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“Council discusses minimum wage requirements” [Issue 831]

It is of great importance that our City Council has taken up the issue of a minimum wage increase. The grotesque level of income and wealth inequality is one-- if not the most serious issue-- in our country today undermining our democracy and promoting a government controlled by the wealthy few. Los Angeles is the poverty capitol and wealth capitol of the country. The occupiers have pictured our gross income gap as the 99% vs. the 1%. Beverly Hills, with its material excesses, is seen as the home of the very rich 1%.

Let us not underestimate the power of our influence. Other cities will be watching. Already Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and Seattle have approved a phased in increase of \$15. It is imperative that we match that—that Beverly Hills standards are not lower than our surrounding cities.

How we conduct ourselves during this discussion—whether we reach out to voices other than the business community, to listen and learn from the low income workers and their representatives in our

midst—the sales clerks, janitors, cooks and food preparation workers etc. —as well as public citizens, policy makers, and to the experiences of our neighboring cities also struggling with this issue. And what our final decision will be holds a great opportunity for our city to improve its reputation by also including our working class people and their families. And by doing this, I believe we will promote a picture of a more caring, fairer Beverly Hills that supports not only a minimum wage increase but more closely meets a living wage to support all of our citizens.

*Beth Sieroty Meltzer
Beverly Hills*

Concerns with the Council’s handling of the water crisis

The Mayor and City Council of Beverly Hills have known of this historic drought, which began more than a decade ago, yet they failed to take any action for years.

Now the Mayor and Council propose a pitiful plan that will not only fail to achieve the basic state usage standards, but will instead unfairly burden the less affluent City residents while the wealthy continue to water their expansive lush lawns and maintain their oversized swimming pools, Jacuzzis and flowing fountains behind their privacy gates.

The Mayor proposes a \$0.05 per dollar increase in the cost of water. As if the wealthy residents of Beverly Hills using

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SCHOOL'S IN SESSION ROXBURY PARK

(Left to right): Julia Cote, Lola Rovtar, Henry Chun, Sage Varella, Emma Cote and Anna Borzillieri.
Students enrolled in the City of Beverly Hills preschool program kicked off the new school year by exploring art and imaginative play.

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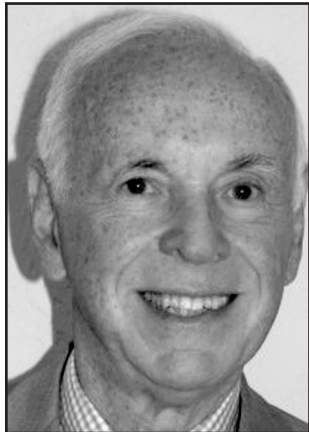


briefs

Former mayors criticize Board; Korbатов responds

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The future of the BHUSD's construction

phasing and financing, Tilem said, are the responsibility of the next Board.

"The new Board needs to make the critical decisions for which they will be held accountable," Tilem said.

Tilem requested that Board members wait until the new school committee has been installed before carrying out major decisions, like relocating students and staff into portable classrooms.

"Only then, with a close dialogue with the community, the City Council and staff, can the Board of Education make these construction challenges more manageable," Tilem said.

Tilem advised the Board against proceeding with projected construction plans without having the necessary funding in place.

Following a motion made by Board member Lewis Hall to waive the restriction on Board remarks during the public comment period, Board member Lisa Korbатов read a prepared statement addressing Tilem's critiques, despite it not being an agenda item.

"The longer we wait to build, the more it will cost the community," Korbатов said. "Most important of all, the longer we wait to build, the longer we wait to put our children into modern, high-performing schools."

Lieu opposes Iran nuclear deal in lengthy statement

In a 23-page statement issued Wednesday morning, Congressman Ted Lieu (D-Torrance) outlined his opposition to the Iran nuclear treaty.

"After considerable thought and study, I have concluded the JCPOA increases the chances of more regional conflict and US entanglement in the Middle East in the short term, and a lengthy, difficult and more deadly war with Iran in the long term," Lieu wrote in the statement.

Lieu, who represents the 33rd district, which includes Beverly Hills, believes the JCPOA will create a "far more robust" and "lethal" Iranian military by lifting the ban on advanced conventional weapons and ballistic missiles.

"Perhaps elements of the Iranian regime



Ted Lieu

are trying to moderate over time, but if the Supreme Leader is looking at a vast nuclear infrastructure with a very short breakout time to a large nuclear weapons arsenal on advanced ballistic missiles, the temptation to try to weaponize the uranium may be too great to overcome," Lieu wrote.

In a section titled "My Approach," Lieu mentions that he has taken a more straightforward approach, rather than solely rely on either narrative.

"I look at what the JCPOA allows Iran to do and then I assume Iran does it," Lieu wrote.

Three Beverly High students named National Merit Scholar semifinalists

Beverly High students Shawn Ahdout, Dong Won Lee and Seo Yeon Yoo's 2014 PSAT/NMSQT scores qualified them as semifinalists in the 61st Annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Around 1.5 million high school juniors entered the competition by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, *briefs cont. on page 4*

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excessive water are going to curtail their usage over a nickel increase?

California's State Water Resources Control Board has publicly declared proposals like that of the Mayor of Beverly Hills won't work, stating richer people "generally use more water." Landscaped lawns use plenty of water, the board's website said, and high water prices don't hit the wallets of the wealthy as hard, giving them less reason to conserve.

The New York Times, the LA Times, the Washington Post and others have documented how the affluent home owners of Beverly Hills are using far more water than other California residents.

Per capita water usage in Beverly Hills is 62% greater than the rest of the state. In July of 2015 the statewide average daily per capita water use was 97.32 gallons while Beverly Hills 157.5 gallons.

