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“Politics, Politics Everywhere and an Unusual Commission Suggestion.”

I must either be doing something terribly right or terribly wrong to warrant an endorsement for the Planning Commission from Rudy Cole. Nonetheless, I would like to correct one point. I am not an “anti-development” advocate. Rather, I am in the real estate business and am scholastically trained in real estate development. However, I am opposed to development that generates more traffic in our city. Traffic is our enemy!

Having the City Council attempt to justify any traffic generating new development, including the Montage Hotel, based on a false claim to voters that “we need the money,” is not only irresponsible, but a gross abuse of power. What’s wrong with cutting spending, including killing the council’s plan to incur more debt with the issuance of \$40 million in bonds for a park-

ing garage for the private Performing Arts Center and a Maple Center building?

With respect to serving inside the City “tent,” I do not play well inside a “tent” where the “guy-wires” are controlled and manipulated behind closed doors by the City Council and staff. One of the benefits of being a successful and independent entrepreneur is that without political or financial pressure, I can continue to serve the public, outside of City Hall, by exposing controversial and sometimes purposely concealed issues that affect our quality of life.

In any event, thank you, Mr. Rudy Cole, for your compliments.

Larry Larson
Beverly Hills

COLE RESPONDS: *This letter may not help your chances of being appointed.*

Corrections: Issue 379
Artist Yayoi Kusama was misidentified.

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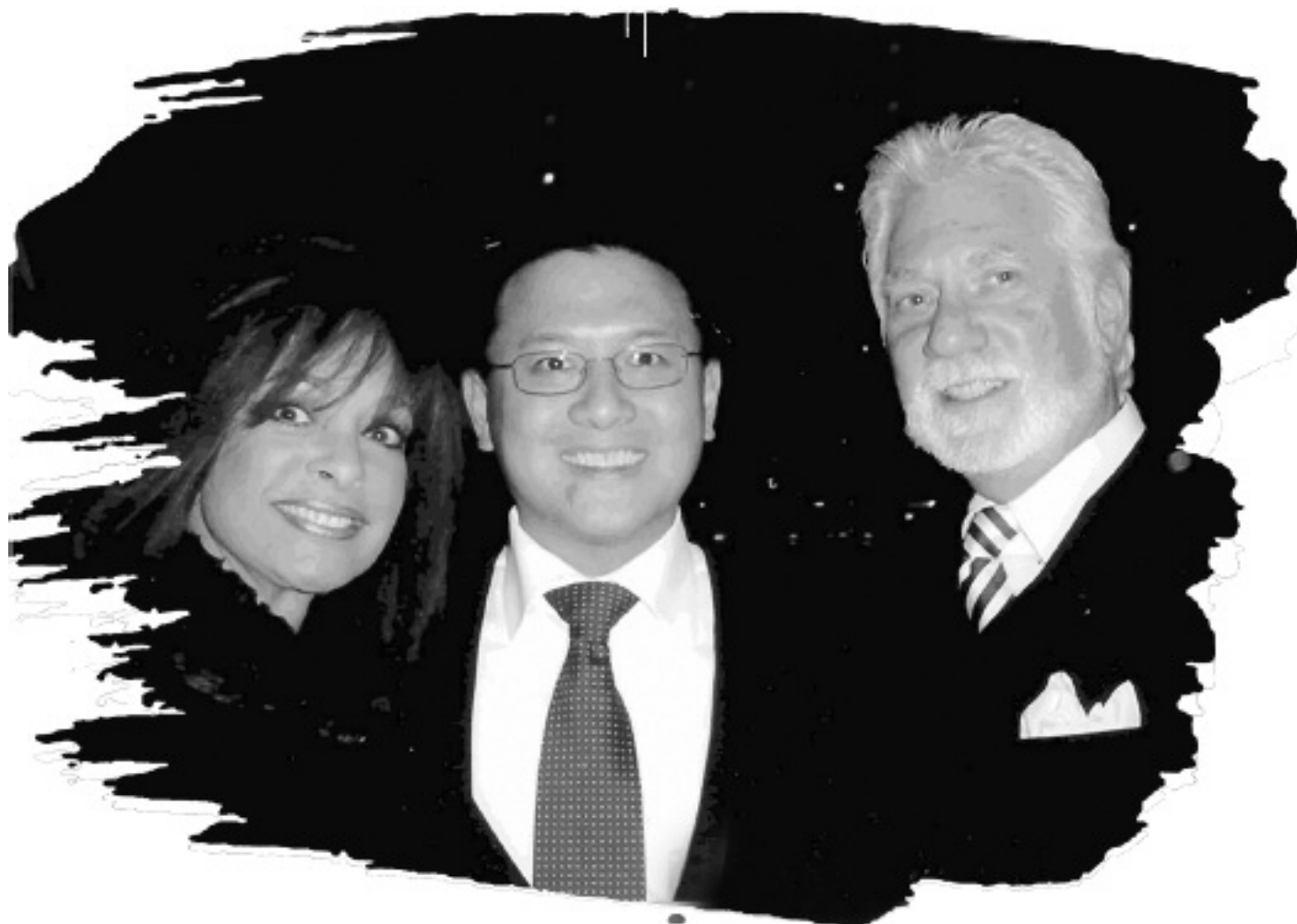
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“SWEARING IN” SACRAMENTO

Bobbe Joy Dawson, left, and former Planning Commissioner Mitchell Dawson, right, attended the inauguration of John Chiang, center, as California’s 31st State Controller – the State’s Chief Financial Officer on January 8, in Sacramento.

