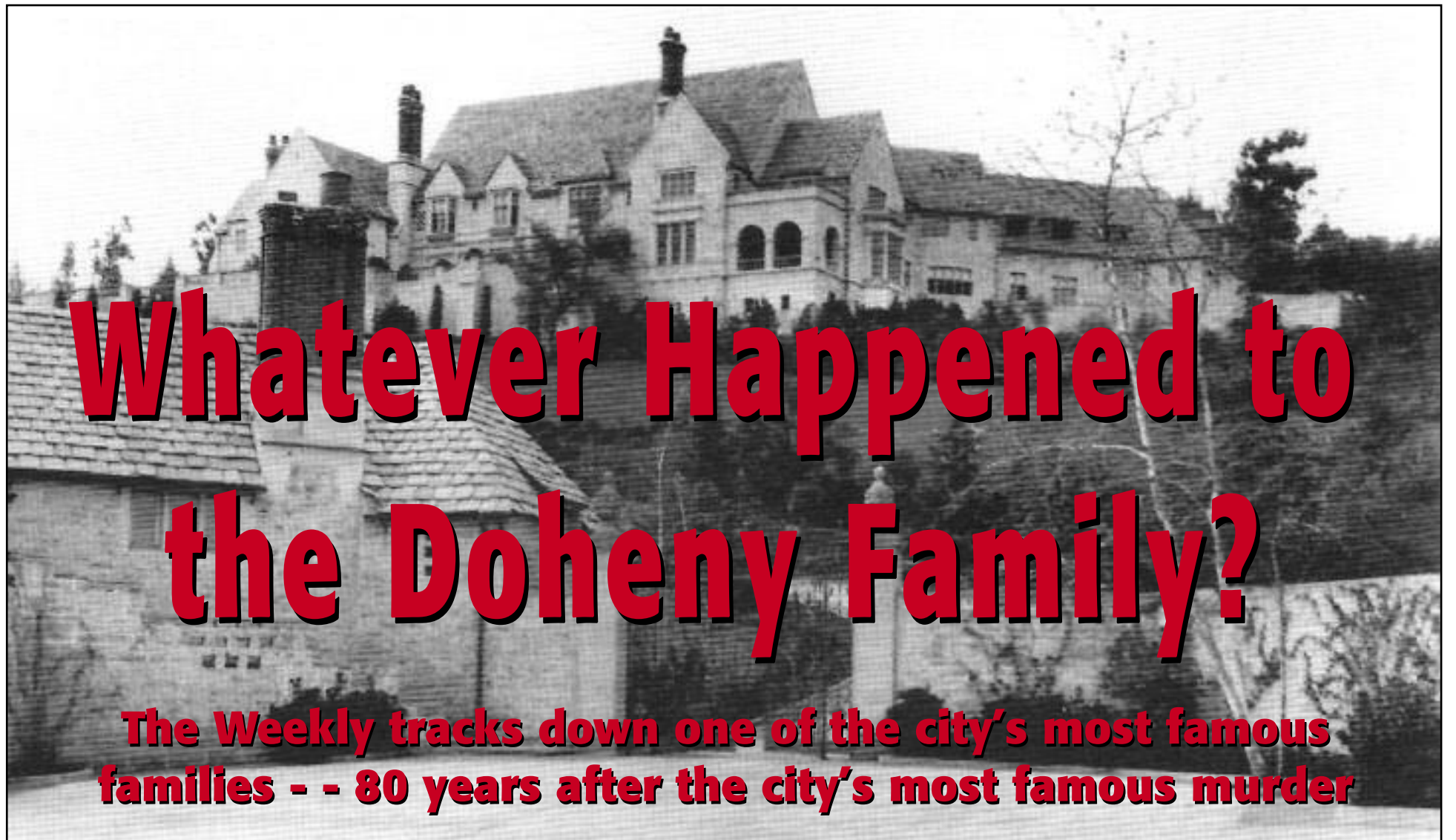


# Beverly Hills Weekly

ALSO ON THE WEB  
[www.bhweekly.com](http://www.bhweekly.com)

SERVING BEVERLY HILLS • BEVERLYWOOD • LOS ANGELES

Issue 404 • June 28 - July 4, 2007



## Whatever Happened to the Doheny Family?

**The Weekly tracks down one of the city's most famous families - - 80 years after the city's most famous murder**



cover story • pages 9 - 11



# Letters & email

## “Campaign Promises”

During elections, even City Council elections, campaign promises are only rhetoric. However, some promises are supposed to be kept. That is why those people are elected. So where is the return of two hours of free parking and smart traffic lights?

*Paul Bernstein  
Beverly Hills*

## “Development talk heats up Town Hall meeting”

Apparently, the Council does NOT get the message: Being mandated to grow and BEING MANDATED TO GROW TO CODE are TWO different messages.

Perhaps that was the reason now Councilmember Krasne polled more votes than either incumbent and RESIDENTS put Mayor Webb out to pasture.

*Jim Simon  
Beverly Hills*

Due to public criticism of the Montage

Hotel/City “secret” negotiations, certain council members promised that future public business would be conducted in public with complete and open transparency. In fact, this was Councilmember Brucker’s campaign theme. However, City officials did the opposite with their discussions with developers interested in leasing valuable and scarce City land in the industrial zone.

On May 16, 2007, I made a public records demand for all documents related to leasing City owned land in the industrial area to developers. After waiting a month due to City excuses, on June 18, 2007 at 3:15 p.m., I was advised that my documents were finally available. Also, on June 18, I learned that the City Council would be taking some action on the City’s industrial land at their “day-time” session on June 19.

I did not have sufficient time to review the hundreds of pages of documents received prior to the 3 p.m. Council meeting on June 19. At the meeting, I was shocked that with little public scrutiny, the council voted 4/1 to negotiate for 120 days with only ICM, a talent agency, and its unknown Novato City developer. Councilmember Krasne voted “no.”

ICM, which recently moved to Century City, now wants to ground lease all or a portion of approximately 5.5 acres of City land in the industrial zone for 55 years in order to build offices and possi-

bly mixed use. But, there has been no open bidding from qualified “local” developers to lease our land since the City failed to submit Requests for Proposal, which should be the second step in leasing public land.

Further, the City admitted on June 19 that they also failed to obtain a current appraisal for our City land desired by ICM. Since the City will likely spot zone this land to allow greater height and density, this commercial land could easily be worth more per square foot than the Robinsons May land. The Robinsons May land sold in April for \$1,444 per foot with current zoning limitations and no entitlements for greater height or greater density.

I question why our City Council agreed to negotiate exclusively with ICM for a long term ground lease on our scarce City land without first determining the current land value, the current fair market ground rent, no Requests for Proposal, and without having extensive public input. What happened to the new promises of open government?

*Larry Larson  
Beverly Hills*

## Corrections, Issue 403

In “Development talk heats up Town Hall meeting” the name of the proposed 8600 Wilshire development was incorrectly identified.

## WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?

You can write us at:  
140 South Beverly Drive #201  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

You can fax us at:  
310.887.0789

email us at:  
editor@bhweekly.com



## SNAPSHOT



Photo: Bill Phillips

AQUA MEN  
MORENO DRIVE

The Beverly High varsity boys water polo team placed second at the Los Angeles Watts Summer Games Water Polo Tournament on June 16. Pictured after receiving their silver medals are: Back Row (l - r) Coach Rob Bowie, Jonathan Pony, Micah Smith, Benji Koltai, Alex Rosenthal, George Abraham, Daniel Ilinsky; Front Row (l - r) Adam Phillips, Kevin Mead, Michael Presas, Mikey Lee, Zachary Sanns. Not Pictured: Tracy Ainslie, Christian Apt.

## Beverly Hills Weekly

Issue 404 • June 28 - July 4, 2007  
Beverly Hills Weekly Inc.

Founded: October 7, 1999  
Published Thursdays

Delivered in Beverly Hills, Beverlywood, Los Angeles

ISSN#1528-851X

www.bhweekly.com

**Publisher & CEO**  
Josh E. Gross

**Reporter**  
Abbey Hood

**Sports Editor**  
Steven Herbert

**Contributing Editor**  
Rudy Cole

**General Managers**  
Eiman Matian  
Amanda Ashouri

**Advertising Representatives**  
Diana Pourmoradi  
Rebecca Rihani

**Legal Advertising**  
Michael Saghian

140 South Beverly Drive #201  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212  
310.887.0788 phone  
310.887.0789 fax  
CNPA Member

editor@bhweekly.com  
All staff can be reached at:  
first name @bhweekly.com  
Unsolicited materials will not be returned.  
©2007 Beverly Hills Weekly Inc.