But this "per capital" usage is illusory. The extreme water usage in Beverly Hills is due to several factors with primary responsibility falling upon the shoulders of the minority of Beverly Hills residents, the homeowners and building owners.

Unlike the majority of BH residents who rent (54%), Beverly Hills' mansions have substantial lawns, landscaping, swimming pools, fountains, etc.

Another culprit responsible for millions of gallons of water wastage are apartment building owners with wasteful sprinkler systems that water the sidewalks, parked cars and roadways.

The City's doomed proposal will only impact the thousands of residents of Beverly Hills who are not among the rich and famous, the people who are not the primary consumers of water.

At the September 1, 2015 Council meeting, the Council members assured landowners with rental properties that they will be allowed to side-step rental laws so as to pass on to their tenants these higher prices for water. Ensuring landowners profits remain constant while renters' pocketbooks will feel the impact of the cost increases—cost increases caused by the landowners.

Early this Wednesday morning this Beverly Hills resident was awoken around 3:45 a.m. by the sound of silence. Entire Beverly Hills neighborhoods were in darkness due to a blackout. On this near 80 degree evening there was no electricity.

The water shortage is affecting more than just our ability to water our lawns. Power capacity at the Hoover Dam has dropped nearly 25 percent due to the drought. Clean energy produced at California's 287 hydroelectric plants has fallen 60 percent in the past four years. With this drought we are losing our clean electricity while global temperatures rise.

The pumping of groundwater in response to the historic drought is literally causing the San Joaquin Valley to sink as much as 2 inches every month according to NASA and the California Department of Water Resources. This subsidence has already destroyed thousands of public and private groundwater well casings in the San Joaquin Valley. Over time, subsidence can permanently reduce the underground aquifers' water storage capacity.

Still, millions of gallons are wasted every year in the City of Beverly Hills. Home and apartment owners have sprinkler systems that not only sprinkle their lawns, but drench the sidewalks, the roadways and parked cars (leaving difficult-to-remove water mineral spots on thousands of cars).

Ironically, while the Council and Mayor

were convening their hearing about saving water multiple houses along Rexford Drive in the blocks adjacent to City Hall were watering the sidewalks and flooding Rexford Drive itself. This water wasting ritual is commonplace all over the City of Beverly Hills.

Turning off a fountain that brings pleasure to thousands of people every day in the middle of the City of Beverly Hills is not the solution.

The City needs to (1) enact and enforce laws that prohibit water wastage, such as sprinklers that sprinkle anything other than foliage; (2) identify who the gross users of water in the City are and curtail their usage accordingly; and (3) encourage eco-friendly landscaping and plumbing.

The City of Beverly Hills, with pay scales higher than almost another municipality in the nation, has the existing resources to enforce these laws. Beverly Hills parking enforcement, already cruising the neighborhoods, could issue citations for water violations, such as sprinkler systems watering on prohibited days, times or things other than foliage. The BHPD should also be involved in the enforcement of laws designed to curb this sort of gross water wastage.

Another water issue in the City of Beverly Hills is the existence of many older buildings that have outdated plumbing. Thousands of dwelling units must run the water for several minutes before hot water flows in the sink, shower or tub. The modernization of plumbing would save millions of gallons every year. The City of Beverly Hills' building inspectors should develop a program to eliminate this sort of continuous water wastage. A hotline could be created whereby tenants could telephone building and safety and notify the department of the plumbing wastage issues which in turn

would lead to letters sent to property owners to take remedial measures. Throughout Europe small water heaters are installed adjacent to where the water is dispensed to reduce water and energy wastage.

The fact is California's future is at stake here. California is in the midst of an epic draught. Not only is this draught's severity of historic proportions, but the State's population has doubled since the last great draught. Nor is relief in sight as NASA is predicting these drought conditions will likely persist for approximately 20 years. California may well become the dustbowl that Oklahoma was in the 1930s or as foretold in the Hollywood blockbuster *Interstellar*. Scientists are issuing warnings but politicians like our Beverly Hills leaders are not taking these warnings to heart.

According to enforcement statistics compiled by the State Water Resources Control Board the City of Beverly Hills receives reports of hundreds of complaints for water wastage but fails to indicate anyone has been penalized for such wastage. For instance, in May of 2015 there were 85 complaints which lead to 52 "warnings" and no reported penalties, indicating no one in Beverly Hills is actually enforcing the water violations.

Before charging more money for water, a move that will not reduce consumption but only serve to increase the City's coffers, the City of Beverly Hills should enforce existing laws and enact laws that will fairly achieve the goals of sustainable water conservation.

*Tristram Buckley
Beverly Hills*

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be endorsed and recommended by a school official, write an essay and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From the approximately 16,000 semi-finalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the finalist level. As finalists, students can compete for one of 2,500 \$2,500 scholarships that will be awarded in the spring.

Established in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) is a non-profit organization that operates without government assistance. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 440 business organizations and higher education institutions.

City Council halfheartedly approves artificial turf

Following an elaborate discussion, the City Council unraveled a long-running ban on artificial turf in front yards at their meeting last week.

The Council remained generally skeptical about the decision, with Mayor Julian Gold calling it the "best of the worst."

Homeowners who wish to install artificial turf in their front yards must first apply for permits. They are required to submit landscape plans that show the turf does not comprise more than 70 percent of the landscaped area.

"Where there is synthetic turf, surface temperatures are up to 40 degrees more than natural temperatures," said Vice Mayor John Mirisch. "That sounds to me like that is a contributor to global warming, not to mention the plastics involved in creating that turf."

As discussed by the Planning Commission in July, the average surface temperature of artificial turf from 7 am to 7 pm is 117 degrees Fahrenheit, around 40 degrees higher than natural turf.