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Krasne and Soleimani Notch Dual Endorsement

Two challengers have become the favorites of the Beverly Hills North Homeowners' Association and Municipal League.

By Ryan Vaillancourt



Nancy Krasne

Following last week's candidate forum at Roxbury Park, co-sponsored by the Beverly Hills North Homeowners' Association and Municipal League, the two groups jointly endorsed Nancy Krasne and Maggie Soleimani.

"We believe that we are in peril, we have enormous growth which creates gridlock traffic," North Homeowners' Association President Robert K. Tanenbaum said, "and the organization believes that the incumbents should not get our support anymore, we don't believe they truly represent the residents."

Questions at the forum pertained mostly to development and traffic, ethics, or whether or not to develop the industrial zone.

Krasne, who is a planning commissioner,



Maggie Soleimani

promised to restore two hour free parking for residents and said she does not support the proposed sports and recreation facility for the industrial area.

"I think the municipal land should be used for municipal purposes," Krasne said.

Krasne also aligned with the North Homeowners' Association and Municipal League's support of a stronger revolving door ordinance, which prevents former elected officials from representing developers before the council once they leave office.

In September, the council voted 3-2 in favor of a one year ban, with a provision that extends the ban to three years with regard to former officials representing a project on which they had voted.

Councilmember Barry Brucker and Vice Mayor and candidate Jimmy Delshad had supported a two year ban on any project. The North Homeowner's Association and the Municipal League had urged for at least three years.

Soleimani also called for a stronger ban.

"I would introduce a stronger ethics ordinance in the first month [after being elected], with a revolving door limit of at least three years," she said.

Soleimani took an even stronger stance against the revolving door on a personal level.

"I am an attorney, but I promise to never ever represent a developer in front of the council," she said.

Challenger and planning commissioner Shahram Melamed made his own plea to anti-development voters by proposing a resolution that would require a four to one vote from the council to overturn any recommendation by the planning commission.

Melamed missed out on the endorsement though, as did newcomer Lizza Monet Morales.

As for the incumbents, the North Homeowners' Association and the Municipal League have repeatedly made public their opposition to Mayor Steve Webb and Delshad.

Webb said the groups' recent opposition to the current city council played out in the forum.

"This was clearly not a fair or impartial forum," Webb said. "They treated those candidates with whom they had disagreements much differently than those candidates who they like."

Though candidates were instructed to keep their opening statements to two min-

utes, Krasne was not cut short when her opening statement lasted over five minutes. The other candidates kept to the 2 minute window.

Others said the members of the forum panel were more cavalier toward certain candidates, often repeating the same question because they were unsatisfied with a candidate's initial response.

A few audience members stood up or raised their hands and urged the panel to "move on" at points, whereas others just booed.

"I think they were not used to having someone ask tough questions," Tanenbaum said. "The questioners, especially Lou Lipofsky, wanted to get some straight answers and in his judgment he didn't feel he was getting them so he pressed on and I think some of the supporters wanted to support their candidate, so they said what they said."

Webb dismissed the group, saying, "The North Homeowners' Association represents what I believe to be a minority viewpoint in the community."

According to Tanenbaum, the organization has about 500 members. In the past three municipal elections in Beverly Hills, average turnout has been about 21,000.

Soleimani said she was "glad to be endorsed by the North Homeowners' Association [and Municipal League]," but added that her support is "broad-based."

"My concern in this election is that turnout has been historically low for municipal elections," Soleimani said. "My hope is that when the Homeowners' Association endorses a candidate, that somehow it encourages the citizens to vote and to become more involved."

police blotter & arrest summary

January 16, 2007

Arrests: MANCINI, WILLIAM F., 48, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/16/07 for battery.

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CRIME SUMMARY

Robbery: Occurred between 2015 and 2018 on 01/11/07 in the 200 block of North Wetherly Drive. Suspect: Male Black, 17-20's, 5'8", 180 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Suspect approached the victim and threatened with bodily injury. Suspect removed victim's property and fled the location undetected. Loss: \$500

Occurred between 1645 and 1650 on 01/09/07 in the intersection of Charleville Blvd. and Bedford Drive. Suspect: Male Black, 27-33, 5'6"-5'7", 140 lbs. No further description. Suspect snatched purse from the victim causing the victim to fall to the ground. Suspect fled the location in a vehicle driven by

an unknown suspect. Loss: \$250

Burglary: Occurred between 1600 on 01/12/07 and 1100 on 01/13/07 in the 9000 block of Wilshire Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect removed cash and fled the location undetected. Loss: \$1,500

Occurred between 1530 and 1845 on 01/11/07 in the 1700 block of Angelo Drive. Unknown suspect(s) entered the unsecured location and removed property. Suspect(s) fled the location undetected. Loss: \$5,450

Occurred between 1000 and 1430 on 01/10/07 in the 400 block of South LaPeer Drive. Unknown suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect(s) removed property and fled the location undetected. Loss: \$3,100

Occurred between 1214 and 1327 on 01/10/07 in the 500 block of Chalette Drive. Unknown suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect(s) removed property and fled the location undetected. Loss: \$5,000

Occurred between 0432 and 0438 on

briefs



BHHS Alumnus and actor, writer, producer Jonathan Prince sitting in as a guest teacher at Hawthorne.

