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## Tree Assault

The latest assault on trees has arrived in the form of the Courier's new Design Magazine. Similar to other periodicals tossed on our driveways, it is filled with pages of advertising passing as articles and more lifestyles of the rich and famous.

*Richard Baker  
Beverly Hills*

## Corrections Issue # 372

The article "Smoke Signs" on page 10, incorrectly stated that Councilmember Barry Brucker is a former president of the Amie Karen Children's Cancer Foundation. Brucker served as president of Concern II Children's Cancer Foundation.

The article "Beverly Hills V. California" on page 3 misspelled the name of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Also, Attorney General candidate Jerry Brown was incorrectly identified.

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# SNAPSHOT



## "DRUM ROLL PLEASE" MORENO DRIVE

The Beverly High Drumline performing during last week's football game against Lancaster.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Thursday, November 30, 2006

TIME: At 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

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

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its adjourned meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2006, will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider:

### An Ordinance of the City of Beverly Hills amending regulations pertaining to hotels within the City and amending the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.

The proposed ordinance would limit alterations that reduce the number of room keys, limit conversions of hotels in R-4 zones to multi-family residential uses, and allow stays greater than 30 days.

This ordinance has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. Staff has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption and implementation of this ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. Under the authority provided by the CEQA Guidelines, the proposed ordinance is therefore exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Planning Department at 310.285.1123. Copies of the ordinance are on file in the Planning Department, and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Room G-40, Beverly Hills, CA. 90210. For updates regarding this item as scheduled on the agenda, a recorded message is available at 310.285.1165.

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## Animated Homeowner's Meeting Covers City Development Issues

Homeowner's meeting intended as "educational" presentation on development turns into campaign appearance for three city council candidates.

By Ryan Vaillancourt

Over 120 people attended a town hall style meeting of the Beverly Hills North Homeowner's Association on Tuesday night at the Peninsula Hotel. Many speakers lashed out against "over-development," citing traffic concerns and a lack of ethics at City Hall.

Standing before a hand-drawn rendering of the city that depicted a dozen possible future developments, association president

Robert K. Tanenbaum warned of the traffic that comes with new buildings. He insisted though that the North Homeowner's Association is not opposed to all development.

"This association is not anti-development," Tanenbaum said. "What we're talking about is development within code."

The city's general plan currently dictates

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Beverly Hills, CA 90210-4817

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE:** Thursday November 30, 2006

**TIME:** At 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

**LOCATION:** Commission Meeting Room A  
Beverly Hills City Hall – First Floor  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California  
90210



The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a proposed mixed-use project to be located at **8600 Wilshire Boulevard** ("Project") on Thursday November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Commission Room A, Beverly Hills City Hall, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210. The public is invited to attend the public hearing to comment on the project. A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) prepared for this project was released on Monday, April 17, 2006 for public review and comment. The Planning Commission denied the applicant's request to amend the General Plan land use designation and zoning for the project site on June 22, 2006. On September 19, 2006 the City Council considered an appeal of the Planning Commission's action, overturned the Commission's decision and returned to the Planning Commission to modify the project with regard to height, allowed uses, density, landscape and design issues.

### Project Description

The applicant, Wilshire Colonial Partners LLC, has proposed to develop a three and five-story, approximately 65-foot high mixed-use (commercial and residential) project on four lots located at the southwest corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Stanley Drive. Three of these lots front on Wilshire Boulevard, and one fronts Stanley Drive at Charleville Boulevard (see map above). The project would include:

25 condominium units;

4,774 square feet of ground-floor commercial space; and

86 parking spaces (25 surface-level and 61 subterranean)

Access to the parking would be provided via both Stanley Drive (commercial and visitors) and Charleville Boulevard (residents). The three lots fronting Wilshire Boulevard are located in a commercial (C-3) zone; and the lot fronting on Charleville Boulevard is zoned R-1 (single family residential).

Current C-3 zoning does not allow a mix of commercial and residential uses and R-1 zoning does not allow for multi-family dwelling units, both of which are requested on this site. The project would also exceed the existing three-story/45-foot height limit and 2:1 FAR (Floor Area Ratio) allowed in the C-3 Zone and the height limits for single family dwellings in the R-1 zone. Accordingly, the applicant has requested a zone amendment (mixed-use overlay zone), and corollary General Plan amendments to allow the residential use in a commercial zone; to change the R-1 zoning to allow multi-family dwellings; and to allow additional height and density for the entire project. The project will also be subject to the Planning Commission's Planned Development Review and the Architectural Commission's review of the building's exterior design features. The Planning Commission's will include review of the Vesting Tentative Tract Map for the proposed condominiums as well as modifications to the required setbacks for commercial-residential transition areas.

Copies of all relevant material, including the project specifications, the environmental Initial Study and the Draft EIR are available for public review in the Community Development Department at City Hall, 455 North Rexford Drive, Room G-40.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Larry Sakurai, Principal Planner, at 310.285.1123.

If you challenge the City's action on the project, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised as part of the public hearing process for the project.

LARRY SAKURAI

Principal Planner



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**An Ordinance of the City of Beverly Hills amending regulations pertaining to front yard setbacks in the Central and Hillside Single Family Residential Areas of the City and amending the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.**

The proposed ordinance clarifies language pertaining to circumstances when front yard setbacks are not established on "The Residential Street Setback List." The ordinance adds language that states that if a front yard setback is not established then the front yard setback shall be the front yard setback of the existing residence or the average of the existing front yard setbacks of the block on that side of the street.

This ordinance has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. Staff has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption and implementation of this ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. Under the authority provided by the CEQA Guidelines, the proposed ordinance is therefore exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA.

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ASSOCIATE PLANNER

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that commercially zoned buildings cannot exceed three stories or 45 feet. A look at the city's rising skyline tells a different story though, as commercial buildings all along the southern border of the business triangle on Wilshire Boulevard exceed three stories. The area's future neighbor, the Montage Hotel, which voters approved in a referendum in 2005, is proposed to be seven stories.

While the three-story limit is the official law of the land, individual projects like the Montage are able to skirt the three-story limit if they can prove to the planning commission that the project's location is "unique," according to Planning Director Mahdi Aluzri.

"The code allows for variances on every provision that it has provided, because there is no way you could write a law that would fit every individual condition," Aluzri said.

There are opportunities for modifying the code provisions, "if you have a specific set of stances that you can prove under a set of findings," Aluzri said.

