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Potentially harmful levels of formaldehyde found in temporary classrooms, add to burgeoning space problem at Horace Mann.



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Probably tens-of-thousands of motorists have driven in the speed lane of Olympic Boulevard heading West, up the steep hill, leading into Century City. Each of them had to veer slightly to the right to get past a date-palm tree that had routed itself in the median of Olympic Boulevard and spread its thorny leaves increasingly into that speed lane. Unbeknownst to 99.9 % of these motorists, they had friends in the City of Beverly Hills who could eliminate this dangerous situation if only someone called to report the problem. I made that call to Ms. Lucy Gonzalez, secretary to our City Manager. She has always been

outstanding on past "help" calls I have made. Ms. Gonzalez called our (always helpful) City's Urban Forest Supervisor, Mr. Ken Pfalzgraf, and within one day,

the potential danger of the lane-intruding date-palm tree had been eliminated. On behalf of the tens-of-thousands of future

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Beverly Hills High football coach Carter Paysinger (left) was honored by the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section with a Champions of Character award at an October 12th luncheon in Long Beach. He is joined by Jim Staunton, CIFSS Commissioner of Athletics.

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Voluntary Spending Limits to Increase for 2007 City Election

2005-2006 Election Ad Hoc Committee and City Council Candidates Agree Unanimously to Increase Spending Limits to \$60,000.

By Ryan Vaillancourt

City Council reached a consensus during Friday's informal meeting to increase voluntary campaign spending limits for City elections, to \$60,000 per candidate, up from \$50,000, and to modify



Linda Briskman and Barry Brucker (shown here) are the two Councilmembers serving on the 2005-2006 ad hoc election committee.

the rules regarding the collection of contributions. A formal decision was not announced.

In attendance for the meeting were all five candidates running for two open seats in March, including incumbents Mayor Webb and Vice Mayor Delshad and challengers Shahram Melamed, Nancy Krasne

and Maggie Soleimani. Delshad was the only candidate not to comment. Also addressing the Council was the Weekly's Rudy Cole, who suggested raising the limit to \$75,000.

If formally adopted, the resolution would maintain the \$250 limit per individual donor that is part of the current voluntary agreement. Candidates that refuse the voluntary agreement, as with the current agreement, can receive contributions of only \$100 per individual donor, making campaign finance more difficult.

In addition, candidates that accept the

voluntary spending limit get their names and photographs published citywide in the sample ballot at no cost to them. Candidates that refuse the limit will have to pay for the cost of printing, which is estimated to be \$1,200 City Clerk Byron Pope said.

Councilmember Linda Briskman, who is part of the ad hoc 2006 - 2007 election

"We have had candidates in the past who have agreed to the spending limit that have raised a question as to whether they have adhered to it and we have had no concrete way to evaluate that."

**Councilmember
Linda Briskman**

committee with councilmember Barry Brucker, recommended that candidates agreeing to the spending limit should be required to report all mailings to the City Clerk's office. This measure is an attempt to ensure that candidates who accept the limit honor their agreement.

"We have had candidates in the past who have agreed to the spending limit that have raised a question as to whether they have adhered to it and we have had no concrete way to even try and evaluate that," Briskman said.

"If somebody's going to violate something, they're going to violate something,"

Mayor Webb countered. "I'll go on with whatever [Councilmembers Briskman, Brucker, and Frank Fenton] decide, but it doesn't add anything, reporting to the City Clerk." As candidates themselves, Webb and Delshad will not vote on the resolution.

"As to the mailers, please keep in mind that not everybody runs the same type of campaign," Melamed said, suggesting that campaign strategies could be compromised by the mailing measure. "The more filings and requirements you put in front of the candidates, especially new candidates, you make it more difficult for them," he said. Melamed suggested that if candidates be required to report their mailings to the City Clerk, that they can do so 30 days after sending out their materials.

"As for strategy, I would be say I'm fine with somebody filing something 14 days after its been mailed, provided it didn't smear another candidate," Krasne said. "I believe every candidate should stand on what they believe in, but I certainly agree with \$60,000."

Soleimani supported the recommendation for \$60,000, but disagreed with Cole's suggestion to go even higher. "75 or 80 [thousand] is really too much," she said.

"If you can't get your message out for \$60,000, you're not going to get it out for \$100,000," Webb said.

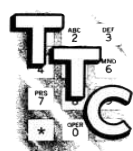
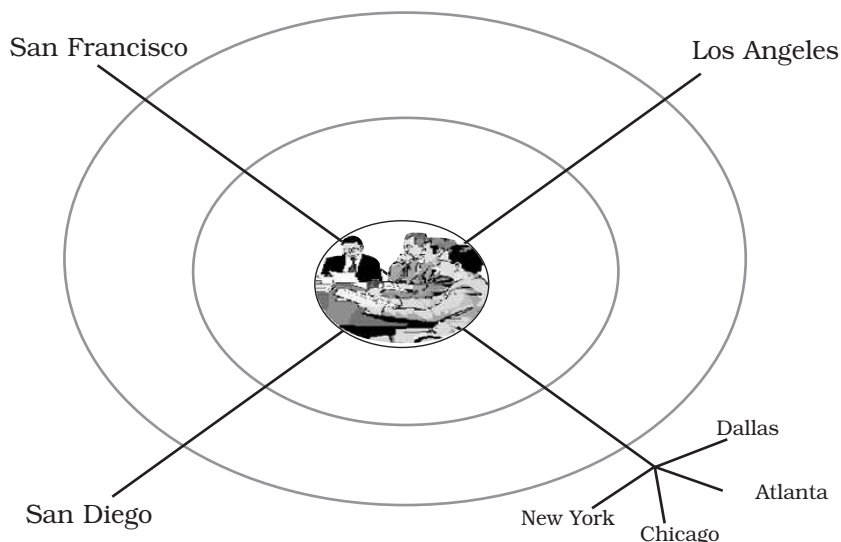
The Council did not address the issue at the formal meeting on Tuesday night, but if any aspect of the resolution is adopted by the ad hoc committee, the decision must be announced by October 30th. The election is slated for March 6th, 2007.

