **December 2, 2009, at 9:00AM** in Conference Room 217 of the City of Beverly Hills Public Works building located at 345 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills CA, 90210.

It is recommended that every bidder attend the pre-bid conference. Furthermore, no allowances for cost adjustments will be made if Bidders fail to adequately examine the premises before submitting a proposal. Site surveys will be arranged between

COBH and the Bidder. Questions regarding the site surveys should be directed to the contact identified in this document. Bidders may bring up to two of their own employees or subcontractors.

SCOPE OF THE WORK - The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements and supplies necessary for, or appurtenant to, the construction and completion of the street lighting improvement project in accordance with Drawing No. 7408 and the Specifications prepared for this project.

In general terms, the contract work for this project shall consist of the following items of work:

ITEM NO.	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
1.	1	Each SCE Applications, Design, and Construction Costs (Allowance)
2.	35	Each Install Type III-CF (Dual Meter) Service Equipment
3.	2,100	Linear Feet Install 3-inch PVC Service Conduit and Pull Rope
4.	195	Each Install Luminaire on Existing Mast Arm
5.	516	Each Install Power Outlet Box (Holiday Tree Lighting)
6.	97,000	Linear Feet Install 2-inch PVC Conduit and Conductors
7.	5,000	Linear Feet Install 2-inch PVC Conduit and Pull Rope
8.	240	Each Install No.5 Pull Box
9.	240	Each Install No.6 Pull Box
10.	242	Each Install No.5 Pull Box in Existing Conduit Run
11.	11	Each Install Outdoor Receptacle Box on Existing Overhead Banner Pole (Wilshire Boulevard)
12.	352	Each Remove Electroliner and Foundation
13.	70	Each Install Electroliner (Area T; Excluding Crescent Drive)
14.	25	Each Install Electroliner (Crescent Drive)
15.	173	Each Install Electroliner (Wilshire Boulevard)
16.	52	Each Install Electroliner (Robertson Boulevard)
17.	38	Each Install Electroliner (Beverly Drive)
18.	13	Each Modify Existing Type III Service Equipment
19.	1	Lump Sum Remove Existing Series Lighting Circuits
20.	2,000	Square Feet Remove and Reconstruct 4-inch PCC Sidewalk
21.	3000	Square Feet Remove and Reconstruct 4-inch Curb Ramp (Including Adjoining Curb and Gutter)
22.	300	Linear Feet Remove and Reconstruct PCC Curb and Gutter
23.	102	Each Install Power Outlet Box (Robertson Blvd.)
24.	8420	Linear Feet Install 2-inch PVC Conduit and Conductors (Roberts Blvd.)
25.	72	Each Install Power Outlet Box (La Cienega Blvd.)
26.	7000	Linear Feet Install 2-inch PVC Conduit and Conductors (La Cien Blvd.)
27.	176	Each Install Power Outlet Box (Olympic Blvd.)
28.	16,420	Linear Feet Install 2-inch PVC Conduit and Conductors (Olympic)
29.	41,000	Linear Feet Install 3-inch PVC Conduit, 1 -inch Innerduct & Pull (for future use)
30.	140	Each Install 17"X30"X20" FIBER OPTIC Pull Box (for future)
31.	10,000	Linear Feet Open Trench Pipe Installation Adjustment (if necessary)
32.	173	Each Install Decorative Cast Aluminum Base (Wilshire Blvd)
33.	1	Lump Sum Furnish Spare Equipment

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form may be inspected and obtained at the office of the City Engineer, in Room G10 of said City Hall. There is no charge or deposit required for this material; therefore, they are not to be returned to the City for refund. Each bidder shall furnish the City, the name, address, and telephone number of the firm requesting Specifications.

References in the project specifications to specific sections of the Standard Specifications refer to the book of "Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction", 2006 Edition, written by a Joint Cooperative Committee of the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association and Southern California district of the Associated General Contractors of California. Contractors wishing to obtain this book may purchase copies directly from the publisher, Building News, Inc., 1612 South Clementine Street, Anaheim, CA, 92802. There is no charge or deposit for the other items listed above.