"If you can articulate those findings, that the property, because of its size, its shape, location, topography or surroundings are a unique condition for that site, than you can request a variance from whatever the specific zone conditions are."

Some projects are granted a variance because they exist in "anchor locations," which, according to Aluzri, are typically at prominent intersections in the city where

there is already high-density development. But additional high-density development is exactly what some residents do not want.

"More density means more traffic [and] traffic is our number one enemy," said Larry Larson, an attorney and long-time member of the North Homeowner's Association.

If traffic is the association's number one enemy, the practice of granting height and density variances, or "spot zoning," may be number two.

Several speakers raised concerns about former elected officials lobbying city council for spot zoning on behalf of real-estate developers once they are out of office.

"When you have the ability to spot build for greater density and height, developers go to the insiders who hire their friends and they do whatever is necessary to push these projects through, that's the problem, there's no uniformity," Larson said.

Mirroring state law, the council recently approved an ethics ordinance that bars elected officials from lobbying on behalf of real-estate developers for a period of one year after leaving office. For any project that the official votes on while in office, the moratorium is extended to three years for that official.

In the eyes of the homeowner's association, a one-year moratorium for all projects "doesn't do the trick," Larson said. "I'm worried about people like [Former Mayor Mark] Egerman who get off the council

and have the relationships with the existing council people, city staff including the City Manager."

Egerman, who served on the city council from 1997 to 2005, is a real estate attorney by trade and is now representing projects proposed by the Beverly Hilton Hotel and William Morris talent agency.

Mayor Steve Webb said that the current ethics ordinance goes "far beyond" the one year moratorium.

"It's a shame that the North Homeowner's Association is fixated on the revolving door issue rather than applauding the council for having included other restrictions that are far more important in dealing with potential ethical problems," Webb said, "such as a restriction on accepting any type of monetary benefit from a developer who had a project before the council which is currently not restricted."

President of the Amanda Foundation Terri Austen addressed the meeting and said that the city maintains its intent to acquire by way of eminent domain the building that houses and animal rescue facility.

The building directly abuts the city's public works yard on the west side of North Foothill Drive in what is often referred to as the "industrial area." The city claims that the property, which is owned by Dr. Anthony Shipp, is necessary for the construction of a new storage facility and a vehicle maintenance facility.

According to Austen, the city has offered

the Amanda Foundation a 55-year lease for \$1 per year on another parcel of land in the industrial area. There is no building on that parcel however, and the foundation cannot afford the cost of a new building.

"We're a small organization and we've never had a building fund," Austen said. "If they take our property under eminent domain, we have nowhere to go."

If the city does acquire the Shipp property, which Austen called the "gateway to the rest of the area," some fear it will mark the beginning of commercial development in what North Homeowner's Association member Betty Harris called "the last area in the city that could be used for municipal services." The area is zoned commercially and has been talked about as a future site for a community recreation center and a mixed use building, which could include condominiums.

Harris, who served on the Metropolitan Water District Board for many years and led two referendums in 1979 and 1980 to prevent commercial and residential development in the industrial area, said the land on the east of Foothill should be used for a water reclamation facility.

"If they give that land over to a sports center and private development, we're dead," Harris said.

Webb said that there is no need to save the land for municipal services.

"We have been repeatedly told by staff that there will not be any need for that land to provide municipal services and we feel

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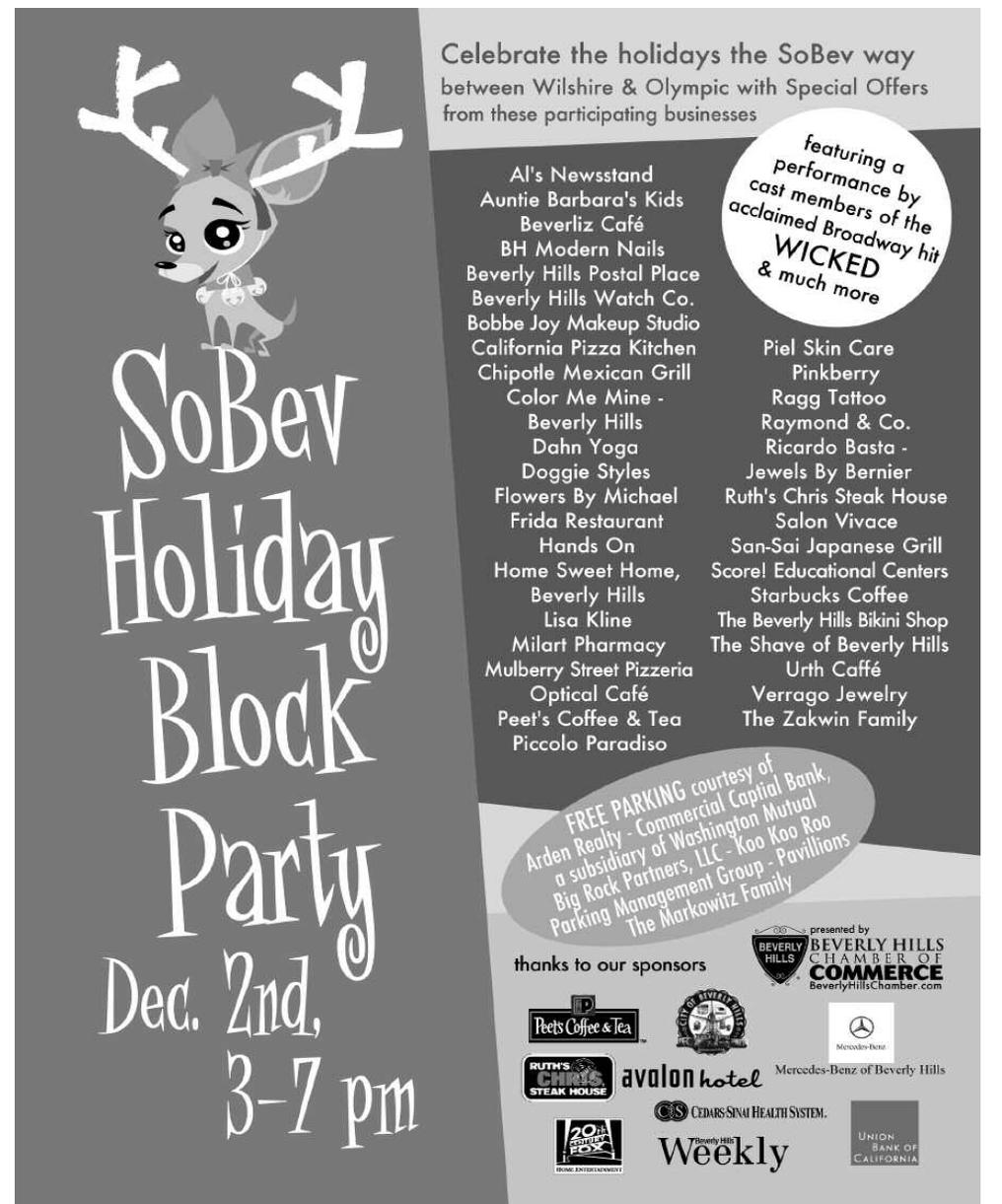
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# briefs