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Beverly Hills Rotary Club to donate and install 375 water filter systems in the Dominican Republic

375 BioSand Water Filter units will be installed in San Francisco, Dominican Republic by the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills. The Rotary Club, made aware of the acute need for potable drinking in the Dominion Republic, will contribute the units.

Because a pilot program in the Dominican Republic was so successful, Rotary clubs across the U.S. and Canada have raised over \$300,000 to help fund and expand the pro-

gram.

Helping to coordinate the project is Jim Bodenner of the Rockford, Michigan Rotary Club. Bodenner spoke before the Beverly Hills Rotary Club on Monday, October 16, 1 PM at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

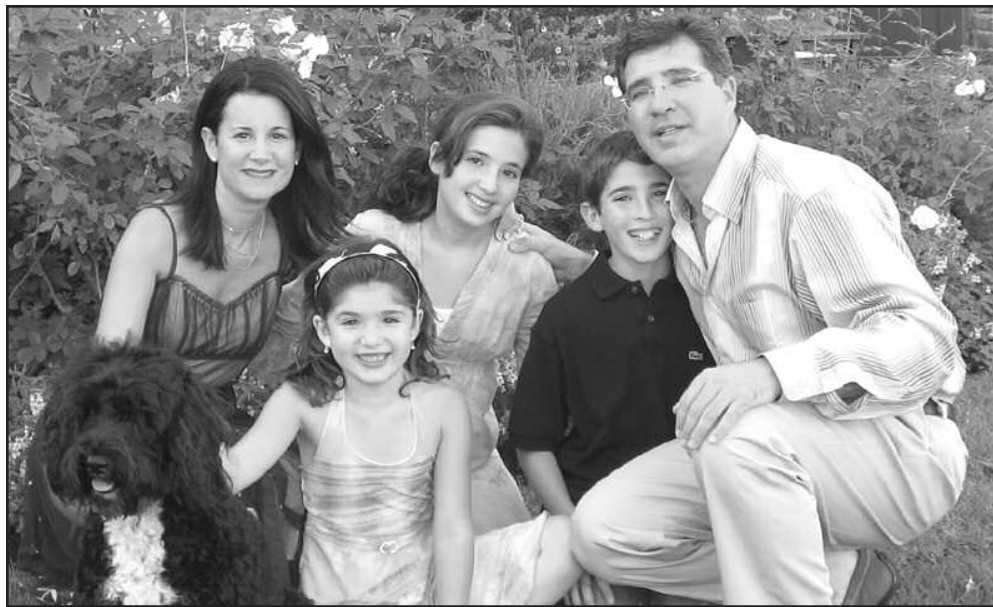
The success of the BioSand water filter is dramatic. This simple affordable technology has now been expanded to include Haiti and Honduras. "It's a story that is worth hearing about," says Bodenner, "and we're on a mission to share it." Bodenner is employed by International Aid as the Director of Water Initiatives.

Iranian-American Group Art Exhibition

A show of works from Eight Iranian-American Artists will be on display at Lladro Boutique in Beverly Hills through December 14th. The opening night reception will be November 30th, from 7 to 9PM, located at 408 North Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills.

There are paintings by Hessam Abrishami, Goli Mahallati, Hamid Mirghanbari, Taraneh Mozafarian, Parvis Payghamy and Simon Rahimian, as well as photography by Ali Farhoodi and sculpture by Farzad. During the exhibition 10% of all proceeds will go to the Beverly Hills Parent's Association to benefit The Exceptional Children's Foundation.

These artists share a common attitude towards world unity and peace though they differ in their modern artworks. The event is coordinated by Noushin Moeini, critic and art editor of Javanan Magazine.



The Galen Family has generously underwritten their pumpkin patch for the Apple Harvest Faire: From left to right, Jodi Galen, Rachel Galen, Samantha Galen, Josh Galen, Douglas Galen (and the dog, Misty Galen).

Beverly Hills Education Fund Apple Harvest Faire

The Beverly Hills Education Foundation's Apple Harvest Faire is the best place to buy your Halloween pumpkins. You can visit the Galen Family Pumpkin Patch and select just the perfect pumpkin for carving.

On Sunday, October 22nd from noon to 5:00 pm, the Apple Harvest Faire will feature food booths, games, rides, and more. The Galen Family have generously underwritten the Pumpkin Patch. The Apple Harvest Faire benefits Beverly Hills public schools. For information about the Apple Harvest

Faire or to underwrite a ride or game booth, please contact BHEF at (310) 557-0651 or visit www.bhef.org.

Beverly Hills Education Foundation & Bloomingdale's Partner for the Shopping Benefit

Once again, BHEF has been selected as one of the ten charities participating in Bloomingdale's Shopping Benefit on October 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The invitations are in the mail. Simply tear off the enclosed coupon, make sure BHEF is checked, and drop it in the box when you enter the store (coupons can be dropped off



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Ms. Kerry Mazor and her new Organization elective at El Rodeo Left to right: Michael Kamara, Robbie Alpert, Omeed Mahrouyan, Ms. Kerry Mazor, Riley O'Neill, Jack Ross, Ariel Rafalian, Matt Nedjat-Haiem, Robbie Cooke, Sajun Bibbs, Fabio Katz, Rami Pinchasi, Zach Gaon, Lina Hebert, Ms. Marlene Gilbert (El Rodeo Librarian). Absent were Stephanie Ordaz, Emily Cedeno, and Andrea Katz.

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New 6th Grade Organization Class at El Rodeo

El Rodeo's new 6th grade elective is called the Organization Class, and it is taught by Kerry Mazor. The elective students are learning valuable library skills from Marlene

Gilbert, the El Rodeo Librarian. They are helping students to use both the school library and the public library, as well as web reference resources. Pictured are the students in the morning class before homeroom (7:07 a.m.)

They are holding the very large and fascinating foldout "Almanac: The Wall Chart of World History From Earliest Times to the Present." Gilbert is quoted as saying, "Actually this is an historical atlas of one of our finest!" The Almanac is one of the many reference books available for student use in the El Rodeo library.