"Ideally, this would be something that we should avoid," Mirisch said. "I think that fake grass is shortsighted and I think it's a bad decision."

Councilmember Nancy Krasne agreed, pointing out that natural alternatives exist, such as clover.

The turf must come with at least an eight-year warranty and cannot be installed near heritage trees, the Council decided. According to Parks and Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf, heritage trees are trees with a circumference of 48 inches or more.

Following the Council's decision, homeowners who have installed artificial turf without permits are required to apply for permits, undergo inspection and make the necessary corrections.

"Synthetic turf is like a doll, it's plastic," said former Beverly Hills Mayor Chuck Aronberg. "Grass, or natural plants, are like a living thing. I think all of you have been educated in science and biology—two of the councilmembers very much so—so I urge you to consider your education and the differences between plastic and life."

The second reading of the ordinance

will be held on the Council meeting on October 6.

BHPOA's Annual Police Service Day and Pancake Breakfast slated for September 20

The Beverly Hills Police Officers Association will hold its Annual Police Service Day and Pancake Breakfast on September 20 from 8:00 am to noon in the Civic Center Plaza.

The entire community is invited to the free event, which includes activities for kids, police station tours and pancakes made by Beverly Hills police officers. Interactive displays include SWAT, K-9 and the BHPD Crime Lab.

The Beverly Hilton, the Beverly Hills Rotary Club, Whole Foods Market and Langers Juice are among the event sponsors.

Contact the Beverly Hills Police Officers Association at (310) 550-4551 for more information.

Prominent litigator Hillel Chodos dies at 81

Leading California trial lawyer Hillel Chodos, whose career spanned 53 years and encompassed more than a thousand trial cases, passed away on May 27 at his home in Beverly Hills. He was 81.

A long with attorney Philip Kauffman, Chodos represented former BHUSD

Facilities Director Karen Christiansen in her lawsuit against the district alleging wrongful termination, winning a multimillion-dollar judgment.

"Hillel Chodos was the most remarkable person I had the honor of knowing for the last 30 years, and I considered him my legal mentor," Kauffman said. "Many, including myself, regard him as the finest business litigator in California history. This in no way is an overstatement. He was prolific in making a huge impact on California law with approximately 185 published opinions, continually pushing the envelope to get justice for his clients. In addition to his lawyering skills, he was sincere, honest, and a man of the greatest integrity."

Born in New York City on December 31, 1933, Chodos was admitted to the University of Chicago at 14; he graduated two years later. At 16, Chodos entered the University of Oklahoma, where he met his first wife Hattie Jeanne Paul while working toward a Ph.D. in English.

Chodos graduated from UCLA School of Law in 1961. Soon after, he opened a solo practice and regularly took cases from clients who could not afford to pay him. Eventually, Chodos became one of

the highest hourly paid lawyers in Los Angeles.

Chodos is survived by his wife, Joyce Kidd Chodos, his children, Deborah, Jonathan, Michael and Ethan; his stepsons Emmet and Ian Kidd; his brothers Gabriel, Rafael and Daniel; six grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Retired Beverly High dance instructor to teach jazz dance course

Former Beverly High Dance Company instructor Janet Roston will teach a jazz dance course from September 20 to November 22 at the Roxbury Park Community Center dance studio.

Offered by the Beverly Hills Community Services Department, the 10-week course will be held **Sundays** from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

A professional choreographer and director, Roston has worked in stage, television and commercials. She has taught dance and choreography nationally and inter-



Janet Roston

nationally. Under her direction, Beverly High Dance Company was considered one of the top high school dance companies. Roston has won numerous awards, including the Ovation Award, Los Angeles's top theater award.

The price is \$90 for residents and \$110 for non-residents, ages 14 and up. All levels are welcome. For more information and to register, call 310-285-6850.

Roxbury Park is located at 471 South Roxbury Drive.

Landmark dedication ceremony for Greystone Mansion to take place September 20

A landmark dedication ceremony for Greystone Mansion and Park will be held on September 20 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

The private event is exclusive to Friends of Greystone (FOG) members. Join the non-profit organization at the membership level of \$100 or more.

Advanced registration is required as space is limited. For more information, call (310) 286-0019 or visit the Friends of Greystone website at www.greystone-mansion.org.

Greystone Mansion and Park will become the city's fourth historic landmark.

-Briefs compiled by Mina Riazi

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Nazy Farnoosh

Dash Dolls cast member

Beverly High grad Nazy Farnoosh is one of the stars of *Dash Dolls*, a *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* spinoff about the employees of *Dash*. The show premieres on E! September 20.

How did you get approached by E! to appear on *Dash Dolls*?

I actually really wanted to work at *Dash* and I dropped off a resume [a little over a year ago] and ended up getting called back for an interview. I interviewed and got the position, and not too long after that, they decided that they wanted to do a show. I had relationships with all the girls that do work there so we all just mingled and [kind of] got thrown into it not long after. Obviously this is not something many people get to experience, so it was definitely something [I was interested in.]

You graduated from Beverly High in 2009. Tell us about.

I went to Beverly [High] all four years; I moved to Beverly Hills for high school—my family moved with me, we all moved [here]. My little brother ended up going to El Rodeo and Beverly High. Honestly, I had the best four years at Beverly [High]. I still have so many of my friends and



Nazy Farnoosh

connections from that school. I still live in Beverly Hills—I actually live right across the street from [Beverly High], so I still get to see it all the time.

What can we expect from *Dash Dolls*?

I think the show is just going to be a window into our lives. It's going to be something that everyone can relate to [and understand] because it's a bunch of young adults that are trying to pave the way for their lives and learn to prioritize work. It's something that everyone can go through: friendships and relationships and trying



The cast of the *Dash Dolls* series, Farnoosh is third from right.

to separate business and pleasure. I think it's going to be fun, I think it's going to be funny, it's going to be sexy and it's definitely going to have a lot of fashion involved in it. It's going to be a really good show.