## Judge Dismisses Oil Well Lawsuit

After over three years of highly contentious litigation surrounding claims that an oil well on the site of Beverly High allegedly caused cancer in students and faculty, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Wendell Mortimer Jr. on Tuesday ruled in favor of summary judgment motions made by the defendants.

Defendants, including the City of Beverly Hills, the Beverly Hills Unified School District and Venoco Inc, the oil company that owns and operates the facility, issued 12 summary judgment motions claiming that "there's no medical evidence to link the oil wells or the central plans facility to the cancers that have been suffered by the plaintiffs," City Attorney Larry Wiener said.

Mortimer granted all twelve of these motions and canceled all future calendar dates.

The decision is considered a significant victory by city officials.

"This ruling validates the school board and the city's position that there were no health risks either in the past or currently to any of the students at Beverly Hills High School from the oil well on site," Mayor Steve Webb said.

Legal fees to the city and the school district have accumulated beyond \$1 million Webb said.

## Showing Appreciation



Left to Right: Beverly High parents Julie Fluegel, Sabine Brock, Shelley Blumenfeld, Susie Roberts at special banquet.

"This case was a tremendous financial and time burden for both the school district and the city," Councilmember Barry Brucker said. Brucker served on the Board of Education when the case was first filed in 2003.

"I'm so happy that now we can get back to the business of educating our kids and running our city services," he said.

Board of Education President Myra Lurie concurs.

"I'm very grateful to Judge Wendell Mortimer for having made a wise and courageous decision and we are thrilled, relieved and very grateful to our defense team," Lurie said. "It's a real victory for families, for children and for our community."

The Dallas-based law firm of Baron & Budd, which is representing the plaintiffs in the case, could not be reached for comment.

The judge's opinion has not yet been released, but a more detailed ruling will be issued in less than 25 days according to the office of the Los Angeles Deputy Clerk.

## Showing Appreciation

On November 16, 2006, the aroma of turkey, stuffing and Persian rice filled the air as the parents of students at Beverly High paid tribute to the teachers and staff by hosting a Thanksgiving banquet. Debbie Allen, PTSA luncheon Chair, supervised as parents dropped off salads, vegetables, and desserts to compliment the turkeys that were donated by Factor's Deli. PTSA Co-Presidents Kathi Rothner and Cindy Burrows were there to give their support as the Beverly High Madrigals Singers performed selections from their holiday program.

## Annual PTA Food Drive



(Photo: Kerry Mazor) Left to right, Top Row: Kerry Mazor, Science Teacher at El Rodeo, Natalia Garrotto, Jared Forman, Eli Lloyd, Asha Anderson, and Ysabella Del Rosario. Bottom Row: Isabella Rosenberg, Chloe Lahijani, Jack Ross, Elijah Lichtenberg, and Jason Friedberg

## Annual PTA Food Drive

Sixth graders at El Rodeo are participating in a Service-Learning Project by studying the Nutrition Food Pyramid as they build pyramids of donated food. The El Rodeo PTA's Westside Food Bank drive is well underway and the students are learning the importance of nutrition.

## Longtime Community Activist Lona Stone Passes

Lona Stone, a long time community activist and wife of former Mayor and Board of Education Member Richard Stone, passed away this week. Services were held yesterday at Hillside Memorial Park.

Stone was a psychologist and a former PTA President of El Rodeo School. She was

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also involved in local politics, working on a number of city campaigns in the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's.

An advocate of public education, all of her children and grandchildren either gradu-

grandchildren Alison, Shelby, Bennett and Teri Hiles, and Tamara, Carly, Jack and Keith Stone.

### Paysinger Honored by Council

Beverly High football coach and alumnus Carter Paysinger received a proclamation from City Council on November 21 to celebrate 26 years of an outstanding career. Earlier this year Paysinger was honored with the Champions for Character Award by the California Interscholastic Federation and was named Los Angeles Times Coach of the Year in 1991 and 1996. He won his 100th game last year and has won four

league championships. Paysinger graduated from Beverly Hills High in 1974.

### Police Department Issues Warning

The Beverly Hills Police Department is warning residents that switching from traditional land-line telephone service to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) internet telephone service providers could cause unwanted interference during an emergency.

Access to local 9-1-1 operators could potentially be hindered and residents who are using an internet phone system may lose a connection to their phone during power outages. According to the BHPD, Land-based phone services have the ability to run on independent power sources during a time of emergency, whereas VoIP internet telephone services do not. The police department can be reached direct at 310-550-4800.

### October 2006 Home Prices Fell in the 90210; Condo Prices Down

October 2006 sale prices for single-family residences decreased in the 90210 area on 8 homes by 51.9% from October 2005 statistics, according to a report published by Data Quick Real Estate News

(www.dqnews.com). The percentage change is not available for the 90211 and 90212 areas.

Condominium prices in the 90210 decreased on four condos by 25.6%, increased on two condos in 90211 by 32.9% and is unavailable for 90212.

The median price for single family residences in the 90210 area is \$2,275,000, \$1,823,000 in 90211 and is unavailable for 90212.

The median price for condominiums in the 90210 area is \$897,000, \$840,000 in 90211 and is unavailable for 90212.

In Los Angeles County as a whole, sales on single family homes are up 3.8% with a median price of \$540,000 and condominium prices are up 1.2% with a median price of \$410,000.

### Paysinger Honored by Council



Beverly High Football Coach receives honor from council. Shown here (Left to Right) are Councilmember Frank Fenton, Carter Paysinger, and Mayor Steve Webb.

ated from, or currently attend, Beverly Hills schools.

Among other activities, Stone was part of a monthly women's political lunch group called the "lunch bunch" and an active participant in a bridge club. She also served on the first recreation and parks commission, which was formed by the City Council in the early 1990's.