Beverly Vista Neighborhood Association

Coach Susan Stevens Tennis Reunion



Susan Stevens, coach of the Beverly Hill men's tennis team from 1977 - 1983, with former players: Back, left to right, Jeff Gunther, Steve Ricci, David Maltzman, Jonathan Cantor, David Romm, Jeff Friedman, Sy Fontaine, Tony Richards, Jay Jennings, Harold (and Madison) Hecht, Jon Brooks, Don Dizon and Bryan Ezralow. Front, Kent Seton, Jerome Jones, Coach Stevens, Danny Maltzman and Brad Pressman. Not Shown: Nathan Hochman, James Agate and Michael Turner.

Annual General Meeting

On November 1st, 2006, Beverly Vista Neighborhood Association is holding their Annual General Meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Rod Wood, Beverly Hills City Manager, will be the featured speaker. He will be showing a very interesting slide presentation that highlights important issues impacting residents, from the Beverly Hills fiscal budget and projected 2007 revenue deficits.

Mayor Steve Webb, Vice Mayor Jimmy Delshad, and Police Chief Dave Snowden will be attending. They will answer questions, address resident's con-

cerns, and share ideas for minimizing future projected deficit impacts.

BVNA invites residents living in the 100, 200, and 300 blocks of S. Maple, S. Palm, S. Oakhurst, S. Rexford, and S. Doheny to attend BVNA's General Meeting. The event will take place at 241 S. Palm. We encourage BVNA residents to come and share their concerns regarding our neighborhood including problems with graffiti, illegal parking in permit zones, overnight parking enforcement, traffic, use of disabled placards, and ramifications of potential cuts in City Services to our neighborhood.

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Football Normans Rout Hawthorne In League Opener

Team to play at Santa Monica Friday night.

By Steven Herbert

Another week, another 40-plus point victory for the Beverly High football team, even without starting quarterback Meyer Linter.

The Normans defeated Hawthorne, 49-8, Friday night in the Ocean League opener for both teams at Hawthorne High, with Ramon Judkins and Gerald McGee each running for two touchdowns.

"I thought our team played very well all the way around," Beverly Hills coach Carter Paysinger said. "Defensively, we played very well. We were able to stop the run, which was a key for us."

The Normans (5-1, 1-0) scored the game's first 49 points. David Saedi ran 10 yards for the first quarter's lone touchdown. Beverly Hills scored 28 points in the second quarter

on McGee's five-yard run, Judkins' 40 and 15-yard runs and Dex Lucci's 47-yard pass to Dominique Sandifer.

McGee ran 12 yards for the third quarter's lone touchdown. The Normans increased their lead to 49-0 on Darrian Scoggins' one-yard run in the fourth quarter, before the Cougars (0-6, 0-1) scored their lone touchdown and made a two-point conversion.

With Linter sidelined because of a shoulder injury sustained when he was tackled on a run in the 49-7 victory over Pasadena Blair on Oct. 6, Lucci, a sophomore, completed 10 of 16 passes for 146 yards and one touchdown.

"Lucci threw the ball well," Paysinger said.

Judkins (98 yards on 11 carries), McGee

(57 yards on eight carries) and Saedi also drew praise for their play from Paysinger.

The back-to-back 40-plus point victories for Beverly Hills were their first since the 1997 season when they defeated El Segundo 55-6 and Inglewood Morningside, 41-0.

The victory moved the Normans one spot up to fourth in the Southern Section Western Conference poll released Monday.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play Santa Monica (3-3, 0-1) Friday night in an Ocean League game at Santa Monica College beginning at 7 p.m.

Paysinger on Monday said he was uncertain if Linter would play, labeling him as "day-to-day."

Boys' Water Polo

37th Annual Henry Stuart South Bay Varsity Water Polo Tournament Crescenta Valley 6, Beverly Hills 2

Andrew Hopp scored both goals and goaltender Alex Rosenthal made eight saves for the Normans in a first-round game Sept. 29.

The Falcons were ranked first in the Division VI poll released Sept. 25, Beverly Hills seventh.

Beverly Hills 8, Santa Monica 7

Mikey Lee scored three goals and teammates Hopp and Benji Koltai each had two in a consolation quarterfinal Sept. 29.

Micah Smith also scored for the Normans. Rosenthal made five saves.

San Marino 8, Beverly Hills 7

A Norman comeback from a three-goal deficit to start the fourth quarter ended a goal short Normans in a consolation semifinal Sept. 30.

Beverly Hills trailed 8-5 entering the fourth quarter, then got goals from Koltai and Hopp, cutting the deficit to 8- with two minutes, eight seconds to play, but neither team scored again.

The Normans trailed 4-2 after the first quarter and 5-4 at halftime.

Hopp and Jonathan Pony each scored twice for the Normans, while Koltai, Lee and Smith each scored once.

Rosenthal made seven saves.

Beverly Hills 9, Torrance 5

Daniel Ilinsky scored a goal in each of the first three quarters and Hopp scored three second-half goals as the Normans won the 11th-place game, defeating the Tartars for the third time in three tries this season.

The first quarter ended in a 1-1 tie. Koltai and Ilinsky scored in the second quarter, giving Beverly Hills (14-3) a 3-1 lead at halftime. Lee scored twice in the third quarter and Hopp and Ilinsky once each putting the Normans ahead 7-4 at the end of the third quarter.

Hopp scored both Beverly Hills goals in the fourth quarter.

Rosenthal made six saves.

All four games were played at El Segundo.

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Social Note, Think First Than Vote

An Examination Of Some Critical Refrerenda
By Rudy Cole

Following this personal note, you will find some thoughts on the ballot measures, always one of the most important votes you will cast, but also the most confusing and exacerbating, when voters try to work their way through the huge amounts spent on special interest elections, and there are many.

The personal: It is always a wonderful evening when Josette and I have dinner with **Sooky** and **Sam Goldman** and always at the Belvedere at the Peninsula, but last Saturday was even more special because their other guests were two legends of the pop music world: **Bea Wain** and **Gogi Grant**.

I remember Bea from the big band era and first heard her wonderful, soft voice when she performed with **Fred Waring** and the Pennsylvanians. Her voice is just as melodious now and her reminiscences of her life during the golden age of big bands was memorable for fans of that era, and that includes me.