What is the most challenging aspect of striking a balance between your job as a *Dash* employee and your role on the show?

The way I would carry myself is the same way I would carry myself if the cameras weren't there. I do have an Assistant Manager position so I do think that the way I act and the way I carry myself is the way that I want the other girls to act. So, definitely, with or without the cameras, I'm pretty much the same.

How did you get involved with "Be the Match"?

Ysaguirre and linebackers Luc Mendez and Michael Revah.

"It was the one time I've seen us in my three years be the more physical team, if not for three quarters, then for at least half the game," Stansbury said. "That was not surprising but also it was somewhat unexpected."

The slightly more than 200-mile trip north on the California coast to play at Templeton where the team was together for the entire day "will help" the Normans "in the long run," Stansbury said.

The Eagles were ranked second in the Southern Section Northwest Division poll released Tuesday, the same spot as a week earlier.

Beverly Hills lost to Templeton 41-7 to start the 2014 season.

What's Next

The Normans are scheduled to play at North Torrance Friday night to continue nonleague play. The opening kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Stansbury said his goals for his team include "(battling) for all four quarters and put together a complete game."

"You could point to a quarter or even half of the first two games and say 'if we play like that every time, we'll be successful,'" Stansbury said. "Now it's just putting together four strong quarters."

The Saxons (1-1) moved four spots up in the Western Division poll thanks to Friday's 40-14 victory at Peninsula.

North Torrance quarterback Mique

My little brother was diagnosed with cancer a couple of months ago. So we reached out to Be the Match and we have a team working with us to find my little brother a donor for his bone marrow transplant. And basically what we do is go to different areas and different churches and hold a fundraising for bone marrow and we hand out flyers and let people know. Be the Match [www.bethematch.org] definitely helps a lot of people that need it.

The show premieres on September 20. What are you most excited about?

I think I'm excited to share this experience with everyone else and have everyone enjoy it and tune it to watch. It was a lot of hard work and it was a lot of fun and it's going to be great to be able to see the end result of everything. I hope everyone tunes into [*Dash Dolls*] on September 20 at 9 [pm].

Juarez is 45th on ESPN's list of the nation's top high school seniors and sixth among California seniors. He has made a non-binding verbal commitment to accept a scholarship offer from USC and is projected to play outside linebacker in college.

Beverly Hills lost to the Saxons, 48-0, last season in Wolken's first varsity start at quarterback.

Boys' Cross Country Fastback Shootout

Jonathan Cohen was third in the juniors race Saturday, helping Beverly Hills to a fifth-place finish in the 15-team field.

Cohen completed the 1.9-mile course at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut in 10 minutes 16.55 seconds, 1.47 seconds behind runner-up Erik Gonzalez of Rubidoux. Jack Arnold of West Ranch won in 10:01.

The Normans finished with 130 points, seven more than fourth-place Valencia. West Ranch won with 65.

Girls' Cross Country Great Cow Run

Senior Sydney Hanover was the top Beverly Hills finisher, finishing 130th in the varsity race Saturday, completing the 3-mile course at Cerritos Regional Park in 21:24, one second behind the 129th-place finisher, Destani Cuarezma of St. Joseph's.

Claire Graves of Citrus Valley won in 16:57.

The Normans were 26th in the 29-team

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BHHS football team loses to Templeton

Normans to play at North Torrance Friday night

By Steven Herbert

Turnovers played "a big part" in Beverly High's 48-13 loss at Templeton in a non-league football game Saturday, Norman coach Charlie Stansbury said.

Beverly Hills quarterback Jake Wolken had five passes intercepted and the Normans lost a fumble.

"In the first half, we were the more aggressive team," Stansbury said. "We were the team that was going forward more often than not."

"We were able to move the ball. We just had situations where we turned it over at inopportune times."

The Beverly Hills defense "was doing a great job" at the start of the game, forcing the Eagles to punt after three plays on three of their first four possessions, Stansbury said.

However, the Normans committed turnovers on each of their first two possessions in the first half and trailed 21-0 at halftime. Stansbury cited a pass coverage used by

the Eagles that is a "little" different from most teams and Wolken at times "trying too hard to force the ball into spots" and other times "being pressured as the ball was released" for the interceptions.

Senior running back Rashad Ysaguirre ran one yard in the third quarter for his second touchdown of the season for Beverly Hills (0-2). Wolken (14-for-31 for 187 yards) threw a 19-yard pass to P.J. Goolsby in the fourth quarter for the Normans' other touchdown.

Beverly Hills had more than 300 yards of total offense and "was successful moving the ball," Stansbury said.

The Norman defense played "admirably" throughout the game and "the effort was exceptionable to the point where (Templeton) was not doing what they normally do," Stansbury said.

Wyatt Rhodes "did a great job of returning kickoffs" for Beverly Hills, said Stansbury, who also praised the play of

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Dave Snowden retirement party Beverly Hilton • September 2

Retired BHPD Police Chief Dave Snowden celebrated 49 years in law enforcement with a bash at the Beverly Hilton.