She is survived by her husband Richard Stone; children Cindy Hiles, Ron and Ronit Stone, Judge Rich and Mary Stone; and

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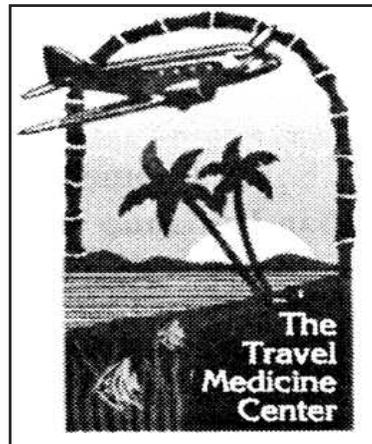
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## Norman Football Season Ends With Heartbreaking Loss

Blocked extra point seals the deal for the Normans.

By Steven Herbert

Beverly High's football season ended with Taveion Burke blocking Trevor Charlston's extra point attempt in a 35-34 overtime loss to Lancaster in a Southern Section Western Division first-round play-off game Friday night at Nickoll Field.

The Normans (7-3-1) forced the overtime by overcoming a 15-point fourth-quarter deficit on Meyer Linter's two touchdown passes and two-point conversion pass to Sam Forrest and withstanding a late drive by the Eagles that ended with Marcus Morvant missing a 30-yard field goal attempt with two seconds left.

Under the Southern Section's overtime rules, each team begins with the ball on their opponent's 25-yard line. Lancaster (6-4) got the ball first and scored on Jeremy Jones' two-yard touchdown run, two plays after Jones caught a 19-yard pass from Tim Ennis on a second-and-18 from

the Normans' 33-yard line.

Gerald McGee ran one yard for a touchdown on Beverly Hills' possession, two plays after Linter's 14-yard pass to Dominique Sandifer on a third-and-10 from the Eagles' 15-yard line.

The Normans were penalized five yards for illegal procedure on their initial extra point attempt before Charlston's kick was blocked.

Lancaster appeared to have the victory in hand after Greg Smith's two-yard run gave it a 28-13 lead with six minutes, 32 seconds to play and Beverly Hills faced a fourth-and 10 from its 32 after Linter threw three consecutive incomplete passes.

The Normans got the first down on Linter's 19-yard pass to Sandifer. Five plays later, Beverly Hills faced a third-and-15 from the Eagles' 39, and it converted on Linter's 38-yard pass to Sandifer. McGee

scored from one yard out on the next play.

The Normans' comeback hopes continued as Dewayne Taylor recovered Charlston's onside kickoff. On a fourth-and-12 from Lancaster's 40, Linter completed a 40-yard touchdown pass to Ramon Judkins. Beverly Hills tied the score on Linter's two-point conversion pass to Forrest.

The Normans never led. Burke (174 yards on 10 carries) ran 55 yards for a touchdown with 5:38 left in the first quarter for the first quarter's only touchdown.

Linter (13 for 28 for 220 yards and three touchdowns) threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Darrian Richardson on the opening possession of the second half, but Beverly Hills still trailed as Charlston missed the extra point.

The Eagles took a 13-6 lead 46 seconds later on Smith's two-yard run, one play after backup quarterback Brett Hauser, who lined up as a receiver, took a pitchout and threw a 46-yard pass to Kory Arnold.

Beverly Hills tied the score, 13-13, on the ensuing possession on Linter's 10-yard pass to Sandifer.

Lancaster needed just one play – Devon Whitson's 63-yard run – to regain the lead. Morvant lined up to kick an extra point, but the Normans were penalized a yard-and-a-half for being offside. The Eagles opted to try a two-point conversion, with Burke running in for the score.

Erik Munzer kept Beverly Hills within eight, intercepting an Ennis pass at the goal line, eight plays after Linter lost a fumble after being sacked at the Norman

40.

However, the Beverly Hills defense was unable to keep Lancaster out of the end zone after its next turnover – Taylor's fumble of a punt on the Norman 14. Smith scored three plays later, giving the Eagles a 28-13 lead.

"I thought our guys played hard," Beverly Hills coach Carter Paysinger said. "I thought they played well."

"We knew going into the game this team was going to present a lot of problems for us with their team speed and that was definitely the case. Their game plan was to put their speed into space and force us to have to make tackles out in space and we just didn't have enough guys who could do that."

Linter, Richardson and Sandifer drew praise from Paysinger for their play on offense, while linebacker Sae Bin Park "had another great game," while linebacker Nathan Forrest "had a very good game," Paysinger said, while Richardson also drew praise from Paysinger for his play at safety.

Additional coverage is available on [www.bhweekly.com](http://www.bhweekly.com).

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## Stories For Political Turkeys.

How they stole the elections in Chicago  
By Rudy Cole

Spending my more idealistic, educational learning years in Chicago, I had some political teaching that was not part of any textbook or lecture on how the system really worked. One never to be forgotten element of my loss of innocence came at the feet of a remarkable teacher, the boss of the precinct where I lived.

Charley was in "charge" of the precinct - neighborhood for the old Democratic machine that ran Cook County/Chicago. If you called central casting and asked for a ward heeler, fixer, you could not have found a more qualified candidate. Short, enjoyably overweight, cigar chomping, meticulously groomed, Charley was the embodiment of the end product of the corrupt political "organizations" that once controlled government in many American cities. In Chicago it was **Kelly-Nash**, later **Kelly-Arvey** and much later, Boss **Daley**. In New York, it was the infamous **Tammany Hall** and other incarnations from **Curley** in Boston and **Hague** in New Jersey.

Corrupt, yes, but also filling a void in the urban structure. Charley collected from the nickel and dime bookies that operated out of

the community barber shop, fixed tickets for everything from minor traffic violations to building code infractions. But he also found work for the kids during summer vacations, made sure teams had sponsors who bought uniforms for Little League and, during the depression years, had free coal delivered to people who were out of work. Sort of a combination social worker and commissar.

What Charley needed to remain in power was votes. Every election, it was Charley's job to deliver his precinct with sufficient votes to merit his continuation in power, along with his ward boss, called committeeman, and the elected official, the district Alderman. Charley did have a job, something with the Department of Sanitation, but we never knew him to report to an office.