**1 year  
subscriptions  
are available.**  
Sent via US Mail  
\$75 payable in  
advance

Adjudicated as a  
newspaper of general  
circulation for the County  
of Los Angeles. Case #  
BS065841 of the Los  
Angeles Superior Court,  
on November 30, 2000.

## More Service for the Dollar

Annual budget helps measure service, addresses development and lists Santa Monica Boulevard

By Abbey Hood



Rod Wood

The Beverly Hills City Council approved the annual budget for the 2007-2008 year; the budget implements service indicators, approaches a crossover of revenues and appropriations in the General Fund and lists Santa Monica Boulevard.

City Manager Rod Wood's conversion of the budget into a program based budget is in the third year of its original five year implementation plan for the 2007- 2008 annual budget; this

year the city will refine each one of the program areas, and add service indicators to know where to allocate funds for upcoming years.

"What Rod has done is turned this budget into a very user -friendly document, and it is almost a budget for dummies type of thing," said Vice Mayor Barry Brucker. "This is so helpful, especially because we are dealing with about \$410 million worth of funding."

The first phase of Wood's plan began two years ago by taking the original budget and trying to break it down into loose programs. Previous to the implementation of Wood's plan, each department had a four line summary of the total budget: labor cost, supplies and material cost, contracts and consulting contracts and

internal service charges. That was the sum total of information available for the entire department.

"The goal of a program based budget is to provide the community with a much better sense of what services they are receiving and how much they are spending on those services, ultimately what they are getting for those expenditures," said Wood.

As the city enters the third phase for the budget, it will include a refinement for all of the program areas. What this means is that the budget will be better analyzed and will further look into the costs of the programs, ultimately allowing the public to have a better knowledge of those costs.

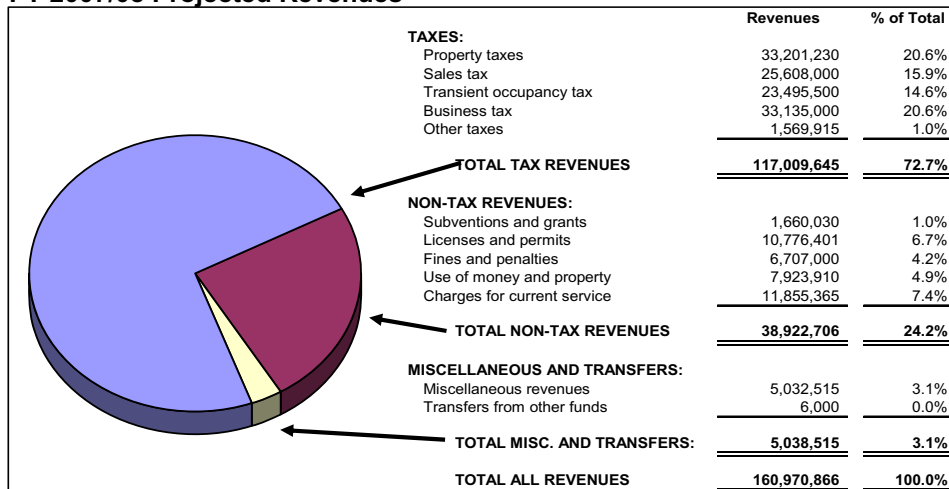
The hope is to give the City Council and community the chance to get a further look at the service versus the cost of a program, with the chance to say I would like higher service, lower service or I would like to get rid of this service.

"The goal is to help staff, councilmembers, and the community know where their money is going and what they are getting for it," said Wood. "If they make decisions to add or subtract dollars to the budget, or they make decisions to add or subtract any specific programs in the budget, they can see the consequences good and bad of those changes."

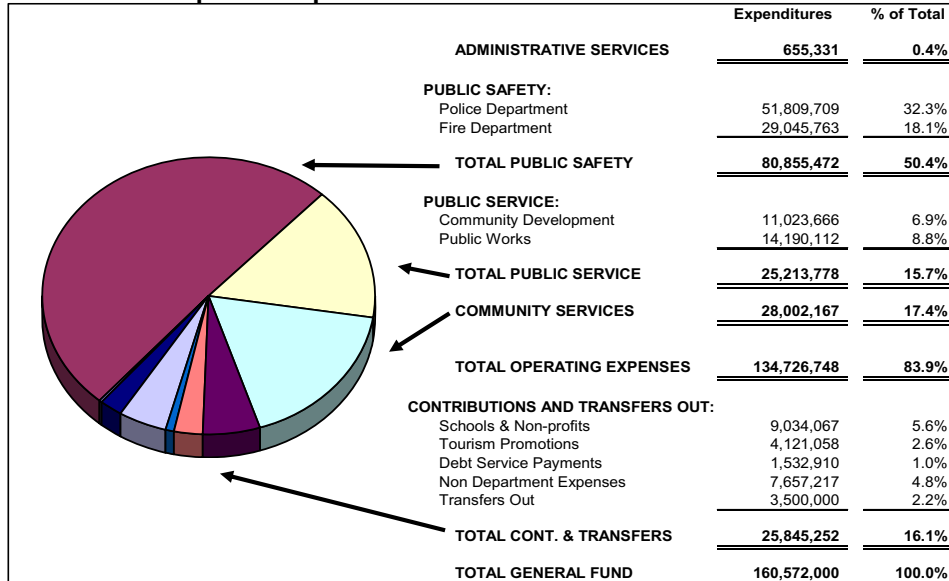
"It details pretty much the performance budget parameters of the budget or the line

## General Fund

### FY 2007/08 Projected Revenues



### FY 2007/08 Proposed Expenditures



"For example, the police department, the traffic enforcement and regular patrol program," said Miller. "There might be a captain or lieutenant over these two programs, so how much of the time is spent for the traffic enforcement program and how much time is spent for the patrol program? It is not fair to take 100 percent of the costs of that lieutenant and only put it in one of two programs, because that is not the true cost. There is a lot of refining to take place to make sure we are capturing the true costs."

An additive of support for the refinement of the program-based budget is the service indicator, used to identify the service that programs provide and the cost of these services.

"An example of a service indicator is the average time for the fire department to respond to a call, indicating that this amount of service can be either higher or lower," said Miller.

item," said Brucker. "There is no question it will better improve my decision making."

These accompaniments to the budget will allow the Council to appropriately fund the three main subdivisions: General, Enterprise and Capital Improvement funds. From here it is broken down by departments.

The General Fund, used for any municipal purpose, has an estimated revenue fund of \$161 million. The revenues are generated from sales tax, property tax, transient occupancy tax, business tax and all other taxes (fees, fines and grants), said Miller. The estimated appropriations for the general fund are \$160.6 million, resulting in a positive ending balance for the General Fund.

"While it is good to have a positive balance this means we have a small margin in the budget," said Miller. "We have talked a lot about

city & schools cont. on page 4



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
PLANNING  
455 NORTH REXFORD DRIVE  
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210-4817

310.285.1123  
310.858.5966

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE:** July 12, 2007  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM, 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 regular meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2007, will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider:

An ordinance to change the minimum front yard setback along the west side of the 800 block of Alpine Drive (between Sunset Boulevard and Lomitas Avenue) from 75-feet to 65-feet.

The Planning Commission's action regarding this project will result in a recommendation to the City Council for final action.

This project 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, and has been found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 (Class 5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the Commission.

If you challenge the Commission's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Planning Department at 310.285.1123. Copies of the applicable plans and exhibits can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Room G-40, Beverly Hills, CA. 90210.

Dated: June 25, 2007  
David Reyes  
Senior Planner

# policeblotter & arrestsummary

Arrests: KAHROBA, SHARAREH, 19, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/18/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

JARMOUNE, JULIEN DAVID, 32, of West Hollywood, arrested on 06/17/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

APKAROVA, NANA, 54, of West Hollywood, arrested on 06/17/07 for grand theft.

ARITA, DONALDO ANTONIO, 26, of Santa Monica, arrested on 06/16/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

WALKER, PAUL ATLEE III, 48, transient, arrested on 06/16/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

MIRKOVICH, PETER ANDREW, 36, of Studio City, arrested on 06/15/07 for a felony warrant.

GLADDEN, SHAUN MICHAEL, 28, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/15/07 for driving with a suspended license.

RAMOS, JOEL CASTANEDA, 46, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/14/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

SHENKER, PATRICIA ANN, 55, of Los

Angeles, arrested on 06/14/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

MANDEVILLE, JAYMEE KYUNG, 28, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/13/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

TO, LUCRECIA CHAN, 23, of San Gabriel, arrested on 06/13/07 for burglary.

JACKSON, ERIC DARNELL, 26, of Long Beach, arrested on 06/13/07 for possession of a controlled substance.