(Left to right): Sheriff Jim McDonnell, Dave Snowden



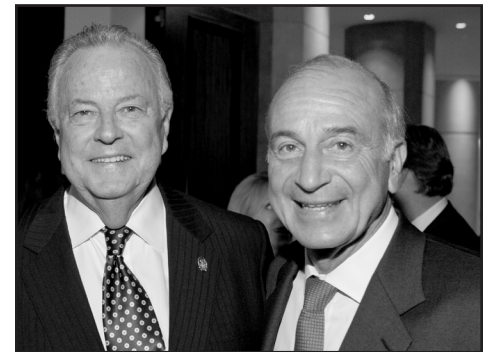
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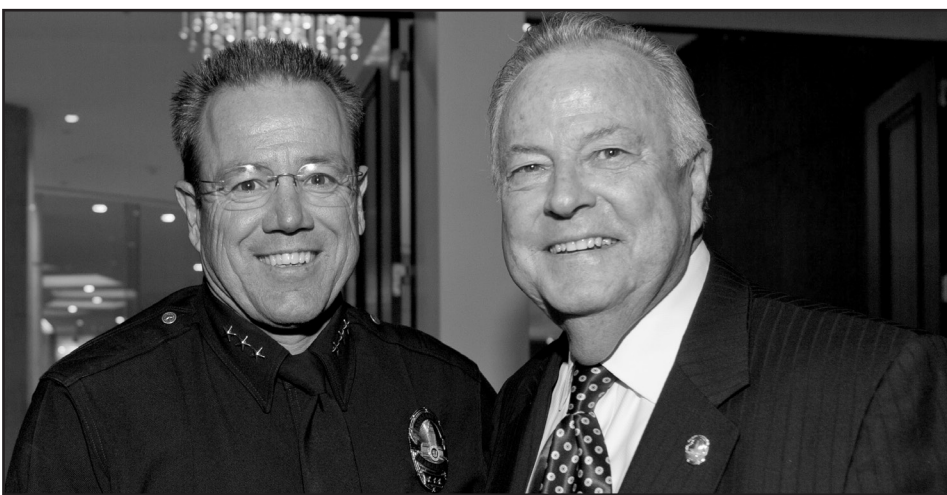
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DESIGN SENSE

Design Review Commission Chair Arline Pepp on the allure of a cohesive streetscape

By Mina Riazi

You formerly chaired the Architectural Commission. What led you to Design Review?

My background is interior design and it's mainly residential. I felt that the Architectural Commission was a fabulous experience; it [involved] dealing with very large professional firms and it was a wonderful, positive experience, and so I figured I love the city, I love to maintain a look of quality, and the Design Review Commission would have allowed me the same opportunity, but in the residential sector.

Tell us about your career as an interior designer.

I sort of stumbled on it: when we moved into our house, an architect was assisting me with the addition, [this is] going back 45 years. Then I had a working relationship with him for about 20 years, on a part-time basis. He basically was my educator [and] he taught me a tremendous amount about the design business. So we worked together for around 20 years and then I did several projects on my own, and I've done condos and residential properties [but] I'm retired now.

Why do you think it's important for a new design to fit the streetscape?

I always think that when you're the new kid on the block, you don't make a big splash, but you come in quietly—meaning design wise and every other way. To me, you have an existing streetscape, and let's say the houses are all of a certain type of design, or mixed design, the new house can be different, but it has to be of the same scale, the same proportion and the same quality of design.

In 2012, your husband Buddy Pepp retired as Executive Director of the Petersen Automotive Museum. Tell us about that.

He was asked to be the Executive Director—he had retired four times prior to that—so he's the perpetual workaholic. I think he did it for over two years [and] he loved the position. I think he did what he needed to do: he helped set up a more businesslike atmosphere, so he was very pleased. Petersen is a fabulous museum—they've been closed for almost a year and the grand opening is in December and it's quite exciting. We went for a hard hat tour and it's going to be absolutely, over-the-top fabulous. It's a shocking red building with ribbons of stainless steel that make it a wow

factor.

Do you find it frustrating when applicants challenge the Commission's recommendations?

I think the Commission is in existence for a reason. I think everybody has different taste, but we have our guidelines that we go through, and we try to judge all our projects according to the five criteria. We want everybody to be treated fair and equal and it would behoove the applicant to learn those five criteria [and] to look at the past meetings to see how we enforce those five criteria. When they come back and they're not listening to us, we feel the need to send them away again, and our policy is to try and only have the applicant be there twice, and if they don't get the design after the first time, we ask them to totally redesign it, because we know if they tweak a little this and a little that, it's not going to work. It is frustrating if they can't understand this, [because] we try to be very clear. But we want the overall good for the city, that's what our main aim is.

Tell us about your family.

We moved into our house 45 years ago so that our first daughter, Dana, could attend Hawthorne. We have three daughters and all three started at Hawthorne and graduated from Beverly [High]. Dana, the eldest, graduated from [the University of California,] Berkeley, and then she came to UCLA and she got her Master's [degree] in Marriage and Family Counseling. Lara graduated Berkeley and she got a Master's in non-profit and Denise graduated from UCSB, and she is in marketing. They all live in Northern California. I have six grandchildren too.

When we interviewed former Chair John Wyka, he said, "When a project has come to the commission in the past...[it can



(Left to right): Lara, Denise, Arline, Buddy and Dana Pepp.

often take] 3-4 months or so before a decision is made." What has the Commission done to shorten the timeline?

Actually, the way it works is if you submit a proposal, and we vote for it to be back for restudy, if you can turn it around in two weeks, you can resubmit it the next month. So it would behoove the homeowner, if they want it turned around that quickly, they could. What we're doing now is, if a project is not going to work, and I mean, we

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—Design Review Commission Chair Arline Pepp

feel that it's not good architecture, we send it back for restudy. Usually, at that point, we say make a new design, and they can come with a new design, and they can come at the next meeting, if they can get it together fast enough. If it's a project that just needs a little tweaking—we had a lovely Mediterranean project and the window fenestration wasn't quite working right, so it needed only a minor change [and] they came back to the next meeting and they were approved. So, it would depend on how quickly and how much attention is paid. I don't even think it's necessarily three or four months. I look at some of the projects that we

approved six to eight months ago, and they haven't even started. That [has] nothing to do with our commission—that is whoever is building or getting bids for the project.