How effective was the machine? Although Chicago was a Democratic voting city with a strong trade union movement, immigrants that saw Republicans as representative of waspish, business interests and establishment power, the machine needed the "right kind" of Democrats to keep control of the governmen-

tal structure. The story, probably not entirely fantasy, is told of a party boss calling a late reporting ward for election returns: "How many votes do we have?" "How many do we need," was the response.

We loved talking to Charley. He was so honestly corrupt, it was always a learning experience to have him explain the realities of how the system, the political organization, really worked. Did he pay people to vote for those who had passed on? Of course he did. When challenged, Charley offered this rationale: "O'Brien was a life long Democrat. We are only following the wishes of the recently departed."

Charley bought votes, but very carefully. The most obvious method was to pay people to serve as poll watchers on election day. Usually, these were very old men, heads of large families who needed the few extra dollars available at every election, and those came at least once every year. Chances were good that the whole family voted for the "ticket" so that the family elder could continue to earn Charley's stipend. Mostly though, the votes came from people who had at one time or another gone to Charley for some city help.

To help assure a large plurality, there was also a direct purchase of votes. This interested us because of the apparent trust element. After all, how could Charley be sure that the paid vote actually was cast as he wanted? It was a more or less secret ballot, votes being stuffed

into ballot boxes.

So we asked Charley how he could be sure a bought vote actually stayed purchased. Remember, this was before voting machines or touch screen ballots. Paper ballots were the tools of the election. The system was fool proof. Each election, Charley was in line to be the first to vote. But in his coat pocket was a blank piece of paper, the exact size of the official ballot. Charley would carefully take his ballot into the booth, put the ballot in his pocket and place the blank piece of paper in the box. Now, with a real ballot in his possession, he would hand the ballot, properly marked for the candidates of his choice, to his paid voter. That voter would take the marked ballot into the voting place, carefully concealed, obtain an unmarked ballot, but put the pre-checked ballot in the box. When he brought back the unmarked ballot Charley knew that he had voted "right" and he was paid. Of course, now Charley had a new ballot to mark for the next confederate.

There were variations of this technique. Since ballots were counted manually at the polling place, the precinct captain could ask paid or otherwise obligated voters to put their initials or some other symbol at a discreet corner of the ballot.

My favorite Charley story was told to me by one of the more radical kids in our community. There was to be a "ban the bomb" rally at the Chicago Stadium sponsored by many left wing organizations. Our friend wanted to attend, but either could not afford the cost of admission or found that the event was sold out. On an impulse, he went to Charley. To his surprise, Charley had two ducats in his pocket.

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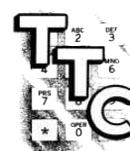
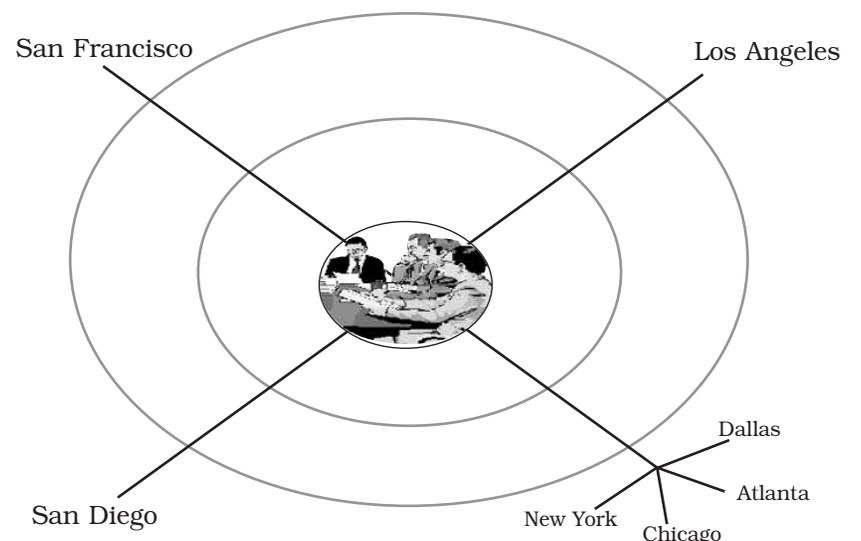
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Amazed, the young student asked Charley, who had never expressed an opinion on any issue that didn't directly affect Chicago, how he had come by the tickets. Charley's response: "If the Commies take over, don't you think they will need old Charley to work the neighborhood?"

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There has been so much hand wringing over the publication of O.J. Simpson's book by a **Rupert Murdoch** owned company and the promotional interviews on his network, Fox, that it all must make the Australian chuckle in monetary amazement. Yes, the idea of Simpson profiting from the murders is revolting, but there was a far better response: Silence. The publication was so clearly in horrendous taste, so lacking in normal standards of publishing ethics, as to defy credibility. However, every single attack piece probably meant a few thousand more book sales. The good news is that Murdoch interests decided this week to pull the television show and cancel publication of the book.

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**Nancy Krasne**, who was a successful bidder at a local charity for a trip to Japan, has turned that adventure into a fact finding mission on urban issues. Planning Commissioner Krasne should share her experiences at a meeting of her commission.

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Will do a more extensive piece on this soon, but two of the people who give real meaning to positive community involvement, **Betty** and **Chuck Wilson**, will be honored by Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) this coming January. In case you are not on the JVS list, this is one

event you will hopefully support. Good work by a good organization and two Beverly Hills neighbors the city truly admires. For info: 323.761.8888 and ask for **David Moses**. Good to know there's a Moses working for a Jewish support group.

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Have a great Thanksgiving and give a prayer for the safe return of our kids in Iraq. Whatever your views on the war, remember the fighting men and women who are doing their duty for our country.

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**Lona Stone** was so much a part of this community, it is almost impossible to chronicle her contributions (see page 5). Aside from her husband **Richard's** campaigns for city council and later school board and her son **Richard's** election to what was then the Beverly Hills Municipal Court, she was the guiding light for dozens of successful candidates for school board and city council, but always discreetly and without a need for accolades.

However, Lona did not tolerate hypocrites silently and made her feelings very clear with a combination smile and doubting frown. I remember her best, however, from when we served together on the first Recreation and Parks Commission and for her incredible ability to work out an understanding with **Ellen Stern Harris** who had been an often bitter political opponent of the Stone family. They decided they did have shared values and together they worked on areas of agreement. To Richard and the whole Stone family, our deepest sympathies and gratitude for having shared her with all of us.

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confident that staff is giving us good information and that's what we're relying upon," he said.