VORLICKY, MICHAEL JOHN, 18, of Sacramento, arrested on 06/13/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

DENNISON, FREEMAN PETER, 47, of El Segundo, arrested on 06/13/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

CSERNAY, ALEX JOHN, 19, of Arizona, arrested on 06/13/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

ALEXANDER, ANAND JON, 33, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 06/12/07 for fugitive from justice arrest warrant.

ZAKEN, KENERET, 40, of New York, arrested on 06/12/07 for driving with a suspended license.

WINSTON, KYLE WILLIE, 25, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/25/07 for possession of a controlled substance.

WOHL, KARI, 46, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 06/25/07 for petty theft.

MITCHELL, KENTOYA DONIELLE, 22, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/25/07 for possession of a controlled substance.

FISCH, WILLIAM DARRYL, 49, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 06/25/07 for carrying a loaded firearm in public.

GRIFFIN, RICHARD JAMES, 46, transient, arrested on 06/25/07 for felony parolee violation.

RING, SHANNON GENE, 41, of Mar Vista, arrested on 06/25/07 for robbery.

FORD, JOHN QUINLAN, 76, transient, arrested on 06/25/07 for urinating in public.

DIAS, GUSTAVO BARBOSA, 30, of Brazil, arrested on 06/24/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

FOGEL, LEON, 59, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

VIDAL, KRYSTINA MARIE, 22, of Granada Hills, arrested on 06/24/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

MILLER, ZACHARY ALEXI, 31, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

WALLACE, JAMES LOUISE, 68, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/07 for a misde-

meanor warrant.

DIAZ, LINDSEY DIANA, 24, of Redondo Beach, arrested on 06/24/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

ADERIBIGBE, FATIARITA KEMMY, 26, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

BONNES, TROY JAMES, 26, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/07 for a misdemeanor warrant.

DELEON, JOSE MIGUEL ARMAS, 26, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/23/07 for possession of marijuana less than one ounce, driving without a license and without proof of insurance.

RODAS, MARIA JOSE, 24, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/23/07 for driving without a license.

HAYWOOD, DARELL, 47, transient, arrested on 06/23/07 for public intoxication.

LINSEY, AXLE, 29, of West Hollywood, arrested on 06/23/07 for assault with a deadly weapon/none-firearm.

JACOBS, JON IAN, 64, of West Hollywood, arrested on 07/23/07 for possession of a controlled substance.

POLLOCK, WILSON MERRIT, 23, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/22/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

KLETTE-KOLTON, FLANNERY, 22, of New York, arrested on 06/22/07 for battery.

*blotter cont. on page 8*

## city & schools cont. from page 3

where our expenses will exceed our revenues. This is starting to show that we are getting very close to that point. This is because the increase of our expenses are outpacing our increases in revenues. We think there will be a crossover next fiscal year if we do not get any new revenues to the city."

Additional revenues will come from an increase in sales tax, or businesses because property tax is capped (the city is limited to the increase of property tax annually).

"I certainly believe that our objective is to never reach that crossover point," said Brucker. "With some developments that are already in the pipe line, where we will be receiving the fees which are paid right in the outset of developers, it will relax the concerns."

Brucker also stated that with projects like the Montage, the transient occupancy tax will generate greater revenues for the city. The Montage specifically could possibly start generating 19 percent t.o.t. tax, said Brucker.

"I also believe that our finance department is fiscally conservative, which is important," said Brucker. "I think if we have good sound fiscal management we will always stay on the fiscal side of the line for cash flow."

Police and fire, referred to as public safety, account for 51 percent of the dollars in the General Fund.

"Public safety has always been the highest funded department in the city," said Miller.

The Enterprise Fund is made up of five different funds: water, parking, solid waste, waste water and storm water. They total an estimated cost of revenues of \$97.9 million, and appropriations are estimated to be \$109 million.

Because the appropriations are greater than the revenues the city will use the \$20 million to \$40 million in the fund balance, said Miller.

Capital Improvement is the last area; the project expenditures are estimated at \$108,002,300. The total appropriation for 2007-2008 is \$413.2 million dollars: \$305.2 million for operations and the \$108 million for capital projects.

"On capital improvement, the whole idea is we have about \$110 million to spend on capital improvements cost, however our wish list is \$400 million," said Brucker. "That means if we had all the money in the world we would spend the \$400 million, but we don't so we put what we can afford to spend above the line."

Operations include departmental operations like providing services and keeping the city running. Capital is for projects like repaving streets, fixing alleys, remodeling the civic center- there are 30 or 40 different city projects for capital improvements, a lot funded through the fund balance account, said Miller.

There is \$500,000 listed for Santa Monica

Boulevard in the Infrastructure Fund, part of the Capital Fund. This is listed for surveys of the street, as well as street repairs and light calibrations, but not widening, said Miller. Brucker confirmed the funds are not listed to widen Santa Monica Boulevard.

"The only thing that has been earmarked with respect to the widening has been the \$50,000 consultants' fees, of which we have used about \$25,000 already," said Brucker. "That was to hire a consultant to determine whether if we widen Santa Monica it would help Santa Monica or have a negative impact."

The results of the surveys were presented to an ad-hoc committee last month.

"The \$500,000 is for the general repairs and maintenance of Santa Monica Boulevard, which was in horrible condition when we took it over from the state," said Brucker. "One has nothing to do with the other. The only commitment that was made regarding the Santa Monica widening option was to hire a consultant to give us information in his opinion if it was a good idea, how good it was, and how much will it improve drive time by implementing the widening."

## CONTACT SOLUTION LINKED TO INFECTIONS, BLINDNESS

If you or a loved one has suffered a fungal eye infection such as *acanthamoeba keratitis*,  
**YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A  
CASH SETTLEMENT.**

The FDA is investigating increasing numbers of fungal eye infections related to disposable soft contact lens solution such as ReNu solution with MoistureLoc and Complete MoisturePlus Multi Purpose Solution. Call Rolshouse & Associates toll free at 1-800-960-6327.

**Rolshouse & Associates**  
Personal Injury Attorneys

**1-800-960-6327**

Lawyers at Rolshouse & Associates practice law in Minnesota with principal offices in Burnsville, MN.

# briefs



## Group formed to recall Jack Weiss

Fifty-six homeowner groups claim Los Angeles city councilmember Jack Weiss did not make the grade in April 2006 when they evaluated the councilmember giving

him a "D." According to the associations, Weiss did not respond to his evaluation and it inevitably led to an effort amongst individuals in the associations to start a petition to recall Weiss, who've formed a website: [recalljackweiss.org](http://recalljackweiss.org).

"Beverly Hills does not know what they are up against with SunCal developers," said Kevin Singer, one of five leaders heading the campaign to recall Weiss.

Weiss, who represents the Los Angeles 5th City Council district, which surrounds Beverly Hills, was elected in 2001 and re-elected in 2005. He currently runs the development team for the 10000 Santa Monica project, adjacent to Beverly High. The "team" consists of developer SunCal Century City, representatives Latham & Watkins and Marathon Communications.

The pro-recall committee claims that Weiss has supported every large development project in his area, allowing more traffic to pollute the streets. Recall leaders also accuse Weiss of supporting the wants of developers over those of the voters. Singer said it is most likely he will disregard the concerns of the city of Beverly Hills when building the 10000 Santa Monica project.

"This is a well-oiled development team, lead by Jack Weiss," said Singer. SunCal is donating to most of the Los Angeles city councilmembers. The same lawyers, the same PR firm, the same friends of Weiss are pushing through the 10000 Santa Monica project. This project will most likely tower over Beverly Hills High School."

Weiss' press spokesperson did not return the Weekly's calls seeking comment.

## Disbanded Homeowner's Association revived

Residents residing between Beverly and Roxbury, south of Olympic, decided to resurrect the Beverly Roxbury Homeowner's Association at a meeting held June 20. After 25 years in existence, the association disbanded in the 1990s but now finds reasons to conglomerate once again on issues impacting the area.

"Issues involving our neighborhood seemed to be off the burner for a long time, but issues seem to be coming back on the burner," said former Beverly Roxbury Homeowner's Association president Phil Brown.

One issue that is most important to the residents is the proposed one-way street for Pico and Olympic. Residents are concerned about the impact the conversion would have on neighborhood streets being used as "cut throughs."

"We have our own neighborhood; the issues we are concerned about are protecting our neighborhood," said Brown. "We do not pretend to have a global view to protect the whole city. There are other people in the City Council concerned about that."

City Manger Rod Wood addressed approximately 20 residents at the meeting about traffic, development and also the communication from the city. The next general meeting is scheduled for September 26.

## BHHS Graduate begins professional baseball career

Joe Rocchio, a 2003 Beverly High graduate, began his professional baseball career with two no decisions over the past week.