The Design Review Commission was created to "control the mansionization of the City's residential neighborhoods." What is the most challenging aspect of trying to achieve this?

We have a problem with mansionization, even to this day. The city is liberal with the size of the footprint that is approved and we have nothing to do with that, it's not in our jurisdiction. We get these large houses sometimes that are bulky and massive and we need to say, "Even though you're within your right per code, you have to reduce the bulk and mass." And this can be done by modulation, but not all modulation works—it has to be the correct modulation for the

style of the house. And we see an overall plan and it looks like everybody makes a rectangle to fit their buildable lot space and we try and encourage modulation so we can reduce the bulk and mass. We greatly emphasize the gardenlike quality of the city and, depending on the size of the lot, encourage trees of good size to soften the architecture and to make it feel like it fits in with the streetscape more comfortably and easily. So we work constantly on trying to minimize bulk and mass [and] I wish we had more tools to minimize it. There are some large houses that are detailed beautifully and have lovely shadow lines and they're big but they're elegant and they're not bulky and boxy. That's the refinement that we're trying to ascertain. It's constantly a challenge, but—as we talked earlier—it must fit in with the streetscape. So if the house becomes extremely bulky and massive and doesn't fit into the streetscape, it doesn't meet one of our criteria.

Describe the perfect residential neighborhood.

When you look at a street, you want the homes' sizes and feelings to feel compatible; you don't want the large, bulky massive home. You want each home to feel like it's contributing to the gardenlike quality of the city; you want the excellence of architecture that was exhibited to be exhibited again. It is not to say you can't have different architectural styles: we have seen some contemporary styles, but if you're putting a contemporary style in a traditional street, it still has to feel compatible with setbacks, with bulk and mass and with the gardenlike quality.

What is your number one priority as Chair of the Design Review Commission?

I would very much like to have the Design Review Commission applied to every "track 2" applicant in Beverly Hills. At the present time, we don't do any hillside, which basically means north of Sunset. The problem here is there are many homes north of Sunset that are very visible from the street and they have no Design Review, and they need Design Review. Four years ago I wrote to councilmembers asking them about that. I think it's basically equality for everybody in the city. That being said, if there's a home that you can't see at all, maybe we have different criteria for that. We have no jurisdiction anywhere north of Sunset, and some of these houses need help. So there are several areas that we don't touch and I think they're very visible and we really should have equal standards for all homeowners.

ment of outdoor dining areas shall be prohibited unless using a Reclaimed Water System and such washing is done no more often than is necessary to comply with health laws and regulations."

Section 4. The city council hereby adds paragraph D.4. to Section 9-4-304 ("REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER CONSERVATION STAGES") of Article 3 ("Emergency Water Conservation Plan") of Chapter 4 ("WATER REGULATIONS") of Title 9 ("BUILDING AND PROPERTY HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS") of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

"9-4-304: REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER CONSERVATION STAGES:

D. Stage D Requirements:

4. For purposes of this Article, "Reclaimed Water System" shall mean a system that initially uses potable water and then collects the runoff, treats the runoff, and uses the runoff for non-potable uses for multiple cycles."

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Publication. 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 the city Clerk's certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this city.

Section 7. 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. The Director of Public Works Services or his designee may extend the deadline for compliance with this Ordinance for no more than thirty (30) days in order to accommodate good faith efforts to implement the requirements of this Ordinance.

Adopted: September 1, 2015
Effective: October 2, 2015

JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D.
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field with 742 points, 44 more than the 28th-place team from the Miguel Contreras Learning Center. Serrano won with 59.

College Football

Fifth-year senior defensive end Greg Townsend, a 2011 Beverly High graduate, made two tackles and assisted on a third in his third career start for USC in Saturday

detention&arrestsummary

Beverly Hills Weekly received 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 errors or omissions in the Detention and Arrest Summary.

MORENO, VERCILIA ROSEMARY, 34, arrested on 9/06/2015 for unlawful camping.

KING, KWAME MARSHALL, 46, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/05/2015 driving unlicensed upon highway.

CHOATE, DONALD IRWIN, 55, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/05/2015 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

MEDINA, ROBERTO JR, 30, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/05/2015 for outside misdemeanor warrant and driving while license suspended.

ALGHAMDI, MOHANNAD, SALEMH, 28, of Santa Barbara arrested on 9/05/2015 for driving unlicensed upon highway, no evidence of current registration and speed contest.

DELLAMORE, ALAN JOSEPH, 55, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/05/2015 for hit-and-run misdemeanor and driving under the influence of alcohol.

GOMEZ, HECTOR VELASQUEZ, 25, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/04/2015 for driving unlicensed upon highway.

BENZLER, BRUCE MICHAEL, 52, of Palm Springs arrested on 9/03/2015 for improper display of placard not issued to person.

BOLTON, RONNIE HAROLD, 27, of Compton arrested on 9/03/2015 for driving while license suspended.

BUTLER, THURMAN, 64, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/01/2015 for outside misdemeanor warrant and outside felony warrant.

MERTEN, MICHAEL JAMES, 50, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/01/2015 for drinking in public places.

KOHL, MARCUS, 46, of Bel Air arrested on 9/03/2015 for resisting or obstructing public officer.

HINOJOSA, BOBBIE VANESSA, 38,

night's season-opening 55-6 nonconference victory over Arkansas State at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Professional Football

Offensive tackle Caylin Hauptmann, a 2009 Beverly High graduate, was among 11 players waived by the Super Bowl XLIX champion New England Patriots Friday as they reduced their roster to the

arrested on 9/02/2015 for unlawful camping.