Webb and the rest of the city council could not be in attendance at Tuesday's meeting because there was a city council meeting at the same time, but Webb rejected characterizations of the current city council as being pro-development.

Asked if this council "has embraced over-development" as the meeting invitation states, Webb said, "No. Now, I don't know what the term 'over-development' means. If it means anything over three over three stories and that we have approved projects in certain circumstances that are higher than three stories than the answer is yes. If over-development means creating unreasonable impact in residential neighborhoods, than the answer is no."

Webb suspected that the North Homeowner's meeting was intentionally scheduled on the same night as a council meeting. "I personally think that Bob Tanenbaum was so embarrassed by his attack on [Vice Mayor] Jimmy Delshad and Jimmy Delshad's response [at a previous meeting] that they wanted to make sure that neither Jimmy nor any of us showed up at this meeting to be able to respond."

Delshad attended the association's previous meeting and when Tanenbaum repeatedly criticized the Vice Mayor, many in attendance reportedly booed Tanenbaum. Tanenbaum denied this ver-

sion of events and said that the association's decision to hold their meeting on Tuesday had to do with availability of the hotel space.

While Webb and Delshad were unable to attend the meeting, non-incumbent challengers Nancy Krasne, Maggie Soleimani and Shahram Melamed were all present and Tanenbaum invited them to address the audience at Tuesday's meeting. Each touched on development in their short speeches.

"I am the only public official that has publicly voted against eminent domain," Krasne, who is a planning commissioner, said.

Soleimani, who is an attorney, said "I promise I will never be a land-use attorney."

Melamed, who also serves on the planning commission, urged voters to take development issues into their own hands. "If you want a three story limit, vote for a mandate in the general plan," Melamed said. Melamed also stated his support for a two year moratorium regarding the revolving door policy.

Tanenbaum said the North Homeowner's Association will host a forum with all five candidates as the election nears, and urged all in attendance at Tuesday's meeting to vote on March 6.

"When we're all involved in the democratic marketplace of ideas, the best ideas prevail," he said.

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## GIVING THANKS

Two Cedars-Sinai patients speak about being grateful for and reflect on their life altering experiences.

By Marissa Pendergrass

### A Reason to Survive

On a typical evening in April 2005, James Brubaker awoke from his bed to grab a glass of milk when he fell to the floor, broke his ankle and became unconscious from a concussion on the floor of his home on South Doheny Drive. His wife, Joyce, was currently being treated for an angioplasty at UCLA Medical Center and James was home with only his grandson Brian, who was asleep at the time. Three hours later, Brian woke up to find his grandfather unconscious,



The Brubaker Family: (Left to Right) Brian, Joyce, James

called 911 and phoned a family friend to help him take care of the situation. This was just the beginning of a year-long journey that the Brubaker family would take to keep James alive and allow him to live the life he was determined to see.

“There were a couple of times where they thought they were going to lose me, I almost didn’t make it and the doctors were phenomenal,” said James. His doctors knew the odds they would have to face in curing him of his ailments. Weight and age held a strong role in determining whether his body could withstand each step that was taken at Cedars-Sinai.

A man of appreciation, James is very thankful for the opportunities he has had to live abroad, his extensive experience working with computers and technology and being a Navy veteran. While writing a screenplay for Hollywood, he was introduced to his wife Joyce and together they have shared 18 years of marriage. His proudest moment came when James and Joyce were able to adopt Brian, his grandson. Brian, then only six years old, was at risk for becoming a foster child when James received a call from his sister in Ohio. Both Joyce and Brian are the reason why James took every chance he had to improve and maintain his health.

“I was willing to take the risk and if it weren’t for them it could have been very easy to avoid all of it,” said James. “I am thankful to be alive, I am thankful for the people that allowed me to do this, the doctors, to my wife and my grandson for providing the motivation.”

After being rushed to Cedars-Sinai, James was diagnosed with esophageal varices, which is a rupture of the veins in the esophagus when the body is suffering from liver disease. Moments later, James promptly fell into a coma for four days.

“Essentially, I don’t ever remember waking up from the time that I was in the kitchen,” James said. Devastated by the trauma, Joyce and Brian were at his side, to give him strength and encouragement. “Brian was there everyday with Joyce, they would come in and I was in a coma,” James said.

On the morning of the fifth day, Joyce and Brian arrived at the hospital to find that the curtains had been drawn around James in the ICU and that a doctor was patiently awaiting their arrival. Fearing the worst, good news came to them when the doctor explained that James had woke up the night before and hadn’t stopped talking since.

After three weeks in the hospital, James was released under stable condition and began pulmonary testing to gauge his readiness for a liver transplant. “I was never aware of having a liver problem prior to this incident, and I was feeling better, so I didn’t take the transplant situation that seriously,” James said.

Unfortunately, James was quickly reminded of the fragile state of his health when he began to deteriorate from the irregularity of his heart beat, a common disease called Atrial Fibrillation. He had learned to live with the occasional flare ups of the disease but James fell into chronic A-Fib in Fall 2005. “That created a ‘catch 22’ problem because you can’t get a liver transplant if you are an A-Fib, you can’t have a major heart operation,” said James. At that point, James had been placed on the transplant waiting list at Cedars-Sinai and continued to face

the day to day struggles of dealing with handicaps of his health.

“I couldn’t get around as well anymore, I used to walk three to four miles a day,” explained James.

Cedars-Sinai hospital became a second home for James, which allowed him to build trust and develop a bond with several doctors to whom he feels indebted to. “The one person that I met there who was very supportive was Dr. Poordad,” James said. Dr. Poordad is the Chief Hepatologist at Cedars-Sinai and was there to tell James in Fall of 2005 that a transplant was necessary if he wanted to be there for his family.

James and his quest for better health became a relentless struggle and his morale began to drop with each passing day. “I was pretty down actually,” said James.

Good news arrived when the doctors at Cedars-Sinai found out that he was approved for a successful heart operation and would soon be able to proceed with the procedure.

In June of this year, James was on the operating table and put under for the ‘Mini Maze’ procedure, when Dr. Gregory Fontana, the cardiology surgeon discovered a large blood clot that was attached to his heart. Dr. Fontana, a native Angelino, has been working at Cedars-Sinai for 13 years and is Vice Chairman of Surgery for Pediatric Surgical Services specializing in working with children and middle aged patients.

“Mr. Brubaker is one of the most impressive patients I’ve seen. He is extremely educated, highly motivated and understood what it takes to get there,” said Dr. Fontana.