In his professional debut last Thursday, Rocchio allowed two first-inning runs, then shut out the State College (Pa.) Spikes in his final three innings as the Williamsport (Pa.) Crosscutters rallied for a 3-2 victory in a Short-Season Class-A New York-Penn League at Williamsport.

Rocchio struck out five, walked one and allowed three hits, just one after the first inning and that on a bunt single.

The Crosscutters trailed 2-0 when Rocchio was relieved at the start of the fifth inning, but rallied for two runs in the sixth to spare him from a loss and won the game with a run in the ninth.

Rocchio pitched 3 1/3 innings of shutout relief in Williamsport's 2-1 loss to the Jamestown (N.Y.) Jammers Tuesday at Williamsport.

Rocchio entered the game with two outs in the top of the sixth after Justin Jacobs' sacrifice fly gave the Jammers a 2-1 lead. Rocchio induced Torre Langley to ground out to first, ending the inning and stranding Carlos Piste at second.

Rocchio allowed one hit, a two-out double by Lucas Waters in the ninth, struck out four and walked one.

Rocchio was chosen by Philadelphia in the 10th round of Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft June 8, after pitching for Cal State Northridge for four seasons.

## Two Architectural Awards Presented to the Wallis Annenberg Center

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts and Zoltan Pali received the Next LA award and Best Unbuilt Civic Building award for the design of the Annenberg.

"The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts will be a cultural centerpiece for Beverly Hills and is expected to draw local, national and international visitors," said Beverly Hills Mayor Jimmy Delshad. "Zoltan Pali and SPF are to be commended for their vision and artistry in designing a world-class performing arts center."

Zoltan Pali's new model includes a performance, education and production facili-

ty with a studio theater, classrooms and production support areas. This area will be connected by a glass encased bridge to the Goldsmith Theater, a 500-seat box theater.

"It's a special opportunity for an architect to be charged with the preservation of a national landmark building that has played such an important role in the social and cultural life of a city, and at the same time, to create a new and vibrant future for that building," said Pali.

The project's presentation board will be on public display at the Eli & Edythe Broad Art Center on June 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Doctor's Symphony to perform July 4

The Community Services Department is hosting a musical on July 4 in Roxbury Park. The Los Angeles Doctor's Symphony, conducted by Ivan Shulman, will perform a "Salute to All Americans". The outdoor concert begins at 3 p.m.

Admission is free. For more information call (310) 550-4761, or go to the Beverly



The Aviva Family and Children Services hosted the "Triumph of the Spirit" awards gala at the Beverly Wilshire Four Seasons Hotel. From left to right: Aviva Spirit of Compassion award winner, Jade Mills and Gala co-chair Councilmember Linda Briskman.

Hills' website [www.beverlyhills.org](http://www.beverlyhills.org).

## Board of Education election filing period to start July 16

The first day for candidates to file their declaration for candidacy for three available seats on the November 6 Board of Education election will begin July 16 and extend through August 10.

Anyone registered to vote in Beverly Hills and 18 years or older is eligible to run.

Call (562) 462-2748 for filing information.

# La Peer Beauty

Over 1000 Brand names

[www.lapeerbeauty.com](http://www.lapeerbeauty.com)

- Full Service Salon & Spa
- Hair Care • Skin Care
- Cosmetics • Bath Products

• Knowledgeable staff • Competitive prices  
• Open 7 days

**Beverly Hills • 8950 W. Olympic Bl.**  
Between Doheny & Robertson  
M-Sat 9-7:30/ Sun 11-6  
**(310) 859-8899**

**Miracle Mile • 6244 Wilshire**  
Wilshire & Crescent Heights  
M-Sat. 10 am- 7pm/ Sun closed  
**(323) 934-7500**

# from the hills of beverly



## The Future Is Now

The inbox at city hall is way beyond full.  
By Rudy Cole

I really can't remember a time when Beverly Hills had more activity, more development projects under review and more possible changes in the life and times of our community than now.

Part of this flurry of activity can be attributed to the continuous economic growth the country and Beverly Hills are experiencing and this has also made it possible to fund major improvements in city services and programs.

In no particular order of importance, these are some brief notes on major and minor items that will impact our lifestyle:

On the other hand, maybe this is the most important news: Under a two year plan, you may actually be able to use the bathrooms at Greystone. Major funding is included in the next two fiscal budgets for Greystone repairs, including plumbing and electrical. The reasons are not just to serve current activities and uses, but to make the mansion usable for an ambitious marketing plan.

The wish list improvement plans for Roxbury Park and the more moderate changes for La Cienega are still under review following some strong opposition by neighbors to elements of changes for Roxbury. There have been meetings with neighbors and a final recommendation from the Recreation and Parks Commission and staff should come to the council in the fall.

Clearly, Roxbury is in need of improvements, including renovation of the aging buildings and meeting rooms. What has yet to win support among residents is the possibility of bringing to Roxbury uses that were planned for the Sports Center in the Industrial Area.

The most significant addition to our cultural life will be the **Wallis Annenberg**, in the old post office building. The architects have won a second award for design plans: **Zoltan Pali** has received the prestigious AIA Next LA honor.

Although there are many development

projects now under various stages of review, the most important community changes are likely to come when the new general plan is finally adopted, something mandated by state law. For some inexplicable reasons, this critical work has fallen below the radar and is hardly ever even mentioned at council meetings.

Speaking of the council, meetings are again approaching post-midnight closings and this too reflects a far heavier than usual work load. Mayor **Jimmy Delshad** has, so far, been impressive and forceful in the wielding of his gavel, bringing the council back to reality and working toward consensus.

Good example was the adoption of the budget. Councilmembers **Frank Fenton** and **Nancy Krasne** had some issues – Fenton objected to a sidewalk improvement scheme and Krasne to the process, but with the help of Vice Mayor **Barry Brucker** a unanimous vote was recorded.

The council recently created a new commission: Health and Safety, not as an oversight body but to help communicate those areas of concern and increase public involvement. The original proposal was for seven members, but Councilmember **Linda Briskman** thought seven was too large and Krasne thought that four might be enough. Seven may be too large if the commission

was charged with votes on policy, but not when the purpose is outreach, why not seven?

The concept had the approval of both the fire and police departments.

Two major changes effecting traffic are in the pipeline: The Wilshire subway, many years from reality, and the proposal to make Olympic Boulevard and Pico limited one way streets. Fortunately, a neighborhood homeowner association is taking up arms against one-way on Olympic.

The city can block the change on Olympic, but the problem will be exacerbated if it is done west and east of us, as appears likely. Our city council reps on the association of west side communities needs to lobby our neighbors. The plan will increase not decrease traffic, deter use of the Santa Monica Freeway by some commuters and inevitably damage mobility through the southwest areas of Beverly Hills.

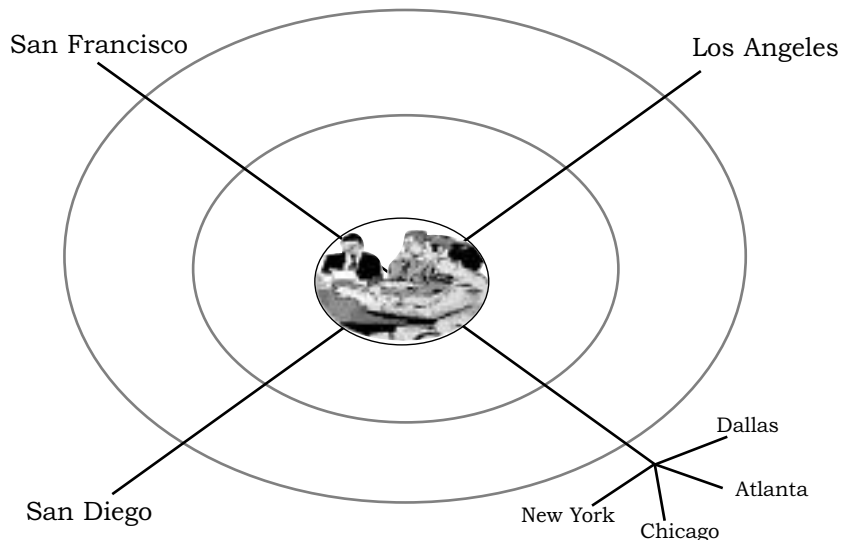
ICM, the agency that deserted us for Century City, has won a tentative competition to bring a plan for commercial use of city owned property in the Industrial Area. They have added some real estate development partners, but why more locally involved applicants weren't selected is confusing. How feasible this will be and what assurances the city will have that ICM will once again relocate are questions that need answering. Although the Sports Center plan was the original reason for the commercial elements, that too is in a big limbo.