Gogi Grant is a special legend and she too has lost none of her charm and wit. Gogi, of

course, is best remembered for her monster hit recording, "The Wayward Wind" and for her very successful appearances in Vegas. At Sam's request, the two did a very soft duo - too bad it was so soft the other guests could not share the experience.

However, the good news: Gogi will soon be performing in the long running, highly successful "Follies" in Palm Springs. Exact show times and dates we'll bring you soon, but this incredible production, playing to packed audiences in Palm Springs should be an even greater success with Gogi fans attending.

Very sad note: Sam lost his brother, **Charles**, the next day following a long illness. Condolences to Sam and their families.

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About the ballot measures

In recent years, many have stirred strong to neglectful interest among the electorate. The governor's attempt to revolutionize state government in the last election was seen as too much of a power grab and all his proposals

were soundly rejected. **Arnold** does not have a major horse in this race, except his own, but some will have a profound effect on all of our lives. Forget the hype, the confusing TV spots and read the small print before you vote.

Also, remember that most ballot measures arrive, not through the usual legislative process, but because some group, some well-intentioned, most seeking a special advantage, place the measure on the ballot. The referendum is important in the democratic process, but when it subverts the legislature, the proposals need even more thoughtful examination by the voters.

Proposition 85 may sound harmless since it seems to want to protect minors from rushing into abortions. It would amend the state constitution to require minors to wait 48 hours until a parent has been notified. But it is really one more attempt to over turn Roe v Wade and should be defeated.

One of the good ones is Proposition 87 and it is fascinating that both sides are using almost identical arguments: High oil prices, dependence on foreign (read Arab country) oil. Both can't be right. The arguments aren't that difficult to sort out. If you really want to do something about our dependency on foreign oil, you should vote YES. We must find ways of backing off our dependence on oil, no matter the source and this will fund the means of actually moving in that direction.

So, if you are serious about global warming, we need to join the other states in adopting an extraction tax and pay for research and uses of alternative fuels. Former President **Bill Clinton** and his vice president **Al Gore** could not agree on a campaign strategy for the 2000 elections, but both have come to California to support this measure.

While I do support public financing of elections, Prop. 89 is not the way to achieve it. The impacts need far more careful examination and should be done through the legislature, not a ballot measure, even though it is well intentioned, I would urge a No vote on 89.

Eminent domain has become a touchy issue in Beverly Hills since the city moved to acquire property in the Industrial Area now housing a vet and an animal rescue non-profit. But Prop. 90 goes way too far in limiting government's ability to use the process for often critical needs. This is part of a national campaign with ballot measures in many states that would cripple fair and due process. Too extreme, too far out and backed by some ultrarightists groups from outside the state. Vote No on Prop. 90.

Prop. 88 might be the way to increase funding for our schools by finding a way to slightly increase the property tax. The unfortunate kicker is that the money would not go directly to local school districts, but through the state. Although flawed, I would give it a grudging Yes.

No hesitancy on Prop. 84. It will fund critical water quality control, flood prevention and park acquisitions. We once had a great water resource plan that gave equitable distribution and preservation to all of California. This is a

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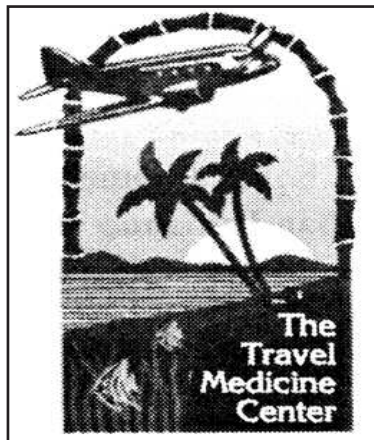
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On the sex offender measure, barring them from living near a school and increasing sentences for the more violent, balancing civil liberties concerns with greater protection of kids is important, but I would think child safety would be the most important consideration and so I would urge a Yes on Prop. 83.

There are some critical county measures that should have our attention: Briefly, No on 1A is too broad in preventing use of the gas tax for multiple purposes; Yes on 1B helps for repairing roads and highways, and we need that now; Yes on 1C, funds programs for affordable housing, the shame of our times; 1D and 1E will provide funding for school construction, modernization and area flood control. Yes on both.

I have saved the most controversial for last and not just because it means I will have to pay more for pipe tobacco. This is one more example of a very special interest by-passing the legislature to serve an industry need.. In this case it is the healthy industry trying to tap the anti-smoking movement with a punitive tax. How many reasonable people would support any tax that was increased from Eighty Seven Cents to \$3.47 per item unless it was framed as a means to stop some use?

Tobacco is the target, but the money would not go into the state fund, it would go directly into an industry that has its own issues with public responsibility.

Consider the possibilities: Want to prevent diabetes? Place a punitive tax on sugar. Tired of grid lock? How about a three hundred per-

cent increase in the gas tax? Or, being even more sublime, we could use the taxing process to make attending R rate movies more costly, purchases of SUV prohibitive and, name your favorite hate, and that too will be levied. Fight tobacco use, of course, but not through taxation. We have a long history in our country of not using the tax for political or social purposes, no matter what the intent. NO on 86.

As for the governor's race, as Lil Abner would have said, "it is amusing but confusing." Begin with the Los Angeles Times. It opposed the recall, endorsed **Gray Davis** and now backs Gov. Schwarzenegger. Even more perplexing is the flow of warmth for Arnold emanating from the Democratic legislators.

Well, it really depends on which Arnold you see. If it is the Governor who came to Sacramento hell bent on changing the balance of power between the legislature and the executive branch and who followed the advise of some of the more right wing leaders of the GOP, you have one choice. On the other hand, if you believe that this is a new Governor, chastened by the results of his failed ballot measures who has moved closer to the center and is working in a more cooperative manner with Democratic law makers, that is another choice.

The New Arnold has been a very good centrist, has created a working mode with the Democratic controlled state senate and state assembly and distanced himself from the more extreme elements of his own party. That has been good for the people of California, of course, but is it the final cut? He is likely to win easily and not just because of his own repositioning on issues, but because **Phil**

Angelides, a good, caring person, has waged a horrendous campaign. What have we bought here? Barring an election debacle, Arnold should win big, hopefully remembering and staying with an electorate that bought his new look.