AMENDMENTS - The following is in addition to the provisions of Section 2-9.1 of the Greenbook:

The Contractor is required to locate and tie out survey monuments in the project area prior to construction involving street and highways, and to file with the County Surveyor a Corner Record of any such work. Prior to the issuance of a completion certificate, the Contractor is required to file a Corner Record for survey monumentation that is replaced. All such survey work shall be performed under the

supervision of a California licensed Land Surveyor or a Civil Engineer authorized to perform such work.

The Contractor shall provide the City a copy of the office calculations and documents submitted to the County for filing in connection with the aforementioned work.

The payment for surveying, related professional services, office calculation, and furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, tools and incidentals, and for doing work involved shall be considered as included in the various items of work, and no additional compensation will be allowed therefore.

The second paragraph of Section 3-2.2.1 "Contract Unit Prices", of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction is deleted.

Section 3-3.2.2 shall be changed as follows:

(a) Labor. The costs of labor will be the actual cost for wages of workers performing the extra work at the time the extra work is done, plus the employer payments of payroll taxes, health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship funds, and other direct costs, resulting from Federal, State, or local laws, as well as assessments or benefits required by collective bargaining agreements.

The following will revise Section 3-3.2.3 of the Greenbook:

(a) Work by Contractor. An allowance for overhead and profit shall be added to the Contractor's cost as determined under 3-3.2.2 and shall constitute the full and complete markup for all overhead and profit on extra work performed by the Contractor. The Contractor shall be compensated for the actual increase in the Contractor's bond premium caused by the extra work. For costs determined under each subsection in 3-3.2.2, the markup shall be:

a) Labor	20%
b) Materials	15%
c) Tools & Equipment Rental	15%
d) Other Items	15%

(b) Work by Subcontractor. When any of the extra work is performed by a Subcontractor, the markup established in 3-3.2.3(a) shall be applied to the Subcontractor's costs as determined under 3-3.2.2. An allowance for the Contractor's overhead and profit shall be added to the sum of the Subcontractor's costs and markup and shall constitute the full and complete markup for all overhead and profit for the Contractor on work by the Subcontractor. For Contractor markup of Subcontractor's costs, the allowance shall be 10% on the first \$2,000 or portion thereof, and 5% on costs in excess of \$2,000.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES - There will be a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) assessment for each calendar day that work remains incomplete.

PREVAILING WAGES - In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 et seq., of the Labor Code, the Director of the Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done. The Contractor will be required to pay to all workers employed on the project sums not less than the sums set forth in the documents entitled "General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, 1773.1".

A copy of said documents is on file and may be inspected in the office of the City Engineer, located in Room G10 of City Hall, at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

Attention is directed to the provisions of Sections 1777.5 and 1777.6 of the Labor Code concerning the employment of apprentices by the Contractor or any subcontractor under him. The Contractor and any subcontractor under him shall comply with the requirements of said sections in the employment of apprentices.

Information relative to apprenticeship standards and administration of the apprenticeship program may be obtained from the Director of Industrial Relations, San Francisco, California, or from the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and its branch offices.

PAYROLL RECORDS - The Contractor's attention is directed to Section 1776 of the Labor Code, relating to accurate payroll records, which imposes responsibility upon the Contractor for the maintenance, certification, and availability for inspection of such records for all persons employed by the Contractor or by the Subcontractors in connection with the project. The Contractor shall agree through the Contract to comply with this section and the remaining provisions of the Labor Code.

INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS - The Contractor shall provide insurance in accordance with Section 3-13 of the City of Beverly Hills, Public Works Department, Standard Contractual Requirements, included as part of these Specifications. In addition, the Contractor shall guarantee all work against defective workmanship and materials furnished by the Contractor for a period of one (1) year from the date the work was accepted in accordance with Section 2-11 of the Standard Contractual Requirements. The Contractor's sureties for the "Performance Bond" shall be liable for any work that the Contractor fails to replace within a specified time.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS - Bids must be submitted on the Proposal Form prepared for this project and shall be delivered at the office of the City Clerk within a sealed envelope supplied by the City and marked on the outside as follows: "2007-08 STREET RESURFACING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS".