Trying to change the name of the Industrial Area to something that reflects the migration of entertainment industry groups to that sec-

## Conference Calling

- Local Numbers Throughout California
- Reservation-based or Reservationless
- Recording Capability

**5 ¢/minute Local Access**  
**10 ¢/minute Toll Free Access**



**The Telephone Connection**  
**310-789-7900**

## THE BAGEL FACTORY

### SIMPLY THE BEST

THE BAGEL FACTORY is your neighborhood bagel bakery serving Los Angeles Westside community and the Bay Area simply baking the best bagels in the city!

THE BAGEL FACTORY features:

- 22 varieties of fresh baked bagels
- Six varieties of cream cheese both regular and lite
- 15 varieties of delicious homemade sonny's soups
- Incredible challahs every Fridays
- Muffins, sweets, premium coffees and many more
- Party platters for any occasion



### THREE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

#### Sonny's Soups.

Non-Dairy. Low Fat. No Cholesterol. Made Fresh Daily.  
Hand Cut Vegetables. Popular Varieties. Pure Filtered Water.

No Starch or Fillers.

8 oz. or 16 oz. or 32 oz..

### Made FRESH Daily

**Los Angeles**  
Cadillac at Robertson  
310.837.6046

**West Los Angeles**  
Sepulveda at National  
310.477.8460

**Torrance**  
Hawthorne at Torrance  
310.540.2077

tion of Beverly Hills that actually once did have manufacturing and a major bakery, is not working. Suggestion: Since the area also includes residential, the main post office – and that is definitely not entertaining, a tennis club, animal hospital and more, why not give it a geographic designation: Central Beverly Hills.

As for development projects, some brief comments and updates:

Although 9900 Wilshire has new owners, the project remains the same and is totally “green” with major backing from environmental groups. In fact, the condo-mixed use plans including 252 condos and 35 lofts/town houses, may actually become even more prestigious and inviting. The new owners created one of the most spectacular projects in London. This project has so far developed less opposition than most of the others under review.

Their neighbors just east added an important new ingredient to the Hilton plan: the inclusion of the historic Waldorf Astoria brand close to what was once Trader Vic’s. The Waldorf, a Hilton owned property for many years, will also create the brand in other prestigious venues around the world. The name does mean class and elegance. The Draft EIR should be ready for circulation next month with first public hearings to be held sometime in August. Somehow, Hilton has not made the city’s web site on active projects, but it is.

Harder to sell will be the Casden plan to add condos and mixed use to the Saks property and parking lot. A seven story condo-mixed use on Wilshire with 20 units, and 40

units on the adjoining lot is sure to bring opposition from nearby residents.

Closer to approval is the Legacy project at 9200 Wilshire, which had some strong backing from many immediate neighbors. These same neighbors opposed an earlier hotel plan which, although approved by the council, failed to obtain financing and was eventually sold to Legacy. Plans now are for 14,000 ground floor commercial and retail and 53 condos on six stories.

Not much has been heard from a major plan Lexus has unveiled to build a new facility on their property at 9230 Wilshire. If this could actually reduce traffic and parking problems now plaguing the neighbors of the very busy dealership and garage, it might gain resident backing.

Not yet on any project list but waiting for change is the unique building that once housed CAA at Little Santa Monica and Wilshire, the T Lot properties just west, now a Starbucks among other uses and once the home of Wilson House of Suede and the almost unused properties on the south side of Wilshire just east of the intersection.

Of course, another big elephant on the agenda is the 210,000 square foot headquarters building William Morris wants to occupy at Wilshire and Beverly Drive. First showings of the architectural design have not met with great enthusiasm and have even concerned the developers of the Montage, their immediate across the street neighbor.

Other soon to make news items: Candidates for school board will begin the filing process on July 16. At this writing, all three incumbents are planning to run and will

face a challenge from **Steven Fenton**.

Although **Mark Scott** was an outstanding city manager who had far more financial assets to make improvements, he served at a time when his talents best suited our city. Now, a very different and changing city has lucked out in having **Rod Wood** on the third floor. Sometimes it is even harder to manage when there is more, not less, money for city needs, but Wood is really very good at communicating and his meetings with resident and business groups has been very successful. He needs to do more out reach.

**LOCAL HERO:** Yes, **Rod Wood**. This is not the same city council that brought him to Beverly Hills, either in outlook or philosophy. But this new council has adopted to Wood and he to them in an almost seamless manner.

There is little similarity between **Mark**

**Egerman** and **Steve Webb**, who left the council, and **Barry Brucker** and **Nancy Krasne** – they had totally different constituencies and agendas, but Wood has brilliantly managed a city transition in a very professional manner. Come to think of it, Scott did survive the term of **Charlotte Spadaro**. Also, Gina and Rod have very much become a part of the total life of our city and that too is a new experience for the community. Gina has made her own mark with valuable service on community organizations.

*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.*

**NO EXPERIENCE?  
NO PROBLEM.**

As a driver for Schneider National we'll train you in every aspect of the job.

**Multiple Driver Opportunities:  
Over-the-Road • Western Regional • Teams**

- Company-provided CDL training for qualified candidates
- \$33,500-\$56,500 (depending on experience)
- Low-cost medical and dental insurance

**schneiderjobs.com**  
1-800-44-PRIDE • 1-800-447-7433



**SCHNEIDER  
NATIONAL**

EOE M/F/D/V

# URSULA'S COSTUMES

- Adult Costume Rentals
- Children & Adult Costumes For Sale
- Masks, Wigs, Make-up
- Fog Machine Rentals
- A Supermarket of Accessories & Costumes
- Alterations & Accessories
- Tailoring & Dressmaking



**2516 Wilshire Blvd. In Santa Monica**  
(Just West of 26th Street)  
Sales: (310) 582-8230 Rentals: (310) 582-8231



## Shaherzad Restaurant

1422 Westwood Blvd. • Los Angeles  
Tel: (310) 470-3242 Fax: (310) 474-2040

*Shaherzad is home of the old persian tradition of baking bread in the Tanour-right in front of your eyes.*

**Catering for all occasions!  
WE DELIVER!**

**Beer • Wine**

**Open 11:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m Daily**

blotter cont. from page 4

LEDERER, JONATHAN ROBERT, 27, of Encino, arrested on 06/22/07 for possession of a controlled substance.

PRUITT, LARRY DARNELL, 25, transient, arrested on 06/22/07 for indecent exposure.

NARANJO, FRANCISCO, 31, of Palmdale, arrested on 06/22/07 for presenting false information to a peace officer.

HERNANDEZ, MADELYNE M., 27, of Canoga Park, arrested on 06/22/07 for driving with a suspended license.

WOODS, PHILLIP EUGENE JR., 24, of Moreno Valley, arrested on 06/21/07 for burglary.

CAMARA, SUMTANA HABIBA, 21, of Perris, arrested on 06/21/07 for burglary.

CHI, ANDREW YONG, 24, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 06/21/07 for felony evading.

CROOK, BRIAN CHRISTOPHER, 28, of Moreno Valley, arrested on 06/21/07 for burglary.

NAVARRO-HERNANDEZ, JUAN, 24, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/21/07 for driving without a license.

GONSENHAUSER, DAVID, 23, of Los

Angeles, arrested on 06/21/07 for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

LEON, ANTHONY PETER, 22, of Agoura Hills, arrested on 06/21/07 for driving with a suspended license.

ALCANTARA, ALFREDO RIVERA, 27, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/21/07 for driving with a suspended license.

GARCIA, CARLOS R. VAQUEDANO, 19, of North Hollywood, arrested on 06/21/07 for driving without a license.

MOUSAVI, REZA SAYED, 23, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/21/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

BURK, JOSEPH WYATT, 27, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/20/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

ORTEGA, ALEJANDRO DELACRUZ, 39, of Culver City, arrested on 06/20/07 for driving with a suspended license.

GATICA, ALEJANDRO SANCHEZM 34, of Panorama City, arrested on 06/20/07 for driving without a license.

GUBBA, RONALD ALEC, 46, of Whittier, arrested on 06/20/07 for a felony warrant.

NICKELL, MATTHEW ROBERT, 41, of Whittier, arrested on 06/20/07 for felony parolee violation.

arrested on 06/20/07 for robbery.

CHAMORRO, ERNESTO JOSE. 48, of Gardena, arrested on 06/20/07 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

ROMERO, JUAN, 25, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/20/07 for robbery.

CANO, JESSICA, 20, of Los Angeles,

AVALOS, JORGE, 21, of Los Angeles,

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION



# Begin Your Future Today

It has been called "the greatest entry level job in California" —and for good reason. Our officers earn a great salary, and a retirement package you just can't find in private industry. We even pay you to attend our state-of-the-art academy. There has never been a better time to join. We're the largest law enforcement agency in California, and we're growing. So apply today, and discover why thousands of men and women are proud to wear our uniform.