CARCAMO-SORIANO, CARLOS ANTONIO, 35, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/02/2015 for driving unlicensed upon highway, no evidence of current registration, unsafe condition of vehicle, lighting equipment of required type and maintain in good working order.

AGBONKPOLOR, GABRIEL OSAMAGUMWEN, 19, of View Park arrested on 9/02/2015 for receiving stolen property, narcotic drug; forging, altering prescription and getting credit using other's ID.

THOMAS, AINSLEY SAMUEL, 33, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/01/2015 for outside misdemeanor warrant and driving while license suspended.

LOPEZ-ECHEVERRIA, ALECXAR FIDEL, 35, of Los Angeles arrested on 8/31/2015 for plates not legible and driving unlicensed upon highway.

ALKHALDI, NOUF, 21, of Los Angeles arrested on 8/31/2015 for outside misdemeanor warrant and driving unlicensed upon highway.

BRYANT, LOIS, 56, of Los Angeles arrested on 7/06/2015 for criminal conspiracy and petty theft.

RODRIGUEZ, HENRY RICHARD, 39, of Santa Monica arrested on 7/07/2015 for receiving stolen property, residential burglary, grand theft, petty theft, outside misdemeanor warrant, resisting or obstructing public officer and possession of burglary tools.

SOWDERS, ANTHONY WAYNE, 44, of Beverly Hills arrested on 7/07/2015 for receiving stolen property, residential burglary, grand theft, petty theft, resisting or obstructing public officer and possession of burglary tools.

PINA, SELINA HAZEL, 21, of Los Angeles arrested on 7/07/2015 for outside misdemeanor warrant, giving false ID to police officer and assault – domestic violence/inflicting corporal injury on spouse or cohabitant.

RUIZ, RUBEN, 60, arrested on 7/07/2015 for outside felony warrant.

regular-season 53-player limit.

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PERLA-SANCHEZ, JULIO CESAR, 36, of Los Angeles arrested on 7/07/2015 for shoplift –burglary and getting credit using other's ID.

TERZIEVA, IRENA TODOROVA, 25, of Long Beach arrested on 7/07/2015 for outside misdemeanor warrant and driving while license suspended.

SAGINOR, JENNIFER LEE, 46, of Los Angeles arrested on 7/04/2015 for driving unlicensed upon highway.

RUSSO, JOSEPH JAMES, 43, of Abbotsford arrested on 7/04/2015 for refusing or failing to leave land, real property or structure of another person.

SPLAWSKI, DAVID ANDREW, 37, of Los Angeles arrested on 7/04/2015 for public intoxication.

PALMA, CARLOS HUMBERTO, 18, of Los Angeles arrested on 7/05/2015 for possession of a switchblade knife in a passenger's or driver's area, possession of meth/etc, possession of drug paraphernalia and pedestrian outside crosswalk.

TAYLOR, JAQUIES CORTEZ, 31, of Los Angeles arrested on 7/05/2015 for possession of meth/etc and pedestrian outside crosswalk.

ONEILL, BENJAMIN ROBERT, 35, arrested on 7/05/2015 for sitting/laying in public place, outside misdemeanor warrant and resisting or obstructing public officer.

JIAWEN, XUE, 20, of San Gabriel arrested on 7/03/2015 for possessing forged drivers license or identification card and receiving stolen property.