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID OR ALL THE BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY OR IRREGULARITY IN ANY BID, BUT IF THE BIDS ARE ACCEPTED, THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT WILL BE LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION –
PROJECT ADMINISTRATION
345 FOOTHILL ROAD
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210**

LEGAL NOTICE - BIDS WANTED

GREYSTONE PARK PHASE 3 SITE IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Beverly Hills ("City") hereby requests sealed bids for the materials, supplies, equipment or services set forth herein, subject to all conditions outlined in this Bid Package, including:

**SECTION 1: NOTICE INVITING BIDS
SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
SECTION 3: SPECIAL CITY REQUIRE-**

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SECTION 4: GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS
SECTION 5: BIDDER'S BID
SECTION 6: SIGNATURE PAGE AND LEGAL STATUS
SECTION 7: ADDITIONAL FORMS
SECTION 8: GENERAL CONDITIONS**

SECTION 1: NOTICE INVITING BIDS

1. Notice Inviting Bids

a. **Date of Request:**
November 20, 2009

b. **Bid Number:**
10-22

c. **Item Description:**
Improvements to the southwestern portion of Greystone Park including selective demolition, grading, site drainage, retaining walls, site paving, underground electrical, irrigation, landscape planting and other trades associated with site improvements to the facility located at Greystone Estate, 501 Doheny Road, Beverly Hills California 90210.

d. **Obtaining Bid Documents:** A copy of the Bid Package may be obtained by mail or in person from the Department of Public Works & Transportation - Project Administration, 345 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, telephone number 310-288-2823. The bid package including plans and specifications may also be viewed on, and downloaded from the City's web site: www.beverlyhills.org; shortcuts: bid information: bid number 10-12.

e. **Bid Opening:**
**Wednesday –
December 16,
2009 at 2:00 p.m.**

f. **Due Date and Location for Submittals:** Sealed bids will be received at all times during normal business hours prior to the Bid Opening, at the City Clerk's Office, 455 North Rexford Drive, Room 190, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. All bids must be in writing and must contain an original signature by an authorized officer of the firm. Electronic bids (i.e., telephonic, FAX, etc.) are **NOT** acceptable. All bids shall clearly contain on the outside of the sealed envelope in which they are submitted: **BID PACKAGE 10-22: GREYSTONE PARK PHASE 3 SITE IMPROVEMENTS.**

g. **Contractor's License:** In accordance with provisions of Section 3300 of the California Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid California Contractor's License Class B-1 or other appropriate license classification under the State Contracting Code at the time the contract is bid. Failure to possess such license may render the bid non responsive and bar the award of the contract to that non responsive Bidder.

h. **Liquidated Damages:** There shall be a \$500.00 assessment for each and every calendar day work remains undone after date fixed for completion.

i. **Prevailing Wages:** In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1770 et seq., of the Labor Code, the Director of the Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done. The Contractor will be required to pay to all persons employed on the project by the Contractor sums not less than the sums set forth in the documents entitled "General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations

pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, 1773.1." These documents can be reviewed in the office of the City Clerk or may be obtained from the State.

j. **Prebid Conference** Date and Location: A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday November 24, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at Greystone Estate, 501 Doheny Road, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

k. **Bid Security:** Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond in the amount of 10% of the total bid amount. All cashier's checks or certified checks must be drawn on a responsible bank doing business in the United States and shall be made payable to THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS. Bid bonds must be issued by a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of California. Bids not accompanied by the required bid security shall be rejected. Cash and personal or company checks are **NOT** acceptable. The City shall return the bid security checks of unsuccessful bidders to them when the successful bidder ("Contractor") enters into the Contract with the City.

l. **Payment Bond and Performance Bond:** A Payment Bond and a Performance Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, will be required of the Contractor.

m. **Insurance:** Upon award of contract, contractor will be obligated to file certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as specified in the bid documents and in a form acceptable to the City. The certificates shall be on the City's standard proof of insurance form.

n. **Time of Completion:** The contractual completion time shall be 150 calendar days from the date of Notice To Proceed.

o. **Retention:** In accordance with the contract, ten percent (10%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code, at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, and City shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Refer to the contract for further clarification.

p. **Contact Person:** A bidder or potential bidder who has a procedural question may call Julio Guerrero at telephone number 310-288-2823. A substantive question must be submitted in writing and a copy of that question plus a written response to it will be faxed or mailed to all parties who have obtained a bid package.

THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY OR IRREGULARITY IN ANY BID. ANY CONTRACT AWARDED WILL BE LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.

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