BHUSD Alumnus Jonathan Prince Sits in at Hawthorne

Jonathan Prince, actor, writer and producer and Beverly High graduate met with 5th graders at Hawthorne on Wednesday January 10th to share his knowledge about story-telling. Prince is the son of former Beverly Hills Board of Education member Dr. Martin Prince, who served from 1967 to 1971.

Beverly Hills Residents Among Finalists in Super Bowl Competition

Beverly Hills residents Billy Federighi and Brett Snider have been selected as finalists from more than 1,000 entries in Doritos's



Dan Stepenosky

"Crash the Super Bowl" challenge. The competition invited fans nationwide to create and shoot their own 30-second commercial for a chance to have it aired as shot in its entirety during Super Bowl XLI. The five finalists will each be awarded \$10,000 and a trip to Miami to attend a Super Bowl party.

The five finalists' ads can be viewed and voted on now at www.crashthesuperbowl.com. Fans nationwide will determine the winner by voting online for their favorite commercial through Jan. 19, 2007 (voting closes at 11 p.m. CST). Federighi and Snider's entry is called "Mouse Trap." The winning ad will be unveiled on national television during the first quarter of the Super Bowl on Feb. 4, 2007.

Stepenosky Helps New District Reach Agreement

Former Beverly High principal Dan Stepenosky, now the Assistant Superintendent

of Personnel in Las Virgenes Unified School District, recently helped negotiate a contract agreement between LVUSD and the Las Virgenes Education Association, the teachers' union.

According to a November report in the Acorn newspaper in Calabasas, the district and teachers' union had been "wrangling for months over teacher salaries and health and retirement benefits." The groups came to a tentative agreement in late November and that agreement was approved by the LVUSD Board of Education last week.

The new contract provides for a 3% salary hike, retroactive to July 2006, and an increase in health care allowances.

"The negotiations had gone tough and we had filed for Impasse, but I kept pushing and continued to call bargaining sessions while we were at impasse hoping to reach an agreement," Stepenosky said, "which we did."

Jimmy Delshad to Host Young Voter Gathering

Vice Mayor and City Council candidate Jimmy Delshad and wife Loni will host a "voter registration mixer" for college students and young professionals at their home on 607 N. Rexford Drive home, on Wednesday, January 24 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Beverly Hills residents

between the ages of 18 and 35 will have the opportunity to register to vote in time for the March election. Those registering will be eligible for raffle prizes. A driver's license is required for proof of residence.

"Life Rolls On" at Horace Mann

Former professional surfer and founder of the Life Rolls On Foundation Jesse Billauer will speak to the students of Horace Mann school about overcoming life's adversities. At age 17, Billauer was thrown from his surfboard into a sandbar and left a paraplegic with limited use of his arms. Now, at 27, Billauer



Mayor Steve Webb, left, at his campaign kickoff reception on Sunday at the home of former mayor Max and Janet Salter. Pictured from left to right are Webb, wife Bonnie Webb, Janet Salter and Max Salter.

still surfs using a specialized surfboard and tours the world as a motivational speaker. The talk will take place today at 12:40 for grades K - 5 and at 1:35 p.m. for grades 6 - 8.

Horace Mann's service-learning advocates,



The Advanced Dance Theater Group of Beverly Hills High School presented *The Company* 2007 in four performances last week in the K.L. Peters Auditorium. Pictured here are, left to right, juniors James-William Lubkin, Danielle Krakov and senior Jesse Carlson in the opening scene of alumni choreographer Laura Karlin's tango-flavored "Panic! at the Milonga."

teacher Christy Fuhrer and librarian Helen Rogaway, have worked with the Horace Mann staff to create a school-wide service learning project in conjunction with the Life Rolls On Foundation that includes a school walk-a-thon on Thursday, January 25, writing assignments and an inspirational photography project. Starting on the 19th, various Life Rolls On service projects will be going on in home rooms (for middle school) and classrooms (for elementary). For more information contact Christy Fuhrer at cfuhrer@bhUSD.k12.ca.us.



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Loss: \$850

Grand Theft: Occurred between 1725 and 1733 on 01/11/07 in the 9500 block of Wilshire Blvd. Suspect #1: Male Hispanic, 20's, 6'0", 180 lbs., brown hair and brown eyes. Suspect #2: Female Hispanic, 20's, 5'6", 150 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Suspects entered the location and removed merchandise. Both suspects fled the location without paying for the merchandise.

Loss: \$13,730

Occurred at an unknown time between 12/30/06 and 01/07/07 in the 300 block of North Rodeo Drive. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location and removed merchandise. Suspect(s) fled the location without paying for the merchandise.

Loss: \$5,596

Kidnapping/ Occurred between 0900 and 1044 on 01/09/07 on Doheny Drive

Assault with a North of Wilshire Blvd. Suspect: Male Hispanic, 40, 5'5", 180

lb., black hair and brown eyes. Suspect forcefully pushed the victim into his vehicle and drove away. Suspect kicked and hit the victim several times. Suspect fled the location.

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January 9, 2007

Arrests: MIRELESS-MUNOZ, EMETERIO, 34, of Marina Del Rey, arrested on 01/08/07 for driving without a license.