[cdcr.ca.gov/jobs](http://cdcr.ca.gov/jobs)  
1-866-232-JOBS



## The Real Cause of Many Headaches May Not Be In The Head After All

*Find Out What Many Doctors, Drug Companies and Hospitals Don't Want You to Know...*

If you suffer from headaches and are currently taking medication to alleviate your pain, then you need to call the Headaches Sufferer's Hotline and discover what your doctor may not know about the real cause of most headaches. Learn what medical studies have proven to be the most effective headache treatment to

date. And the best of all is that this treatment doesn't involve taking any pills or surgery of any kind! To hear the truth about headaches most drug companies don't want you to know, call the...

Toll-Free 24 Hour Recorded Message At 1-800-475-6702

## Purity You Can Trust.

When your family's health is foremost, you can rely on YOSEMITE WATERS to provide quality drinking water. Enjoy good tasting water that is completely free of chemicals, unfriendly bacteria like cryptosporidium and unwanted matter such as lead, which is found in most household plumbing systems.



**YOSEMITE WATERS...**  
Convenient, Reliable & Affordable.

*We're the purity you can trust!*

## Purity You Can Trust.



1-800-427-8420

**YOSEMITE WATERS**  
BOTTLED DRINKING WATER



# coverstory

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE DOHENY FAMILY?

The Weekly tracks down one of the city's most famous families - - 80 years after the city's most famous murder

By Abbey Hood

Edward L. Doheny, oil tycoon started construction on the famous 55 room Greystone mansion for their son Ned, his wife Lucy and their five children in 1927. Ned was only able to live in it for a few months before he was shot and killed by his assistant Hugh Plunkett.

The Doheny murder made headlines on every newspaper throughout the world, and is still discussed today. Lucy later remarried Leigh Battson, raised her children in Greystone and sold the mansion in 1955. After the sale, it housed the American Film Institute for many years and was later bought by the City of Beverly Hills.

Almost eighty years later the Weekly has tracked down Ned's five children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. This is their stories.



**Michael Niven**  
**Son of Lucy Doheny Niven**  
**Washington**  
**G and N Management Inc.**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

"My grandmother [Lucy Smith Doheny Battson] was five feet one inch with a size two shoe and was one of the most powerful women around," said Michael Niven. "Everyone was scared of her, but she was dynamite and

a wonderful grandmother."

Lucy gave Michael his first car at age 14. It was an English Mayflower from Lucy's garage at Greystone. Michael learned to drive in what was known as the Doheny Ranch, now Trousdale Estates. This was the Doheny cousins' "playground," said Michael.

Growing up on Doheny Road was special for Michael, he said. His mother built the house shortly after his birth and never moved. Michael left to attend Cate School in Carpinteria. After, he moved to Connecticut for Trinity College, and back to Los Angeles to get his MBA at the University of Southern California.

Like that of his long ancestral line, Michael was supposed to go into the oil business, but fate changed his course. Michael began working at Union Oil at the age of 15. He graduated USC planning on going straight to Union, but the leaders at the oil company said too many Dohenys worked in oil and there was too much nepotism.

Michael had to figure out another plan. It was 1967, and Michael opened up a real estate firm, which he still runs today. The firm, located at 136 El Camino, is in a building still owned by the Doheny family. On most occasions, Michael said he runs into his uncles Pat and Tim in the office.

Spending much of his childhood at Greystone, Michael does not go back to the mansion too often. It is too painful, he said.

"For a long time it was hard for us to go back," said Michael. "When my grandmother had it, she was one of the all-time perfectionists. It is not that we don't have fond memories of it but it is hard to look at it in its present state. You could not expect it to be in the state my grandmother left it- the TLC that went into that place was unbelievable."

Michael's 91-year-old mother Lucy Washington still likes to tour the mansion.

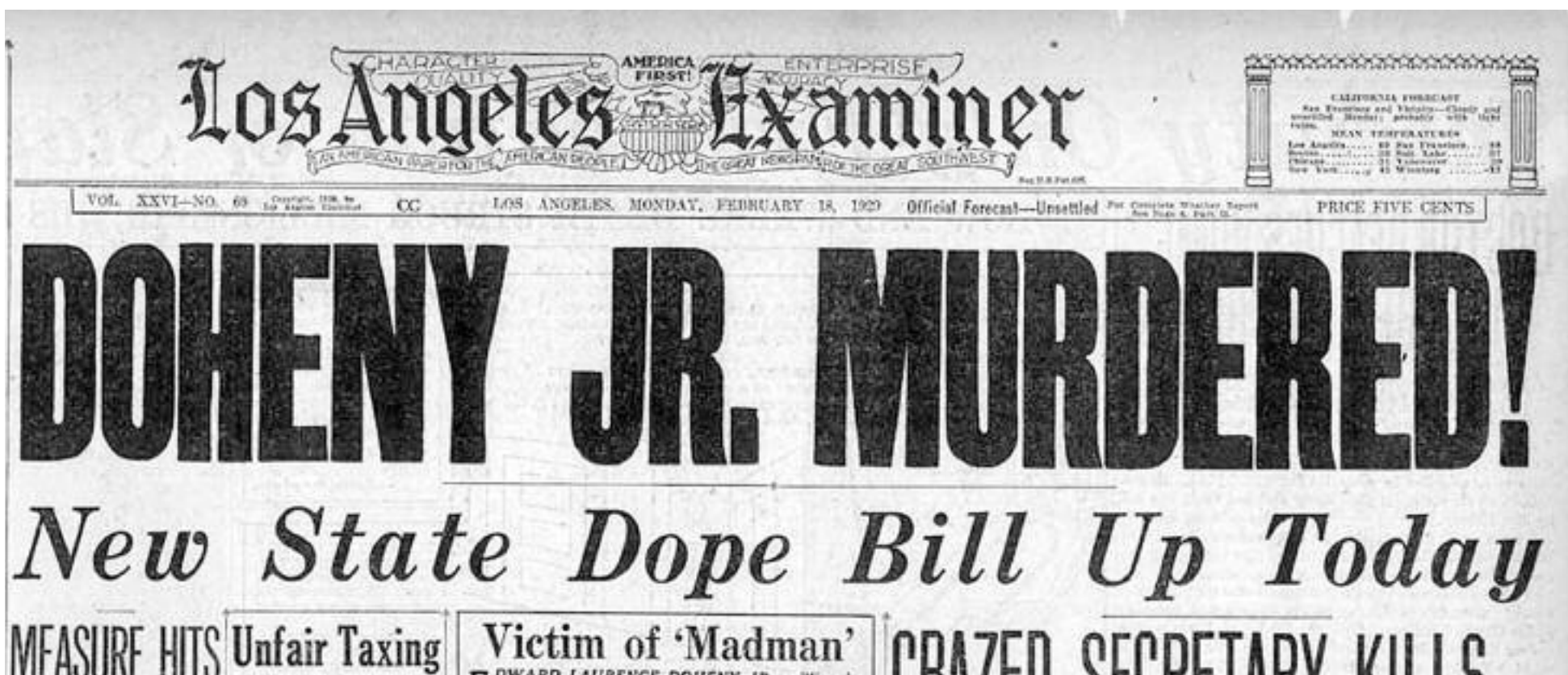
"Mom does go back on a fairly regular basis," said Michael. "She can walk but that is a long walk, so they will put her in a wheelchair and take her around. Everyone awes over her because she is one of the original people who lived there."



**Larry Niven**  
**Son of Lucy Doheny Niven**  
**Washington**  
**Science Fiction Author**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

How many Doheny men can say they believe the Soviet Union was taken out at their house? One: Larry Niven, an acclaimed science fiction writer in the Los Angeles area.

One of the greatest accomplishments of his life, according to Niven, is the collaboration that took place at his house in Tarzana. Various people associated with the space organization congregated at Niven's, where it was decided rockets and computers had gotten dependable enough that it was plausible to fire an antimis-



sile at a missile and count on the antimissile destroying the missile, said Larry.

With that they decided to build a fleet of antimissiles to stop an invasion, instead of MAD- mutual assured destruction. This worked its way into Ronald Reagan's ideas and speeches and eventually drove the Soviet Union bankrupt, said Larry.

The ingenuity of Larry began at an early age in his home in Los Angeles. As a boy, Larry preferred to spend his time reading books over athletics.

"I was a very lonely kid," said Larry. The solidarity of Larry was eased by the two summers spent at Greystone when he was 6-years-old and 7-years-old, and the endless days spent at the Greystone swimming pool he and his siblings played in.

For high school, Larry left for Cate Boarding School in Carpenteria. He graduated second in his class. It would only seem normal for the "bright" student to go to Cal Tech to study mathematics.

But it was not so simple.