Knowing that he only had one chance at fighting for his life, James agreed to open heart surgery. “Well it was either that or I was going to die, I probably had six to nine months to live, so it was worth a shot,” said James, explaining how he was completely aware that there was great risk involved with open heart surgery. Open heart surgery was the only option he had for curing his atrial fibrillation and blood clot to prepare him for a liver and kidney transplant.

“The motivation came from my wife and grandson, the reason I did this in the first place, is because I could not conceive leaving them alone to deal with the world,” said James.

James came through open heart surgery successfully but his problem with ‘afib’ continued and he was put on dialysis four times a week, four hours a day until a liver donor was located. Following heart surgery, James was placed on the National Transplant List. On August 29th of this year, an 18 year old liver and kidney donor was found and James had two surgeons assigned to him for the procedure. Dr. Andrew Klein, Director of the Comprehensive Transplant Center at Cedars-Sinai, performed the liver transplant for Mr. Brubaker.

“We were trying to be wise stewards of a limited supply of organs, the question was, [was] he actually healthy enough to go through the rigors of an organ transplant?” Dr. Klein said.

Dr. Donald Dafoe, transplant surgeon of 25 years, performed the kidney transplant and felt that James was unique because of the surgery on his heart.

After 15 hours of surgery, James remained in the Intensive Care Unit at Cedars-Sinai for ten days with a new liver and kidney. “I was very touch and go for the next few days but

I’ve come through this a lot better than most people and it was still very difficult,” said James. He was later moved to the rehabilitation floor where he continued to receive amazing treatment and was discharged on the sixth of October.

This Thanksgiving, James and his family will be celebrating at home to reflect on how fortunate they are for being healthier than they were last year. “We decided that we wanted to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas just the three of us because it would be very special and good for us,” explained James. “We have a lot of things that we need do with this family, and I have tons to be thankful for.”

### Remembering Through Photographs

In May of this year, Don Zuber had a dizzy spell that caused him to buckle at the knees in his home on North Camden Drive. Worried and concerned about why his body was behaving in such an unusual way, Don and his wife Noriko decided that a visit to the doctor was necessary. Dr. Steven Jacobs, their primary

## UPDATE ON PAST ‘GIVING THANKS’ HONOREES

**Jodi Fenton** (formerly Gold), featured last Thanksgiving in issue #321, is “doing great” after being treated last year for a third stage malignant brain tumor. She is working full-time as the Director for Franchise, Planning & Analysis for Hilton Hotels in Beverly Hills.

“I still have some scar tissue since being pronounced in remission, but I’m doing really well,” Jodi said.

October 31st was the five anniversary of completing all of her treatment. She has an MRI scheduled in June. On November 1st, Jodi and her husband David celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Dr. Stan Burzynski, the doctor who treated Jodi with his breakthrough, non-toxic treatment for cancer, was present at their wedding last year along with his wife and the other doctor who oversaw Jodi’s treatment.

“It was such an honor to have them there and it meant so much to me,” Jodi said.

**Janet Lambert**, profiled two years ago in our Thanksgiving issue #269, is “doing very well” and is still in remission from the bone marrow transplant that she received in May 2004.

She is currently training to run half of the L.A. Marathon held in Los Angeles on March 4th, 2007 and is looking forward to accomplishing that goal. Lambert is still teaching eighth grade full-time at Hawthorne School.

This Thanksgiving, Janet will be joining her family at her mother’s home to celebrate with her nieces and nephews.

care physician, was clearly able to see that Don was suffering from a brain tumor after completing an MRI.

Don was diagnosed with Glioblastoma Multiforme, which is a malignant primary brain tumor that moves rapidly and has the potential to invade a membrane covering the brain. Mr. Zuber was immediately taken in to Cedars-Sinai for surgery to remove the tumor. "When I woke up a few

days later, I felt great, I had no pain, no anything," said Don.

Dr. John Yu, Neurosurgeon and Co-Director of the Comprehensive Brain Tumor Program at Cedars-Sinai, performed the operation on Mr. Zuber. His doctors have said that to this day, they are unable to determine the cause of the tumor was or how he developed it but that Don is very fortunate for taking care of it so quickly.

During the removal of the tumor and after the operation, Don never experienced any pain and is eternally grateful to his doctors for that. "I thought there would be terrible pain, but there was nothing," explained James.

Immediately after surgery, Don began treatment through radiation and had a mask fitted to his face to keep his head from moving during the process. "That was kind of painful, the mask itself because they have to put it on really tightly," said Don. Courage and strength from Noriko and their two sons, Christopher and Cameron, helped Don endure daily radiation treatments for six weeks.

"I've always been in great health, I really hadn't been to the doctors for anything," said Don.



The Zuber Family: (Left to Right) Don, Noriko, Christopher, Cameron

"It's been hard for Noriko, but she's been very strong emotionally."

Dr. Noam Drazin, Oncologist and Dr. Behrooz Hakimian, Radiation Oncologist at Cedars-Sinai, successfully treated Don and were there to guide him through the radiation process. Don is visiting Dr. Drazin about twice a month to monitor his health and will be on medication until he has another MRI mid-December.

Through out the past few months, Don and his family have been concerned about his weight. Fortunately, they are able to laugh at the fact that it doesn't have anything to do with his appetite because Noriko is always cooking up something delicious.

"She's a great cook, even though I've lost a lot of weight, we are all trying to figure out why because I eat so well," explained Don. "We love food and wine."

Being thankful for each day and for the great things that life has to offer, have become increasingly important for Don and his family. He has suffered some level of short and long-term memory loss since the operation but is looking through photographs to remind himself of all the trips he has taken.

Don and Noriko have been married for 37 years and have traveled all over the world together. Trips to Japan, Canana and Italy are just a few of the wonderful memories that they share. International affairs have always been a way of life for Don who owned a furniture showroom on Robertson Boulevard in West Hollywood, where him and Noriko would work side by side. "We did work primarily with designers and that was always creative and fun. It was a positive business," said Don.

After closing the business two years ago, Don and Noriko now work out of their home selling custom furniture on their website [www.tokoroinc.com](http://www.tokoroinc.com).

This holiday season will be a very special occasion for the Zuber family because Christopher, 26, is engaged to be married on the 30th of December. "We've been really busy with planning the wedding, Noriko has been doing most of the work," explained Don. Their younger son Cameron, 21, is currently attending University of California, Davis and is studying ecological science.