SALIMI, NIMA, 25, of Westlake, arrested on 01/08/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

GONZALEZ, GUSTAVO CUITLAHUAC, 31, of Compton, arrested on 01/08/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

MALE JUVENILE, 16, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 01/08/07 for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

CLARKE, WILLIAM ALLEN, 26, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/08/07 for driving with a suspended license.

LIPTON, LLOYD LANGFORD, 49, transient, arrested on 01/07/07 for indecent exposure.

FIAME, WESS TALILOA, 43, of Carson, arrested on 01/07/07 for driving without a license.

GONZALEZ, CARLOS, 21, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/07/07 for forging an official seal.

SINGER, JOANA KEIKO, 27, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/07/07 for possession of a controlled substance.

GAHAGAN, LEAH ANN, 29, of Nevada, arrested on 01/07/07 for driving with a suspended license.

MALE JUVENILE, 16, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/06/07 for a juvenile arrest warrant.

HICKS, TRISHA EVONN, 19, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/06/07 for driving without a license.

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Forum or Against 'Um

And other notes on my sleeve

By Rudy Cole

A really funny thing happened on the way to the forum, and not the **Zero Mostel** picture of the same name, but the real life, honest, forum that was to be sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Beverly Hills, but wasn't.

Last night there was to be a candidate's forum presented by the Beverly Hills League at city hall with a panel of reporters asking questions under the watchful eye of an unbiased, is there such a living person, moderator.

But just days before the event, a long-time Beverly Hills tradition, the League pulled out, but not quietly. Not our League.

Our League has managed a very unique achievement. It has managed somehow to alienate the publishers of both community newspapers, each and every single member of our city council, or as one League officer explained, "We must be doing something right."

In reality there is enough intrigue and neg-

ativism and blame to go all over the place for the perfunctory League decision not to sponsor the forum.

Some history: The Beverly Hills League does not endorse candidates, only ballot measures. It has, as one of many goals, worked to increase voter registration and election participation. One of the best workers in this field, especially in registering, was **Goldie Jacobson**, long-time League vice president. She was also a legendary provider of cakes and cookies at League events, including forums. Unfortunately, Goldie has been semi-retired and no one has quite taken over her work.

Last year, in the midst of the Montage vote campaign, the League took a very anti-hotel position and even joined in the lawsuit against the city. Even some members questioned the process and whether the League had actually given the city council and hotel proponents a fair hearing before making their findings. That whole experience left

deep scars in the relationship of the League to the city, whoever was right. Not nice to fight and sue city hall.

When the League again offered to do the forum in 2005, **Dorothy Kaufman**, then and still the League's president, asked me to bring together a newspaper panel that would ask questions of the candidates. Several papers, including the Los Angeles Times, did participate, but not the Courier. The Courier had asked that it be allowed to present its own forum.

This year, the League again informed the council that it was willing to do a forum. Now, the only role of the city is in providing a venue and television coverage. The League could have a forum with or without council approval, just not necessarily at city hall. In some years, their forums have been held in school auditoriums. But the value of the city hall location is that it allows the forum to be replayed on the city's channel.

It was supposedly agreed. There would be a panel of reporters, the League would host and the candidates appear. But when the League informed the city that the moderator would be a League official, a high ranking officer from outside the city, the city council forum liaison committee nixed the choice.

Now the process became murky. Who actually refused to participate with a League

moderator and why? According to our sources, the publisher of the Courier did not want a League moderator. The city apparently agreed and accepted the Courier's suggestion that **Larry Carroll**, a veteran Los Angeles television and radio anchor, be the moderator. The question did persist, how did this become a city forum? The city itself has no precedent for doing candidate forums and probably shouldn't.

Having said that, the League should not have pulled out – that was not in the interests of the voters of the city. A role should have been reserved for them and the League leaders should have been more willing to work out an agreement with the city, even though they were being pushed into accepting a moderator not of their choosing.

Judy Borash, also a long time League officer who is not a resident, told me they were following a national League precedent. When the national League lost control of the presidential debates, it too withdrew its sponsorship. Whatever the merits of that decision, we are a small community, we all know each other and we need to be more willing to try to decrease, not escalate, differences.

This was not the first tussle this year relating to candidate forums. The Beverly Hills North Homeowner's Association and the Municipal League both refused to permit the city to set rules or influence their forum procedures. The result was that, up to now, their forum will not be seen on the city channel.

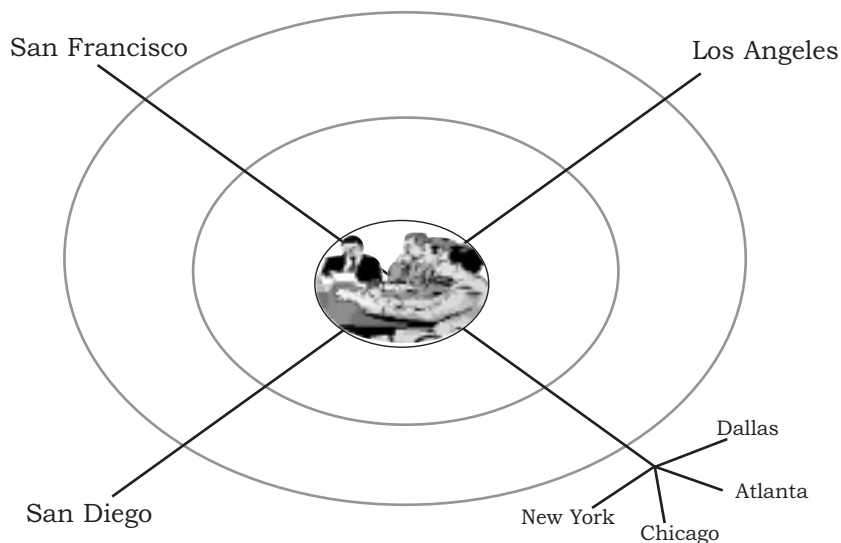
Unfortunately, the process has detracted from the forums and there was a side issue

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one community activist felt might influence the fairness of the session. It appears that the moderator, Carroll, recently did an on air interview with one of the candidates on KFVB – not a councilmember. Was this something arranged by the Courier?