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Upcoming events: The Maple Counseling Center will honor **Wendy** and **Dr. Asher Kelman, Linell** and **Atty. Robert Shapiro** and actor **Edward James Olmos** at their annual Crystal Ball October 25, 2006 at the Beverly Hilton and will be chaired by **Sharona R. Nazarian** with **Dr. Bruce Hensel** as m.c. For ticket information, call 323.905.4000. The Center has a long and successful relationship with Beverly Hills, providing a wide range of social services. The Center concept was originally organized by **Sooky Goldman**.

Want to experience a Russian musical evening? This Saturday, singer **Lev Medvedev** will offer a program of classic Russian folk and modern ballads plus a Russian version of contemporary rock at the Roxy Theatre. For ticket information call 310.278.9457. Beverly Hills has become a home for many former Soviet Union emigres, including those from Ukraine.

Lev was born in Russia and now lives in San Francisco. He is known for his distinctive rendition of historic and more trendy music.

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motorists who will use that speed lane in future years and will probably never know who to thank for the "safety improvement," a heartfelt "thank you" to Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Pfalzgraf for their immediate and successful elimination of this hazard.

*Sid Turkish
Beverly Hills*

We Have Them On Our List And Some Will Never Be Missed

Rudy Cole's restaurant guide, published in the October 12-18 issue covered a good cross section of some of our wonderful restaurants in Beverly Hills. However, I have to take issue with Rudy's comment regarding "Champagne." This is not a new restaurant and has been in that spot, since Noah's Bagels moved out - about 5 years ago! If Rudy wants to savor outstanding, consistent quality of pastries, coffee, tea and other dishes one cannot beat Urth Caffé which in a short space of time has become a wonderful success. For those of us who like to eat outdoors, but are usually turned off by smokers, this is one restaurant that does not allow smoking outside - a wonderful benefit.

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BUNGALOW DEBACLE

Potentially harmful levels of formaldehyde found in temporary classrooms, add to burgeoning space problem at Horace Mann.

By Ryan Vaillancourt

Horace Mann School, as one distressed parent put it, is “bursting at the seams.” Ever since the Annex building was shut down in 2004, students and teachers have been shuffled from room to room in an attempt to solve their new space issues. And with the detection of formaldehyde in two outdoor facilities last week, the classroom ring-around-the-rosy is at it again.

At the beginning of this year, two of three third grade classes, as well as the music and Resource Special Needs classes, were moved from the main building into temporary outdoor bungalows.

Now, two months later, new air quality test results have revealed that at least two of the bungalows – those that house the music and RSP classrooms – contain potentially harmful amounts of formaldehyde.

An October 10th letter to parents from Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Cheryl Plotkin said that in response to the test results, the music and RSP classes are moving “back to locations within the main building until the source of the problem can be resolved.”

Among the new locations though is a room that has been a storage facility for years. By next week, according to Plotkin’s letter, the windowless room will house the Resource Special Needs classes.

“For the twelve years that I’ve been here, that room has been a storage closet,” parent Eileen Kahn said. “Until they do some testing in there, my kid is not going there. It’s unacceptable, I’m furious.”

Kahn, whose daughter is in the Resource Program, was one of about 30 parents who attended a meeting at the school last Friday with Plotkin, new superintendent Kari McVeigh, Board of Education president Myra Lurie, Facilities Director Karen Christiansen and Facilities Manager Mike Garcia.

The meeting was intended to be a presentation from the district and school representatives on the air quality findings in the bungalows. But Garcia was barely able to get through the presentation, as parents grilled him and the other district representatives, demanding more thorough tests in the building and a permanent removal of the bungalows.

“I just want you to know, there’s anger on all our parts,” one parent said, addressing McVeigh, Lurie, Christiansen, and Garcia all at once.

Lurie reminded the parents that the current space issue stems from the 2004 closing of the Annex building. “The fact that

we shut down the Annex shows that we care,” she said.

Before the Annex was shut down, it had housed the City and District preschool programs and all second grade classes. Built in the early 1930s, the Annex is supported by wooden joists that were covered in creosote, a common wood preservative. The



The four bungalows at Horace Mann School have been a source of concern since day one, but soon, they may soon be gone for good.

substance is the source of a strong odor that had allegedly been long irritating teachers and students. Certain components of the substance have recently been revealed to be carcinogens, Garcia said.

Without the Annex, the school found room for the second graders in the main

school program was sent inside the main building and two third grade classes moved out and into the bungalows. With the main building still too cramped, the school added two more bungalows this summer to house the music and RSP classes. In the spring of 2006, physical education teachers requested that the bungalows,

both the two existing ones and the two that were added this summer, be moved to the outer boundaries of the school’s land to allow more playground space for students, Plotkin said.

But parents soon voiced concern over the new bungalow placement, which is just

Rosen and Sternshein, addressed the Board during the public comments section of the meeting. Then they took their concerns to a PTA meeting two weeks later, where Ticknor said there was a “huge turnout.”

“Where the bungalows are located now is not the right place,” former PTA president Martha Galvan said at the September 7th meeting. “The bungalows should not be near a busily trafficked street.”

And at Friday’s meeting, PTA president Amy Phillips presented Lurie and McVeigh with a petition, which Phillips said was signed by over 100 parents. The petition demands that the bungalows be relocated at least 500 feet from Robertson Blvd.

“That’s impossible,” Lurie said. “They’d have to go on top of the main building.”

While safety is sure to be ongoing concern, the most pressing worry seems to be air quality.

“With the bungalows so close to Robertson Blvd, we were concerned that the cars would blow exhaust into the rooms,” said Ticknor. Benzene, a toxic component of exhaust, was detected in the bungalows, but the levels are considered relatively safe according to Mark Katchen, Managing Principal with the Phylmar Group and environmental consultant to the District.

“The reality is that we live in a kind of chemical soup here in the LA Basin,” Katchen said. “When we did the monitoring for benzene, we put a monitoring device right where the ventilation system intakes air from Robertson and we put another one in the middle of the playground area and the levels were virtually the same.”

Heightened formaldehyde levels on the other hand, may be more specific to Horace Mann. While the levels detected in the bungalows are statistically very unlikely to cause chronic effects in either students or teachers, according to Katchen, short term exposure could result in “adverse acute effects such as allergic reactions, eye irritation, sore throats or headaches.”