While at Cal Tech, Larry had a nervous breakdown. His family decided to send him to the Karl Menninger Institute in Topeka, Kansas. Larry transferred to Washburn University, where he finished his degree in mathematics and minored in psychology.

Kansas was not for Larry, he missed his family, so he returned home to L.A. At this time, Larry was at a crossroad in his life, he did not know what to do, so he followed his passion: writing.

A science fiction reader since the age of 10, Larry did not want to write anything else. After only one year, Larry's first short story was purchased. Forty years later, Larry has over 60 books published, including *Ringworld* and *The Draco Tavern*.

"Being a Doheny did not influence my writing, but being a citizen of Los Angeles worked its way into my stories," said Larry Niven. "Who I am does not matter. I let the story speak for itself."



**Patrick McCoy**  
**Son of Kacey Doheny McCoy**  
**McCoy Construction**  
**Santa Barbara, CA**

Patrick, named after his grandfather, Patrick Doheny, is not as easily recognized to be a Doheny. His last name is different, his family talks about the legacy but not often. He said he probably has seen the Greystone mansion more times in movies than in real life.

"It is nice to be able to fly under the radar screen

sometimes," said Patrick.

Contrary to public belief, being a Doheny is not like being a Kennedy for Patrick. Most of the people Patrick meets do not know about his involvement with the famous family, he prefers Santa Barbara over Beverly Hills, and is usually only recognized as a Doheny when someone notices his middle name, "Doheny."

Aside from sharing his grandfather's name, Patrick followed in his grandfather's footsteps by attending Cate School, the boarding school his grandfather and several cousins attended. The legacy of the Doheny men attending Cate appealed to Patrick and the school had a surf team -so this California surfer did not second guess it, he said.

After high school, Patrick did not gravitate immediately to a Los Angeles university, as some of his family did, instead he migrated east: Bowdoin College in Maine. After graduating in 1993 with a double major in German and Spanish, Patrick returned to Los Angeles to get a MBA from the University of Southern California.

Patrick chose USC not because his great-grandfather Ned has a library there named after him, but because it had a night school program. At the time Patrick was working for the Spanish television station Univision- he needed to be able to work and attend school.

For the past 10 years, Patrick has been working for his father's construction company, McCoy Construction. Instead of working at the Beverly Hills' office, Patrick works at the Santa Barbara and Montecito offices, because a job site required Patrick to move there. He hopes to stay in the area after the job is complete with his wife and 1-year-old daughter.

Patrick visits his family in Beverly Hills on occasion, he said. He enjoys meeting his grandfather for lunch. The mansion, the story, the legacy, are not what Patrick remembers as his childhood memories; the Doheny story is a memoir of history.



**Shane McCoy**  
**Daughter of Kacey Doheny McCoy**  
**Senior Associate Editor:**  
**Architectural Digest**  
**Venice, CA**

The last time Shane McCoy went to the Greystone Mansion she was working. Literally.

McCoy, a senior associate editor at Architectural

Digest, went to the Greystone Mansion with her then employer Distinction Magazine to oversee a panel of speakers. The speakers re-designed the interior of Greystone. Shane sat back and listened without saying a word as to who she was, nor did she offer her connection to the mansion.

"I did not think it was relevant," said Shane. Shane does not know what the mansion looked like in its heyday. But, Shane did know her great-grandmother, who would very well know what Greystone looked like because she raised Shane's grandfather and his four siblings in the house.

"My great-grandmother[Lucy Smith Doheny Battson] was the matriarch of the family," said Shane.

Shane said her grandmother's strong sense of family kept them together. After her death, Shane said the family does not get together as often, but still remains very close.

The family name came up when she was little, said Shane. She went to the same high school, Marlborough, as her mother and grandmother, so there was always a strong "sense of tradition" in her childhood, said Shane. In school, everyone knew her name.

Shane wanted new perspectives, she dreamed of going to a place where no-one would know who she was; she found solace in Connecticut College. After graduation, Shane worked as an editorial assistant for Vanity Fair in Los Angeles and an editorial associate for Vanity Fair in New York.

Her adornment for beautiful architecture is rooted in her childhood and adolescence, she said. The Greystone mansion, her father's employment with Sotheby's and love for design exposed Shane to antiques and artwork throughout her life.

Shane returned to Los Angeles, and resides in Venice. Her parents Kacey and Peter McCoy and grandfather Patrick Doheny still live in Beverly Hills. Shane said she often sees her Uncle Will's kids, Ryan Doheny and Sean Doheny around Los Angeles.

"Los Angeles is my home," said Shane.

The Doheny's have instilled in Shane the philanthropy tradition, set forth by her great-grandmother Carrie-Estelle Doheny. Carrie Estelle, married to Edward Doheny, suffered a hemorrhage in her left eye on her 69th birthday in 1944, shortly after her eye began to develop glaucoma. Carrie Estelle studied the disease to learn there was no cure or eye bank in Los Angeles, causing her to found the Estelle Doheny Eye Foundation.

Shane is a member of CHIPS, and a volunteer in Venice. Shane was one of the co-chairs for Save Venice in Venice, Italy.



**Ryan Doheny**  
**Grandson of Edward Doheny III**  
**CEO NatricaUSA**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

"Being a Doheny is interesting," said Ryan Doheny. "It has got its ups and downs; people sometimes have an opinion of you that is not accurate. They think you are some snobby loaded person. It helps sometimes and it hinders sometimes."

It helps in real estate, said Ryan. After graduating from the University of Southern California in 1995, Ryan started working in residential real estate in the Los Angeles County. He never left the area.

"Everyone here knows your name," said Ryan.

But, there are drawbacks. The hindrance, Ryan mentioned earlier comes from those looking to take advantage of the family legacy, he said.

"People might not like you because of your name, there are people looking to take advantage of you," said Ryan.

Fortunately, for Ryan he said this has not been his story. Growing up in Los Angeles, he attended Loyola High School, and maintained the same friends as he entered his early adulthood at USC.

"I cannot imagine not having a solid group of friends," said Doheny. "Trying to go out and make friends, people will just try to rape you over the coal."

After graduating USC in 1995, Ryan transitioned from real estate to business. That Doheny entrepreneurial backbone drove Ryan to start Natrica USA, a nutraceutical company. This September, Ryan is launching an all natural antacid, AXIA3, that will be available in Walgreen's across the Midwest.

This Doheny legacy, Ryan may not have ever known if it was not for one person: Diane Doheny, he said. At only 1-years-old, Ryan's father Edward Doheny IV died. His sister, Diane "Dee Dee" Doheny, kept the family together. Ryan talks to Dee Dee's children Diane and Randy frequently.

"I talk to Randy all the time," said Ryan. "I also talk to Diane; our kids go to the same school, St. Martin's."

After his father's death, Ryan and his brother Edward V would visit the mansion frequently, but Ryan said it was not a big part of his childhood.

"I did not grow up there," said Ryan. "It is a dark place for my family. But the grounds are awesome."

Ryan does take his 5-year-old son Aidan and 2-year-old daughter Kyli to the famous Greystone mansion that his family occupied several decades ago.

“It is fun to take friends there now, it has this spooky feeling because it’s haunted,” said Ryan. “I have met rangers there that swear it’s haunted.”

## William Doheny Jr. Son of William Doheny Doheny Asset Management Los Angeles, CA

William Doheny Jr. grew up knowing about his family’s fortune but never thought he would one day be running everyone else’s.

William, a Navy Vietnam veteran, and Stanford alumnus, said he never dreamed he would be in asset management, certainly not for 32 years. Now William’s company Doheny Asset Management in Los Angeles runs about \$400 million.

His success is not because of his family’s name.

“I do not think being a Doheny helped me or hindered me,” said William.

Growing up William was quite aware of his family and the impact the family had in Beverly Hills.

“We used to go to Greystone when we were little,” said William Jr. “This was before Henry Crown bought it. My grandparents were living in it at the time. My father grew up there.”

William said his family would go to the mansion to visit his grandmother Lucy Smith Doheny Battson and step-grandfather Leigh Battson at Greystone every Christmas and every Easter.

“It seemed big,” said William Doheny.

Big it was, to the little boy who grew up in Bel Air, attended boarding school at Webb, graduated from Stanford ( like his father) and served in the navy in Vietnam for a year and a half.

Upon his return, William decided to start law school. He enrolled in Loyola Law School, graduated, and passed the bar but decided law was not for him.

William moved to New York for a year, but returned to Los Angeles.

“My family is here [Los Angeles],” said William. “I like it here.”

William stayed, raised his three children, and feels connected to the city because as he said, his great-grandfather and his grandfather’s partner Burton Green helped build Beverly Hills.

“When you get your name on streets people know who you are,” said William.

## Dennis Doheny Son of Timothy Doheny Landscape Artist Santa Barbara, CA

Dennis Doheny has never been to Greystone; in fact, his wife Connie and daughter Christina have probably been there more times than he has, he said.