Who actually did sponsor the forum? There is no association of newspapers in our community and the press involvement was limited to The Weekly and The Courier. At least two other papers distribute in Beverly Hills, although neither have the status of legal adjudication. Last time I included one of them, this year they were not invited. It became, by attrition, a city council forum, and without questioning their fairness, that should not happen again.

The perception of fairness will always be there, including their willingness to allow anyone to dictate rules of participation – either a newspaper or the League.

What the city needs is an independent committee to set rules and provide support for candidate forums - city council, school board and, when necessary, ballot measures. The members must agree not to endorse candidates either before or after the debates – there are such people.

Although I was not officially asked, I told the League some months back that I would not moderate and one council forum liaison member said he knew I had told the League president of my decision. My reasons were quite simple. I intend to endorse candidates and I have a fairly good idea who I will support, for whatever value that has. Last time I had not made up my mind before the forum.

I am writing this the day of the forums and this column will appear post-debate. I hope all went well, the forums were well attended and you either attended or will see it on television.

The above warning is the result of a **Peter Sellers** movie, name of which is not in my memory bank. But Sellers' character was a librarian in a small English town and also a part time drama critic for the community newspaper. He was trying to find a way to stay out late for some less than noble reasons, so he submitted a review of a play from the dress rehearsal, not the actual performance, that night now available for a dalliance.

The next morning, his wife was reading the rave review, questioning the Sellers character on why he was so generous. "I love to support community theatre," the Sellers character answered. "You might want to read the front page," she suggested. "Theatre burns down, play cancelled." Next week, a real live report on the debates.

* * *

The final campaign kick-offs were held and all seemed reasonably well attended despite the Minnesota type weather. Unfortunately, I can not report on actual attendance or what the candidates said. I had a speaking engagement of my own outlining the reason renters should support condos built on vacant or commercial land so that demolition of affordable housing is less desirable. We also rushed over to the Camden House for a party paying tribute to, among others, the Mock family for presenting a magnificent new ambulance to an

Israeli agency, in honor of the late and much beloved **Sandy Mock** who was my first source on everything Greystone. More on this later. But I did spot the Corwins and Mrs. **Stanley Flinkman** before we left.

Speaking of events, this Saturday Jewish Vocational Services will present the JVS Lifetime of service awards to **Betty** and **Chuck Wilson**, two of our city's finest, with former Mayor **Donna Eelman Garber** as event chair. My thanks to **Fred Cunningham** for gathering some archival film footage which will be used at the dinner, to be held at the Beverly Wilshire. Note: Betty made an enormous contribution to our city when she served as a member of our school board. Chuck has served on city commissions and has a twinkle I wished I could steal.

Post Golden Globes, attended an after party in a remarkably put together event space at the mammoth former Robinsons-May property. The E! party was jointly sponsored by Lexus and "9900 Wilshire" with **Dave** and **Arnold** doing the proud parents role in their property.

Whenever someone brings a new costly proposal to our Chamber and/or the city to improve our name recognition (or branding) I try to remember to remind them of the great attention we receive each year from this outstanding event. We should thank the Foreign Press Association for their loyalty to Beverly Hills and, instead of pushing the name, give visitors more reasons do come here, such as a new Cultural Center and more civic events.

The world knows our name.

Final political note: The first surprise of this election was the endorsements of the Beverly Hills North Homeowner's Association, made following their forums last week. Insiders thought the nods would go to Vice Mayor **Jimmy Delshad** and Commissioner **Shahram Melamed**, both trying hard for the endorsements, especially Melamed. Instead the association voted to back **Maggie Soleimani** and veteran city commissioner **Nancy Krasne**. The association has rarely made endorsements.

Final happy note: Love press releases from pr types, do some of that myself so I empathize with their work. But a new high in information distribution reached my weary computer this week. You will be pleased to know that some company has produced a "scented tire" and they have a name, "Kumbo" – they were kind enough to give us the correct pronunciation: "Koom-O." The whole thing smells to me and lacks scents, somewhat deflating my stinky wheels feelings. The company says they are targeting women drivers, a sexist approach that minimizes the male ego's desire to be recognized when approaching the D Lot. To be safe, I splashed my car with after shave.

Rudy Cole served for eight years as a member and chair of the city's Recreation & Parks Commission. He was also President of the Greystone Foundation and served on three other city committees. Rudy can be reached at: Rudy@bhweekly.com.

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BHHS Girls' Soccer Team Routs Inglewood In League Opener

Norman boys' soccer team edges Inglewood to open Ocean League play.

By Steven Herbert

Alex Pop scored her 11th and 12th goals of the season in the first half and Becca Gold made two saves for her fourth shutout of the season as Beverly High defeated Inglewood, 5-0, in the Ocean League opener for both teams Jan. 10 at Nickoll Field.