For this reason, the two “sick” bungalows have been cleared out.

“No form of risk is an acceptable form of risk for us,” Lurie said, at Friday’s meeting. “We care about your children as if they were our own.”

Christiansen said the District will be

“Until they do some testing in there, my kid is not going in there. It’s unacceptable, I’m furious.” - Eileen Kahn

building and brought in two bungalows to house the preschool program. But during the 2005 -2006 school year, City inspectors informed the district that state law requires preschoolers to have exclusive access to their own bathrooms, Plotkin said. While in the bungalows, the preschoolers had been sharing the bathroom in the Annex, the only part of the building left open for use, with the rest of the school.

To comply with the state law, the pre-

in front of the fence that separates Horace Mann from Robertson Blvd at Charleville.

“It’s so close to busy streets,” parent Donna Rosen said. “What if there was a car accident and one of the cars came through the fence, that kind of stuff bothers me.”

“Donna Rosen, Colleen Sternshein and I tried to get the issue on the Board agenda, but the Superintendent didn’t allow it,” PTA Safety Committee member Jodi Ticknor said. So Ticknor, along with

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conducting further tests to determine the source of the formaldehyde in the bungalows. It could be in the furniture or the supplies, Christiansen said, in which case those items could be removed and the bungalows could return to use this year. But even if the bungalows are restored, there may be no need for them next year.

Garcia announced on Friday the decision to move the preschool program out of Horace Mann and to an as yet undetermined locale within the district by the start of next year. Plotkin said that location may be Hawthorne, which already has a preschool program, but she could not be sure.

This decision to move the preschool brings perhaps the first sigh of relief for Horace Mann parents since the closing of the Annex, as it likely means that the main building will now be able to accommodate all of the K-8 classes.

Then again, the decision still leaves the rest of this school year and parents like Eileen Kahn are not ready to concede. She insists that the storage room be tested before it becomes her daughter's new classroom

"I love this district and I love this school," Kahn said, "but I just have to make sure that she's safe."

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What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Santa Monica Monday and Los Angeles Milken Wednesday in Ocean League games at the Swim-Gym beginning at 3 p.m.

Girls' Volleyball

Beverly Hills def. Hawthorne 25-8, 25-5, 25-7

Deborah Frantz had 14 kills and Natalie Vachalek had six service aces and five kills for the Normans in their Ocean League opener Oct. 3 at the Swim-Gym.

Santa Monica def. Beverly Hills 23-25, 25-19, 25-20, 25-23

Beverly Hills coach Marla Weiss said she was "very disappointed" following the loss in the Ocean League match Oct. 5 at Santa Monica.

"We were not mentally prepared ... to work hard," Weiss said. "Many athletes on both teams play club [volleyball] together, so I think there's a comfort zone of knowing your opponent that makes you less focused, less on your toes. Santa Monica played an excellent match and I just don't think that my players were prepared for that."

The Normans played "very good defensively," Weiss said. "Offensively, our middle attack was completely shut down."

Frantz had "an outstanding effort" with

28 kills and 17 digs, Bettina Shore had 36 assists and Rebecca Rosen 25 digs for the Normans (7-6, 1-1 in league play), Weiss said.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play at Hawthorne Friday and play host to Santa Monica Tuesday at the Swim-Gym in Ocean League matches beginning at 3:15 p.m.

Boys' Cross Country

South Bay Cup

Junior Jon Simmons was the top Beverly Hills finisher, completing the 2.9-mile course through Columbia Park in Torrance in 15:30.64 to finish fourth Sept. 27.

West Torrance senior Steven DeCastro was third in 15:01.55. Torrance senior Kent Morikawa won in a meet-record-tying 14:48.87.

The Normans finished seventh in the team competition with 176 points, 12 behind sixth-place San Pedro. Torrance won with 52.

Girls' Cross Country

South Bay Cup

Junior Valerie Wirtschafter was the top Beverly Hills finisher, completing the 2.9-mile course through Columbia Park in Torrance in 19:43.46 to finish 21st Sept. 27.

The Normans finished eight in the team

competition with 225 points, 92 behind seventh-place Torrance. West Torrance won with 44.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to compete in the Mt. San Antonio Invitational Saturday at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut.

Girls' Tennis

Beverly Hills 12, Santa Monica 6

Marie Zalameda won all three of her singles sets and the Alana Johnson-Berri Myers doubles team won all three of its sets for the Normans in their Ocean League opener Oct. 3 at Santa Monica.

The Molly Werner-Johanna Yadegar doubles team won both of its sets before being replaced by substitutes. Singles player Amanda Ellis and the Julie Housman-Sunia J-Riggins doubles team each won one of three sets for Beverly Hills, while singles player Zarina Pisnoy won one of two sets, before being replaced by Daisy Villar Delmar, a 6-1 winner in her only set.

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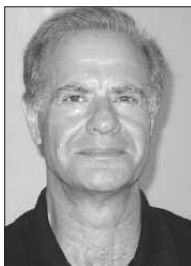
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declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 9/21/06. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 06-2105282. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MELGAR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INC., 6219 S. Harcourt Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90044...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 06-2105283. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LIMA HARBOR, 8822 E. Hollywood, CA 91601. The business is conducted by: A.L.M. D & ENTERPRISES & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 23004 Frisca Dr, Van Nuys, CA 91411...

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tion authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 8, 2006 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court: if you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form BE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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ORDINANCE NO. 06-O-2505

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING SECTION 2-1-19 OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Section 1. Government Code Section 36516(c) allows the City Council, by ordinance, to adjust the amount of compensation paid to its members by 5% for each year from the operative date of the last salary adjustment.

Section 2. There has been no salary adjustment for City Council members since the salary adjustment set forth in Ordinance 02-2416, adopted on November 18, 2002, which adjusted Council member's salary to \$654.84.

Section 3. The City Council desires to adjust its compensation in conformity with Government Code Section 36516(c)

Section 4. Section 2-1-19 of Title 2, Chapter 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:
"Sec. 2-1-19. Council salaries.
Each member of the Council shall receive as monthly salary the sum of Seven Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$785.81) which shall be payable at the same time and in the same manner as salaries paid to other officers and employees of the City."