"Things are nice. There are a lot of things to look forward to, a lot of wonderful things to see," said Don. "I always tell young people, enjoy every day."

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**FILE NO. 06 2494722**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BBO TERIYAKI, 18855 VENTURA BLVD, TARZANA, CA 91356. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SUE Y KIM, 16301 MEADOW RIDGE RD, ENCINO, CA 91436. This Business is being conducted by a/an: INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

/s/ SUE Y KIM  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on NOVEMBER 9, 2006 indicated by file stamp above.  
NOTICE-THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LA123957 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 11/16, 23, 30, 12/7, 2006

**FILE NO. 06 2379981**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: FOREST, 19500 PLUMMER ST #F6, NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CONNIE S. YOO, 18110 ANDREA CIRCLE NORTH #1, NORTHRIDGE, CA 91325. This Business is being conducted by a/an: INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

/s/ CONNIE S. YOO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on OCT 26, 2006 indicated by file stamp above.  
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**FILE NO. 06 2379801**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: HEALING SPA CENTER, 11313 VENTURA BLVD, STUDIO CITY, CA 91604. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: HWA CHONG YI, 19538 TURTLE RIDGE LN, NORTHRIDGE, CA 91326. This Business is being conducted by a/an: INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

/s/ HWA CHONG YI  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on OCT 25, 2006 indicated by file stamp above.  
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**FILE NO. 06 2359834**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BREWN-BEAN, 11911 SAN VINCENTE BLVD #148 LOS ANGELES, CA 90049. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MONEYTREE ENTERPRISE, 433 N. ALTA DENA DR #8 PASADENA, CA 91107. This Business is being conducted by a/an: CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

/s/ MONEYTREE ENTERPRISES, DAI KIM, PRESIDENT  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on OCT 24 2006 indicated by file stamp above.  
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**FILE NO. 06 2391642**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: O.P. MARKET, 2953 INDEPENDENCE AVE SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JOHN FASHEH 4500 LAUREL CANYON BLVD #309 STUDIO CITY, CA 91607. This Business is being conducted by a/an: INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

/s/ JOHN FASHEH  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on OCT 27, 2006 indicated by file stamp above.  
NOTICE-THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LA123585 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 11/2, 9, 16, 23, 2006

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY**

A public auction will take place at 8721 Sunset Blvd., #P9, West Hollywood, California 90069 on the 1st day of December, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

The following property will be sold:

Property abandoned by MB Pictures, LLC, formerly an occupant at 8721 Sunset Blvd., #P9, West Hollywood, California 90069 consisting of 4 black executive office chairs, 5 small black desks, 2 black rolling file drawers, 2 black file credenzas, 1 printer, 2 phones, 1 small white refrigerator, 1 espresso machine, 1 microwave, 1 portable CD player, and other misc. office supplies.

The sale will be held pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1988.

The terms of the sale are: cash in lawful money of the United States, with sale going to the highest bidder in competitive bidding. The property must be paid for and removed by the purchaser at the time of the sale.

Dated: November 6, 2006

Robert M. Scholnick  
Attorney for Landlord  
ADR/Preferred Business Properties  
as Agent for Scott Properties, LLC

17422 Chatsworth St.  
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Ph: 818/368-9002  
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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY**

A public auction will take place at 9921 Robbins Drive, #3, Beverly Hills, California 90212 on the 1st day of December, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

The following property will be sold:

Property abandoned by Dominick Joseph, formerly an occupant at 9921 Robbins Drive, #3, Beverly Hills, California 90212 consisting of furniture - vanity, chest of drawers, 2 night stands, t.v. stand, small computer desk; kitchen - microwave, toaster, pots & pans, dishes, silverware, breakfast tray; fish tank, 6 large pictures, 1 lamp; clothing, shoes, books, CDs, video tapes, grooming aids, towels, comforters, figurines, and a few tools.

The sale will be held pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1988.

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#### **NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARGARET M. MCENTEE CASE NO. BP101590**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARGARET M. MCENTEE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARGARET MARY SWAINE AND MICHAEL MCENTEE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARGARET MARY SWAINE AND MICHAEL MCENTEE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 12/18/06 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner  
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LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL MCENTEE  
15802 CHEMICAL LN., #100  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649  
11/23, 11/30, 12/7/06  
**CNS-1050784#**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NICOLE HARROW**  
Case No. BP101494

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise

be interested in the will or estate, or both, of NICOLE HARROW

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Marcia Harrow in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Marcia Harrow be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 13, 2006 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the 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.

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**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**ALLAN B CUTROW ESQ**  
**SBN 50353**  
**MITCHELL SILBERBERG & KNUPP**  
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LOS ANGELES CA 90064

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CN764966 HARROW Nov 22,29, Dec 6, 2006

#### **NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: FRANCES BERGEN CASE NO. BP101664**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of FRANCES BERGEN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CANDICE BERGEN AKA CANDICE BERGEN MALLE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CANDICE BERGEN AKA CANDICE BERGEN MALLE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 12/18/06 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90067  
11/23, 11/30, 12/7/06  
**CNS-1052466#**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 06-O-2508**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS INCREASING THE VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE CEILING FOR CITY ELECTIONS, MODIFYING RULES REGARDING AGGREGATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS, AND AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE

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

Section 1. Subsection A of Section 1-8-4 of Chapter 8, Title 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended to increase the voluntary expenditure ceiling for City Council and City Treasurer elections to Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) and to read as follows:

"A. A voluntary expenditure ceiling is hereby established for each election for City elective office in the amount of \$60,000.00. As used in this Section, the term "City elective office" shall mean the offices of Member of the City Council and City Treasurer. This Section shall not apply in recall elections, although it shall apply to elections to choose the successor to any officer sought to be recalled."

Section 2. Subsection D of Section 1-8-3 of Chapter 8, Title 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended to allow spouses to make their separate contributions on one check from a joint checking account and to read as follows:

"D. Family Contributions: Contributions by a husband and wife shall be treated as separate contributions and shall not be aggregated. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent a husband and wife from making such separate contributions through the use of one check from a joint checking account provided that the names of both spouses are printed on the check. Contributions by children under eighteen (18) years of age shall be treated as contributions by their parents and attributed one-half (1/2) to each parent or the total amount to a single custodial parent."

Section 3. 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 her certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 4. 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: November 7, 2006  
Effective: November 8, 2006

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

ATTEST:

(SEAL)  
BYRON POPE  
City Clerk

VOTE:

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