The Normans also got first-half goals from Jocelyn Karlan, her third of the season, and Emily Litvak, her fourth.

Amanda Brandeis scored her third goal of the season in the second half. "It was a good team performance," Beverly Hills coach Ryan Franks said. "Everybody from top to bottom contributed. Everybody was real unselfish and moved the ball around nicely. We had lots of crosses.

"If it wasn't for Inglewood's goalkeeper, it would have been eight, nine, 10-0. They're goalkeeper was outstanding and we had at least three or four balls hit the post. I don't even think the score was indicative of how we played. I was really proud of the way we got

everybody involved."

Beverly Hills 3, Hawthorne 0

Alexa Block scored twice on second-half free kicks and Gold made four saves for her fifth shutout of the season in an Ocean League game at Hawthorne Friday

Litvak scored her fifth goal of the season in the 23rd minute on a breakaway off a steal.

Block's goals came in the 48th minute and 62nd minutes, increasing her season total to three.

Sweeper Tess Callner, stopper Becca Rosen, seniors Joey Sundy, Ashley Menzies, Gina Hendron and Tara Raffi drew praise for their play from Franks.

The Normans (10-6-2, 2-0 in league play) played without seven players, including six who were on a student government trip to help with the rebuilding of New Orleans, Franks said.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Inglewood Morningside Friday at Nickoll Field and play at Culver City Wednesday in Ocean League games beginning at 3 p.m.

Boys' Soccer

Beverly Hills 1, Inglewood 0

Shawn Bolour scored in the 50th minute on a rebound of his own shot for his third goal of the season, all in a four-game span, and David Roston made four saves for his fourth shutout of the season in the Ocean League opener for both teams Jan. 10 at Inglewood's Coleman Stadium.

Bolour took three shots during the scoring sequence, with the first shot ricocheting off the Sentinel goalkeeper back to Bolour, whose second shot hit the crossbar, then went back to him, Norman coach Steve Rappaport said.

Beverly Hills (6-8-1, 1-0) led 17-4 in shots. "Probably the key to the game was our back four on defense," sweeper Alex Lichtenberg, defenders Trevor Charlston, Jake Weissberg and Jonathan Elbaz, Rappaport said. "They're starting to really play well. They're not only playing solid defense, but they're creating the offense.

"Roston, who's been solid anyhow, is getting a break because teams kick the ball from way out. He had one save that was reasonably difficult."

Forwards Sam Forrest and Erik Munzer, who combined for 12 shots, also drew praise from Rappaport.

"They kept the pressure on the other team which allowed Shawn to come from midfield" [and score], Rappaport said.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play at Inglewood Morningside Friday at 2:30 p.m. and play host to Culver City Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Nickoll Field in Ocean League games.

Boys' Basketball

Beverly Hills 68, Inglewood 66

Cosmo Morabbi's tie-breaking lay-up with 25 seconds left proved to be the game's final points as the Normans made a successful comeback from a slow start in the Ocean League opener for both teams Jan. 10 at Inglewood.

Following Morabbi's lay-up, the Sentinels missed a three-point shot, got an offensive rebound and missed a lay-up, then time expired as the teams sought the rebound.

Morabbi scored 22 of his 33 points in the second half, with Beverly Hills sophomore guard Julian Wheeler adding 16, 14 in the second half. Morabbi and Wheeler both made three three-point baskets.

The Normans were outscored 17-11 in the first quarter, despite Morabbi's seven points and three-point basket.

Both teams scored 13 points in the second quarter, and Beverly Hills trailed 30-24 at half-time.

The Normans outscored Inglewood, 27-16, in the third quarter, and led 51-46 entering the fourth quarter. Morabbi scored 12 points and Wheeler 11, with both making two three-point baskets.

Beverly Hills was outscored, 20-17, in the third quarter, despite Morabbi's 10 points and Wheeler's three-point basket.



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"I thought defensively we were a little bit behind," Norman coach Luis Turcios said. "I told the guys the energy level right off the bat was not where it needs to be for a league opener. We made some adjustment the kids picked it up."

"Offensively, we looked pretty sharp, especially down the stretch in the third and fourth quarters that allowed us to score easy baskets when everybody was doing what they were supposed to do."

Senior forward Cliff Frazier played "probably his best game as a Norman with eight points, nine rebounds and five assists," Turcios said.

Beverly Hills junior guard Demontae Flint scored seven points, all in the first half, including a second-quarter three-point basket. Riad Beckett and Jerome Johnson each scored two points for the Normans.

Beverly Hills starting guard Percy Miller missed the game because of illness, Turcios said.

Hawthorne 59, Beverly Hills 51

Morabbi's two free throws with 20 seconds left put the game into overtime, but the Normans were outscored, 11-3, in the overtime as Morabbi fouled out in an Ocean League game at the Swim-Gym Friday night.

The Cougars led 48-41 with two minutes, 30 seconds to play, but Beverly Hills scored the final seven points of regulation, tying the score, 48-48.

Morabbi finished with 19 points, all after the first quarter, Miller 15, including three three-point baskets, Julius Von Hanzlik nine, including all three Norman overtime points, Frazier

six, all in the first quarter, and Johnson two.

Beverly Hills trailed 16-9 at the end of the first quarter, 31-24 at halftime and 39-33 entering the fourth quarter.