Section 5. Pursuant to Government Code section 36516.5, the adjustment of the compensation of all members of the Council, in accordance with Section 2-1-19 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code as amended by Section 4 above, shall not take effect until that date in April, 2007 on which new terms of office will begin for two positions on the City Council.

Section 6. 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 7. 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.

Adopted: October 3, 2006
Effective: November 3, 2006

STEPHEN P. WEBB
Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:
(SEAL)
BYRON POPE
City Clerk
[signatures continued]

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
RODERICK J. WOOD
City Manager

SCOTT G. MILLER
Director of Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer

VOTE:
AYES: Councilmembers Fenton, Brucker, Briskman, Delshad and Mayor Webb
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 06-O-2506

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF GROUNDWATER AND AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 9-4-602 of Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended to include the following definitions in alphabetical order:

"BASIN DRAINAGE AREA: The area from which surface water or subsurface water flows over or into the basin. The basin drainage area includes, without limitation, all lands overlying the basin and the Santa Monica Mountains to the north of the basin.

DEWATERING: The removal of groundwater from below the surface of the ground through pumping, drainage, evaporation, seepage or any other active or passive process, other than removal for application to beneficial use, as that term is defined under state law.

PREMISES: Any improvement to land, including, but not limited to, any building, structure, roadway, tunnel, tank or excavation.
RECHARGE: The process or action by which water reaches the saturated zone of the basin, where it is available for extraction. Recharge may occur through either percolation or injection."

Section 2. Sections 9-4-603 through 9-4-608 of Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code are hereby renumbered as Sections 9-4-604 through 9-4-609, respectively.

Section 3. Sections 9-4-609 through 9-4-612 of Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code are hereby renumbered as Sections 9-4-611 through 9-4-614, respectively.
Section 4. A new section 9-4-603 is hereby added to Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

"9-4-603. Use of Groundwater
A. Prohibited Without a Permit: No person owning, leasing, occupying or having charge or possession of any property in the city shall extract groundwater from the basin for beneficial use, as that term is defined pursuant to California law, unless:
1. On the effective date of this section, there is a groundwater extraction well on the property that has been in operation within the previous five years and for which filings have been made pursuant to California Water Code section 4999 et seq. within that five-year period; or
2. The person has obtained prior approval from the city by applying for and obtaining a groundwater use permit, in accordance with this article.
B. Permit Procedures: The director of public works may issue groundwater use permits in accordance with title 4, chapter 1, article 1 of this code.
C. Permit Application: In addition to any other information required by section 4-1-102 of this code and any other information the director of public works may deem necessary in order to determine whether a groundwater use permit should be issued, an application for a groundwater use permit shall include all of the following information:

1. The applicant's name and address;
2. The location of the property for which a

groundwater use permit is sought, including the street address and assessor's parcel number(s);

3. A description of the legal interest the applicant has in the property (e.g., owner, lessee, renter) and the name and address of the owner of the property if the applicant is not the owner;

4. A description of the groundwater extraction well(s) to be used as the source of the groundwater supply, including:

a. Whether the well(s) are already in existence or will be drilled or constructed in the future; and
b. Whether a well permit was issued for drilling or construction of the well(s), according to section 9-4-605 of this code, and a copy of any permit thus issued.

5. A detailed description of the proposed beneficial use of groundwater by the applicant, including the place of use, purpose of use (i.e., domestic, irrigation, power, frost protection, municipal, mining, industrial, fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement, recreational, water quality, stockwatering, heat control or other type of use according to state law), manner of use, season of use, and maximum and average quantities of use on annual and gallons-per-minute bases.
D. Standards for Permit Issuance: The director of public works may issue a groundwater use permit if he or she finds that the application is for a reasonable and beneficial use of water, the applicant has applied for water service from the city and the city has declined to offer water service to the applicant in lieu of the applicant's use of groundwater, use of the groundwater would not be injurious to public health based on the quality of the water, and the applicant has satisfied the general criteria of section 4-1-103 of this code.

E. Reporting Requirement: Any groundwater use permit shall be conditioned upon the permittee's reporting the amount of groundwater extracted and used as required by the director of public works.
F. Revocation or Suspension of Permit: The director of public works may revoke or suspend a groundwater use permit in accordance with title 4, chapter 1, article 1 of this code, or if the permittee does not use any groundwater or report any groundwater usage for a period exceeding five years."