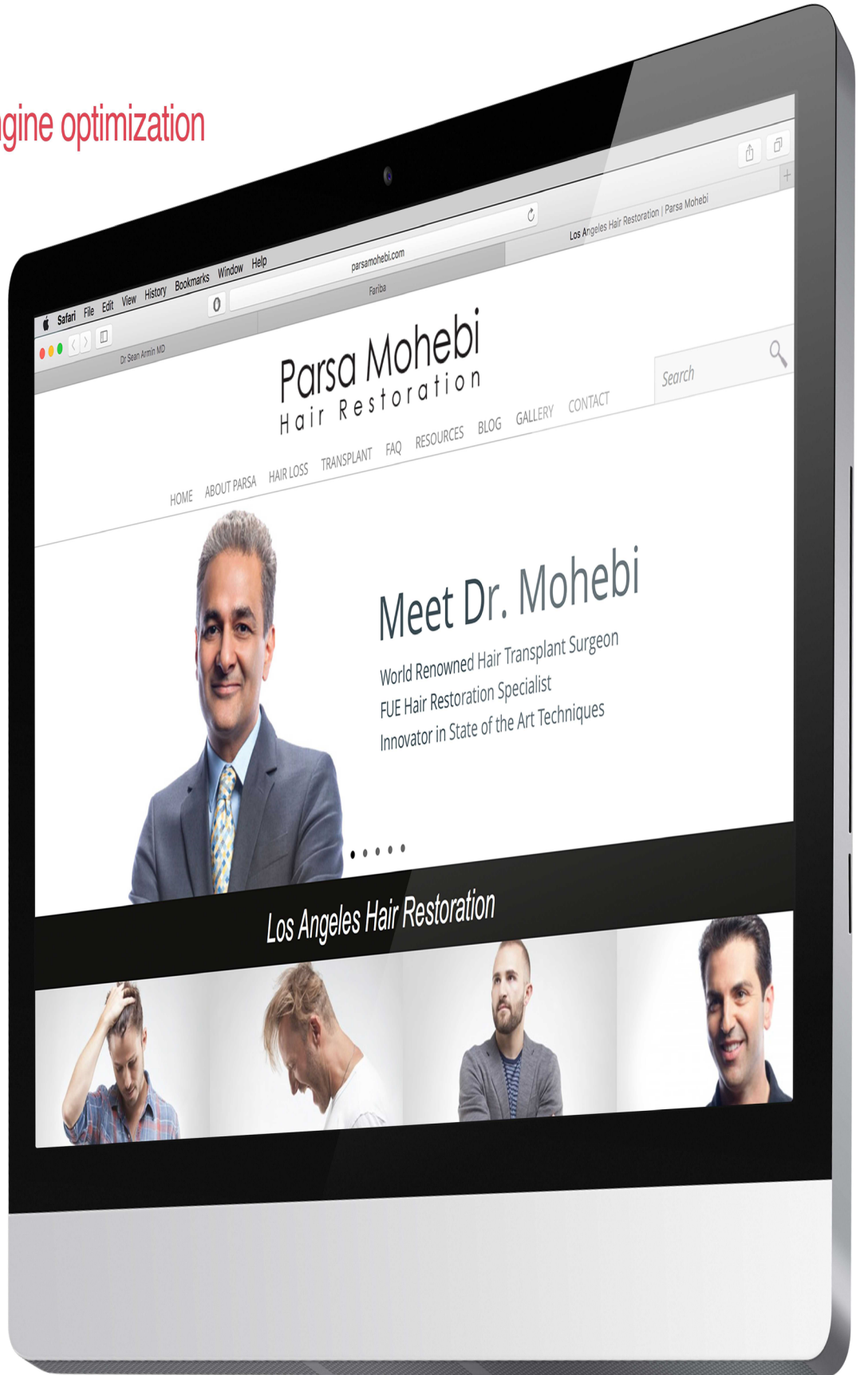
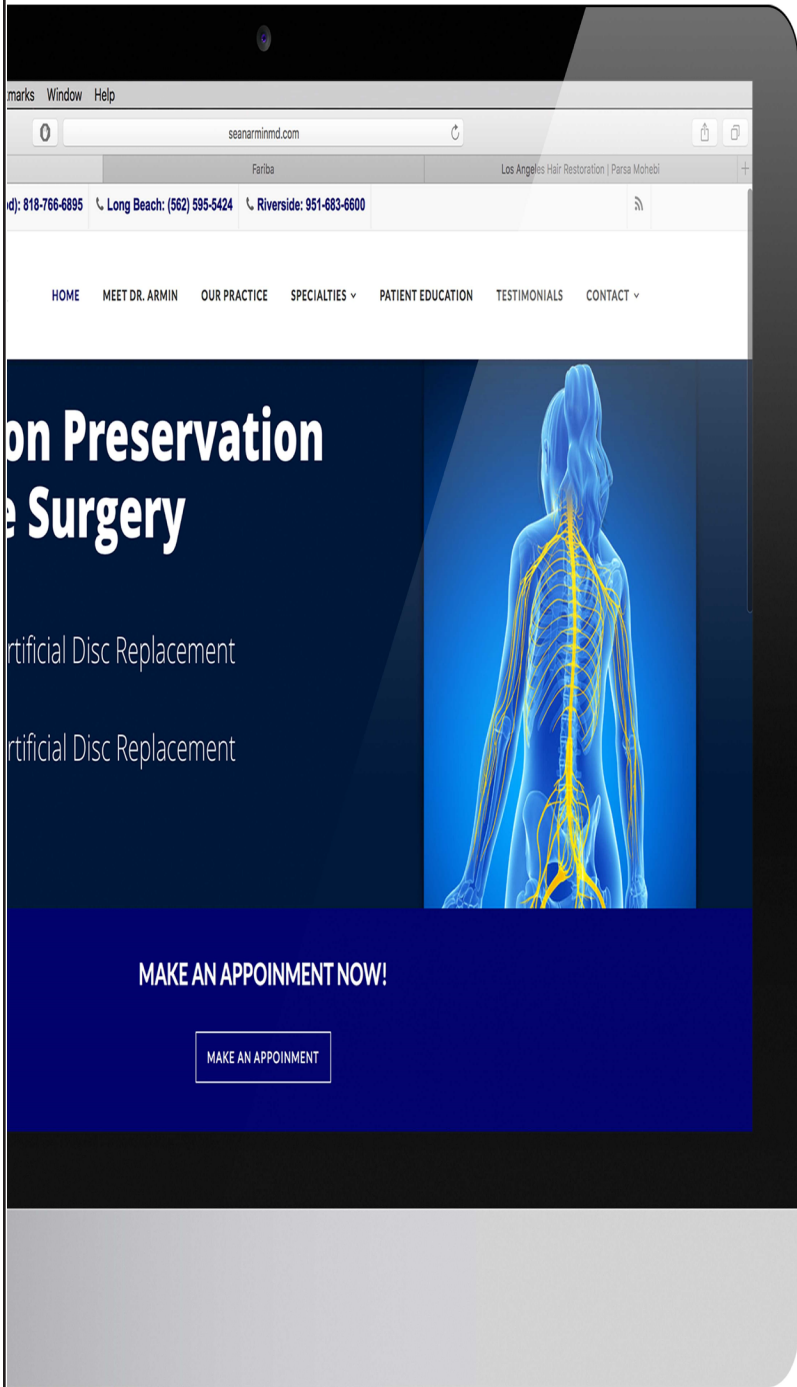
LANDI, NEVIN SIMON, 27, of Chicago arrested on 6/29/2015 for public intoxication.

JOHNSON, RICHARD EUGENE, 54, of Santa Monica arrested on 6/29/2015 for manufacturing controlled substance, possession of more than 28.5 grams of marijuana and possession of hashish/marijuana.

RENE, PIERRE RICHARD, 32, of Mount Vernon arrested on 6/29/2015 for resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer or peace officer.

MCDONALD, ROSCOE, 67, arrested on 6/30/2015 for outside misdemeanor warrants.

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