Beverly Hills 55, Palm Desert 40

With Morabbi being held to three points on a third-quarter three-point basket, Miller picked up the slack with 17 points in a non-league game at the Swim-Gym Saturday night helping the Normans to a victory more decisive than the final score indicated.

Beverly Hills (9-8) led 14-9 at the end of the first quarter, 23-12 at halftime and 39-21 entering the fourth quarter.

The Normans scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter. After the Aztecs (7-12) ended that run on Tommy Matcham's three-point basket, Beverly Hills scored the next five points on Johnson's basket and Miller's second three-point basket of the game, taking its biggest lead, 51-24 with 3:51 left.

Johnson's two free throws put the Normans ahead 53-29 with 2:20 remaining. Palm Desert ended the game with an 11-2 run.

Tenzin Soepa added seven points for Beverly Hills, including a second quarter three-point basket, Frazier and Johnson six each, Flint five, including a third-quarter three-point basket, Wheeler five, Von Hanzlik four, and Mohammad Shahshahan two.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play at Inglewood Morningside Friday and play host to Culver City Wednesday at the Swim-Gym in Ocean League games beginning at 7:30 p.m. and play Palos Verdes Peninsula Saturday at

1:30 p.m. in the South Bay Extravaganza at West Torrance High School.

Girls' Basketball

Inglewood 52, Beverly Hills 51

The Normans missed one potential go-ahead shot, got the rebound of a missed Sentinel free throw, but had time run out before they could try another start in the Ocean League opener for both teams Jan. 10 at the Swim-Gym.

Sophie Payson's basket with about 30 seconds left pulled Beverly Hills within one, 52-51.

Inglewood's 46-23 rebounding edge and 25 second-half points proved decisive, Norman coach John Braddell.

"I thought we played well defensively," Braddell said. "We didn't shoot particularly well."

Beverly Hills led 12-9 after the first quarter, as Payson made two three-point baskets, but were outscored, 21-16, in the second half and trailed 30-28 at halftime.

The Normans led 41-40 entering the fourth quarter, after outscoring the Sentinels 13-10, in the third quarter as Payson scored six points on two three-point baskets. Beverly Hills was outscored 12-10 in the fourth quarter, despite senior guard Allison Galer scoring eight of her 17 points.

Payson scored a game-high equaling 22 points, Taylor Craig added 10, including a second-quarter three-point basket, and Jamie Bratman two for the Normans.

Beverly Hills 41, Hawthorne 29

Payson scored 12, Galer 11 and Javonna Young 10 in an Ocean League game Friday

night at Hawthorne.

Craig added six and Hannah Abrams two for Beverly Hills (12-6, 1-1).

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Inglewood Morningside Friday at the Swim-Gym and play at Culver City Wednesday in Ocean League games beginning at 6 p.m.

Girls' Water Polo

El Segundo 13, Beverly Hills 4

Michelle Margolin scored twice and Mallory Smith and Jennifer Horowitz once each for the Normans in an Ocean League game Jan. 9 at the El Segundo Plunge.

Beverly Hills goaltender Marissa Srouer made nine saves.

The Normans (6-9, 0-1) trailed 3-1 at the end of the first quarter, 8-2 at halftime and 11-3 entering the fourth quarter.

The Eagles were ranked first in the Division VI poll released Tuesday.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play at Santa Monica, ranked fifth in Division VI, today and Culver City Tuesday at the Culver City Municipal Plunge in Ocean League games beginning at 3 p.m.

Steven Herbert also covers sports for the Los Angeles Times and The Associated Press. He welcomes feedback and suggestions. He can be reached by e-mail at StvHerbert@aol.com, by telephone at (310) 275-7943 or by fax at (310) 273-4519.



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BACK TO NEW ORLEANS

Beverly Hills High Associated Student Body Vice President Emily Wolfe went to New Orleans with her family last year. When she came back to Beverly Hills, she committed to organizing a student trip back to the hurricane-ravaged city to help rebuild. After returning from a five-day trip with 26 other students on Tuesday, the Weekly sat down with Wolfe to hear about the experience and learned that high school senior has even more plans for New Orleans.

Weekly: What inspired this trip to New Orleans and how was it organized?

Emily Wolfe: I got the idea because I went to New Orleans with my family in March. We went there [during] spring break and just had an incredible experience. I talked to the head of Habitat for Humanity and I thought of ASB, which I have been really involved in, and I just said I really want to bring them back here and share this experience. So I put the whole thing together with the help of [faculty advisor Jamie] Marrs.

It was really hard work. I couldn't have done it with our Ms. Marrs. We planned every single aspect of it out. I emailed a lot of people and got an amazing email back from the Hilton telling us that they had comped all 11 of our rooms and one of our students in our class helped to facilitate a grant from Wells Fargo, which went toward air fare. And everyone else talked to family friends and everybody wanted to contribute any amount of money so we had a lot of individual contributions. I felt like a travel agent.

What was your project with the ASB group and where was it in New Orleans?

It was through Habitat for Humanity. Their project there – the Marsalis Family and Harry Connick Jr. are the big creators of it, and a lot of other musicians have contributed – is called the Musicians' Village. It's to promote keeping the musical culture of New Orleans. All the houses are centered around the [Ellis] Marsalis Center for Music, so that all the older musicians can teach their craft to the next generation and preserve that vibrant musical culture.

It's been a year and a half since Hurricane Katrina. What does New Orleans look like now?