Section 5. A new section 9-4-610 is hereby added to Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:
"9-4-610. Dewatering
A. Prohibited Without a Permit: No person owning, leasing, occupying or having charge or possession of any premises in the city shall cause the dewatering of the basin or the basin drainage area, by the extraction, diversion, transportation or movement of water from, through or across the premises, unless the person has obtained prior approval from the city by applying for and obtaining a dewatering permit, in accordance with this article. This requirement applies to all dewatering, including any dewatering commenced prior to the effective date of this section, for which all responsible parties shall apply for a permit by November 1, 2006.
B. Use in Lieu of Dewatering: Unless impracticable, all persons shall place all extracted groundwater to reasonable and beneficial use rather than causing the dewatering of the basin. For purposes of this section, "impracticable" shall mean technically infeasible or requiring the expenditure of a greater amount than the replenishment fee described in subsection G below. The beneficial purposes to which extracted groundwater may be placed include:
1. Recharging the groundwater to the basin;
2. Placing the groundwater to reasonable and beneficial use on the property, including irrigation or other non-potable use, subject to the permitting requirements of section 9-4-603 of this code; or
3. Delivering the groundwater to the city for treatment and use by the city, including the design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of all facilities necessary for conveyance of the water to the city's water treatment plant, at no cost to the city.
C. Permit Procedures: The director of public works may issue dewatering permits in accordance with title 4, chapter 1, article 1 of this code.
D. Permit Application: In addition to any other information required by section 4-1-102 of this code and any other information the director of public works may deem necessary in order to determine whether a dewatering permit should be issued, an application for a dewatering permit shall include all of the following information:
1. The applicant's name and address;
2. The location of the property on which dewatering will occur;
3. A description of the legal interest the applicant has in the property (e.g., owner, lessee, renter) and the name and address of the owner of the property if the applicant is not the owner;
4. A detailed description of the purpose or purposes for which the dewatering is proposed. Such description shall include:
a. The activity or activities that will necessitate the dewatering of the basin;
b. The method by which the dewatering will be effected;
c. The estimated duration of the dewatering, including beginning and ending dates;
d. The estimated amount of water that will be dewatered from the basin, including the amount estimated to be dewatered daily;
e. A statement that the dewatering site is in compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations;
5. A declaration that the applicant shall pay to the city the replenishment fee described in subsection G below.
E. Standards for Permit Issuance: The director of public works may issue a dewatering permit if it finds that the alternatives described in subsection B above in lieu of dewatering are impracticable, and the applicant has satisfied the general criteria of section 4-1-103 of this code.
F. Permit Conditions: Any dewatering permit shall be conditioned upon the permittee's reporting the amount of groundwater dewatered as required by the director of public works and paying the replenishment fee described in subsection G below.
G. Replenishment Fee: In the event that the recharge of dewatered groundwater to the basin is impracticable, the permittee shall pay to the city an annual fee based upon the cost of replacing the dewatered groundwater, as recommended by the director of public works and determined by the City Council. The fee may be set based upon either direct or in-lieu replenishment of the basin by the city, and may account for the treatment of water or stranded capital facilities of the city, at the discretion of the City Council. The amount of dewatered groundwater subject to the fee shall be measured or estimated by the permittee according to a method approved by the director of public works.
H. Persons owning, leasing, occupying or having charge or possession of any R-1 property in the City that have, as of the effective date of this section, a valid National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit are exempt from the requirements of this Section 9-4-610.
I. Revocation or Suspension of Permit: The director of public works may revoke or suspend a dewatering permit in accordance with title 4, chapter 1, article 1 of this code."

Section 6. A flowchart showing the processes created by this Ordinance is attached as Exhibit A hereto. Exhibit A is intended only for purposes of explanation and is not a binding part of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Compliance with this Ordinance does not relieve an applicant of the responsibility to maintain all required federal and state permits for the discharge of water.

Section 8. 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 this certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.
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City Attorney

HATCH & PARENT
Special Counsel

Approved as to content:
RODERICK J. WOOD
City Manager

DAVID GUSTAVSON
Director of Public Works and Transportation

VOTE:

AYES: Councilmembers Fenton, Brucker, Briskman, Delshad and Mayor Webb

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES AND DESIGNATION OF CENTRAL COUNTING PLACE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office of polling places designated for the GENERAL ELECTION scheduled to be held on November 7, 2006.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's facility, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California 90650 has been designated as the central counting place for the above election.

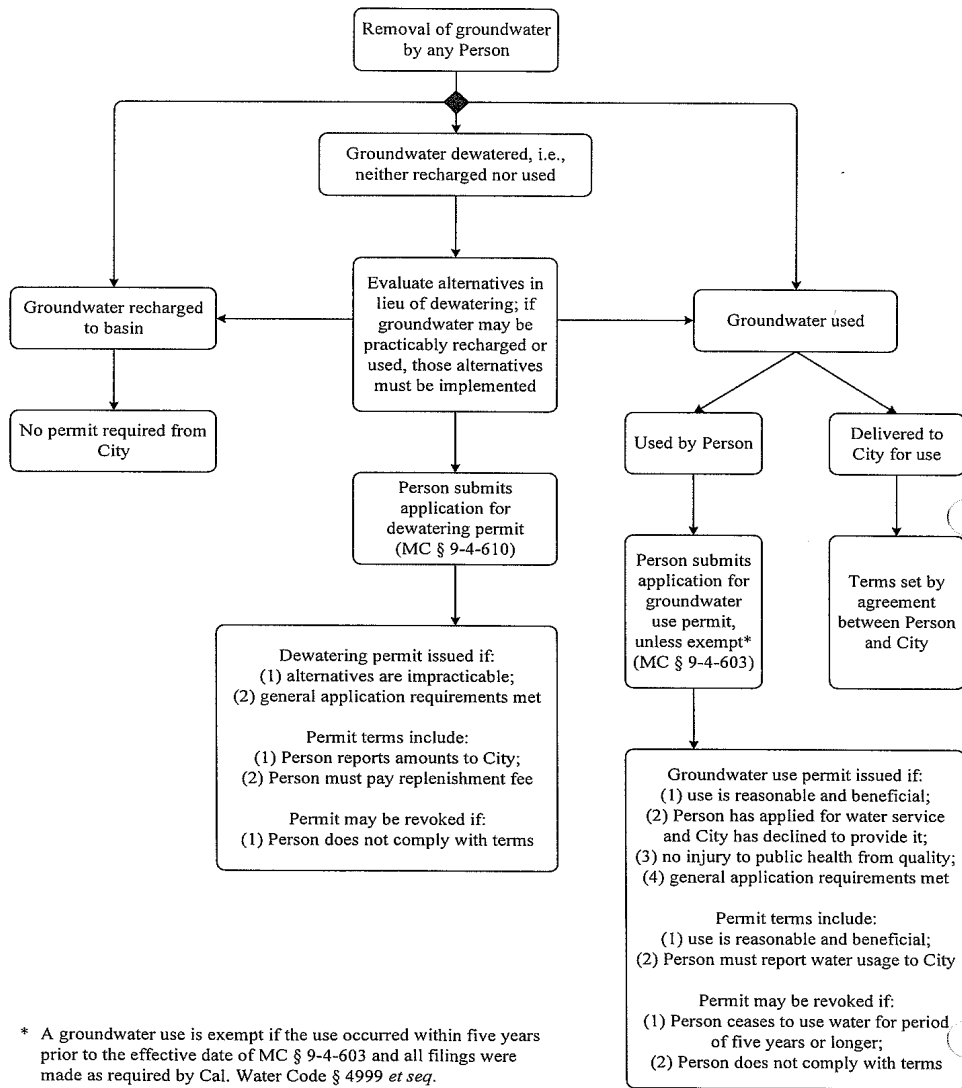
Polling places shall be open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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EXHIBIT A CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS GROUNDWATER REGULATIONS



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