It was so much better [then it was in March]. The city was a lot more lively, there were people. In the ninth ward, where we worked, it wasn't that different. There were a few houses that were built but there was still trash everywhere. It's still the same in the ninth ward as it was [in March]. I think people assume that New Orleans is completely destroyed, and parts of it are really completely destroyed but in the areas that most tourists



Back Row, Left to Right: Nathan Behnam, Sarah Utley, Jamie Marrs, Roel Hinojosa, Emily Wolfe, Andrew Buckley, Daniel Yosef. Next Row: Sae-Bin Park, Jason Bellet, Layla Mahdavi, William Byun, Rachel Feinburg, Matt Neman, Michelle Sadighpour, Sydney Sanns. Next Row: Max Heffesse, Zach Kahn, Amanda Brandeis, Alexandra Pop, Micheal Sigall, Samantha Pop, Kenneth Jacks, Adam Bosse. Next Row: Nicole Ozeron, Peter Lee, Danielle Tucker, Gaby Heffesse, Josh Tucker, Calvin Berman, Carly Allen, Daniel Zadeh. Front: Jocelyn Karlan, Liza Goncharov

go like the French quarter, the business district and uptown, they weren't damaged that much at all. It's really the ninth ward right next to where the levees broke that you have the most significant damage.

In the ninth ward, basically it's just miles and miles of destroyed houses. There are hardly any people there. Some people on their own are trying to paint their houses and we saw one kid playing basketball in the streets but there is nothing. The National Guard is in army tanks driving through and that was in the upper ninth ward. In the lower ninth ward there is no one there. It's not safe, there's mold in houses, every house is completely destroyed – the roofs are collapsing and you see houses where the over-

hang of the roof is tilting and you know in a second it's going to fall over. Every house has a story because it will have sprayed on the wall a number to call or how many people they found dead or alive, how many animals they found. It goes for miles and miles and miles. You can't really tell through pictures what it looks like. I look at my pictures and it looks sad but you can't really tell because it's so hard to capture on film.



Beverly High senior Emily Wolfe poses near Musicians' Village.

where that the New Orleans economy was based 40% off of tourism and they've lost so much of that. I think it changes. People still have the stigma that – New Orleans, some people still think it's underwater. Some people think it's completely destroyed and some parts are but others are getting back together and it's still so vibrant. I think we worked on houses and were able to hear some stories and able to contribute to that and directly help the school [some students helped refurbish an elementary school one day], but if I brought back 31 people then I'm sure in the future if people are able to bring back one friend or two friends, there's this chain reaction that's really important to the economy there and really important for the people. The people in New Orleans are the friendliest people that I have ever met and everyone is so grateful that we're there. We went into a restaurant for lunch and the guy gave us a discount just because he knew we were helping and everyone just constantly thanks us for helping and just being there. So what I think is most important is re-stimulating the economy there and bringing this energy back to that city.

How has New Orleans made progress since Katrina?

The Musicians' Village was really the most progress that I've seen. They have all their houses being painted in purples and pinks and bright blues and it's just so festive, so you have this brand new cultivated area in the midst of all this destruction. It really shows the progress. It was incredible to see because I worked on the foundation for the first three homes and now to come back and there are 20 something houses and there are people living in those homes with their decorations on the lawn and their Christmas lights. You can see that once these houses start getting built, that's what is going to happen, the community is getting reformed.

What was the group's impression by the end of the trip?

Well I know I told everyone prior to coming, "this is the most amazing experience you will ever have." And I know people believed me but you can't really tell people what it's going to be like. They just loved building and feeling that amazing sense of accomplishment of putting up a window with five people and trying to glue it in and hammer it in when you're on a big ladder – it's really hard work! But the sense that I got was that the students just loved New Orleans and want to come back. I think the sense of accomplishment that you're able to come, you're able to do something and I know that everyone when you're there thanks you and tells you how happy they are that you're there, I know everyone really appreciated that.

What is the significance of the group's individual contribution to New Orleans?

Most importantly, you're not only building houses but you're also really reintroducing people back into the New Orleans community, which is really benefiting their economy. I read some-

Do you plan on going back to New Orleans?

Yes. My ultimate goal is to raise enough money to sponsor a house through the city, like a Beverly Hills house. It costs about \$72,000, which isn't too much to raise. I know people will be really supportive. Also, it takes 15 days to build a house from start to finish, so what I would really love to do is set aside fifteen days and really promote it around the city and ask people if they're willing to

come down for three days or five days or fifteen days if they want so it will be the City of Beverly Hills house. I'm going to try to promote it through local stores and through the city and try to raise this money. It's just one house but when you see how touched these people are that they've got a house and they have a chance to not live in their FEMA trailers and have a life again, it's such an incredible experience. It's really benefiting the community there. Obviously people can give donations but what I think is the most impor-

tant thing is going to New Orleans and stimulating the economy and experiencing their rich culture. I think just getting there is the biggest part and I know that was kind of the consensus when I talked to store owners and waiters and everyone - they just need people to get back there to New Orleans. That's what we can really do as a city.

- Ryan Vaillancourt

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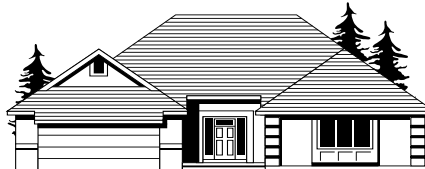


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