“It was not really a big deal growing up,” said Dennis, who attended Palisades High. “I am not the most knowledgeable about the history.”

Dennis’s father Timothy, the youngest of the original five Dohenys, was a cattle rancher in Santa Barbara during Dennis’s childhood. They did not speak about the family history, Greystone or the Doheny Legacy often.

Timothy exposed Dennis to a myriad of outdoor activities, igniting Dennis to explore the outdoors further. After high school, Dennis chose to follow his love for the outdoors and his love for painting in Santa Barbara for its “slower pace of life,” he said.

While in Santa Barbara, Dennis began his artwork, focusing on landscape art.

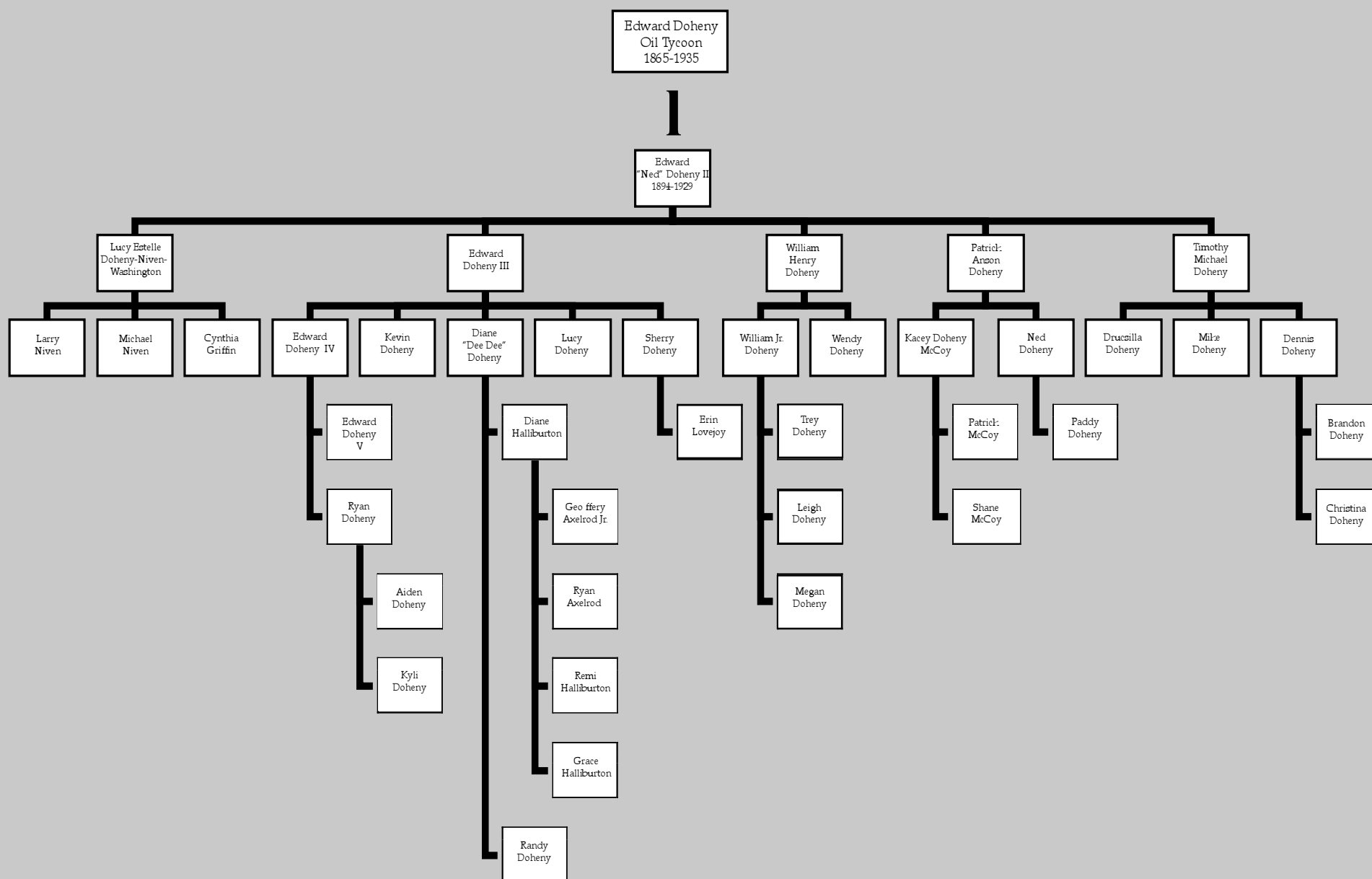
“I have always been interested in Western art,” said Dennis.

The art work of Dennis has been quite successful, showing at Western regional art museums such as Autry National Center. In Beverly Hills, Dennis’s work shows at the William Karges gallery in Beverly Hills.

And that is about the only connection Dennis feels to Beverly Hills.

“No, I don’t feel connected to the city,” said Dennis.

# The Doheny Family Tree



# Backdraft Ball- June 6

## Beverly Hilton

Photos: Maxine Picard



Rita & Charles Brucker



David & Dev Hankin



Councilmember Frank Fenton & Judie Fenton



Lt. Miles (Ret.) Lee & Brian Rosenstein



Mayor Jimmy Delshad & City Councilmember Nancy Krasne



Merrill Reed, Sallie Reed, Firefighter Kevin Reed, Sue Reed & Jason Reed



Mitchell & Bobbe Joy Dawson



Beverly Hills Firemen's Association Board of Directors: David Perusse, President Capt. Craig Reinhardt, Capt. Dennis Andrews, JR Berardinelli (Ryan Sinutko not pictured)



Dr. Lad & Rosalie Rubaum



Sheldon Slaten & Phyllis Parvin



Dr. Mark & Marilyn Weiss



Steven Fenton & Andrea Left, Dina Rezvanipour & Josh Gross

# *the* **BEVERLY HILTON™** REVITALIZATION PLAN



## **Creating 4.5 acres of open space and gardens**

The Beverly Hilton Revitalization Plan will replace outdated concrete structures with more open space and gardens – and with new luxury buildings that reflect the character of Beverly Hills. The plan will also beautify the property by adding new public gardens for Beverly Hills residents to enjoy, as well as landscaping and sculptures along Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards.

## **Resulting in 50 fewer hotel rooms on the property**

The plan will remove many aging Beverly Hilton hotel rooms from around the property and replace them with luxury rooms in a new five-star Waldorf=Astoria hotel building – resulting in 50 fewer hotel rooms on the property.

## **Using the latest in environmentally friendly technology**

The plan will be designed to achieve the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® certification for sustainability. To qualify for this prestigious status, The Beverly Hilton will significantly increase green space on the property and use the latest environmentally friendly technology for building and operations.

## **Providing traffic improvements to reduce congestion at Wilshire & Santa Monica Boulevards**

The Beverly Hilton Revitalization Plan will provide over \$5 million in major traffic improvements paid for by The Beverly Hilton to reduce congestion at Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards.

## **Doubling annual tax payments from The Beverly Hilton to \$12 million**

After the revitalization plan is complete, The Beverly Hilton's annual tax payment will more than double to over \$12 million.

*the*  
**BEVERLY HILTON™**

  
WALDORF=ASTORIA  
BEVERLY HILLS

[WWW.REVITALIZEBEVERLYHILTON.COM](http://WWW.REVITALIZEBEVERLYHILTON.COM)























# CAN YOU TURN YOUR \$1 MILLION IRA INTO \$10 MILLION?

---

*If you are over 70 and have accumulated more money in your IRAs and Pensions than you need to live on, Alan Kaye can show you how to create more money for your heirs and favorite charities than you ever anticipated!*

---

At age 70½, people who have IRAs, Pensions and 401k plans are required to take minimum annual distributions that are subject to ordinary income tax. If you don't spend or give that money away, it could be subject to estate taxes as well. After income and estate taxes, those in the high-est brackets could be leaving their families less than 1/3 of what they anticipated.

*Why bother to make "wise" investments when it is likely that more than half of your accumulated wealth will go to the government instead of your family?*

#### **Simple Solutions!**

If you have a large amount of money in your IRA, you can gift your annual distribution to your family, using that money to buy a life insurance policy that would create tax-free money for your heirs. In many cases, using the money to buy life insurance could give your heirs more than they would receive after-tax, by continuing to accumulate the funds in their retirement plans.

Assuming that your retirement plan earns a return of 5% annually, you could withdraw that amount without diminishing the principal. One client with a \$1million IRA used his annual distribution to buy \$3 million of life insurance to benefit his family. If he doesn't spend the principal, his plan is to leave the balance of his IRA to his own charitable foundation.

Under current law, without life insurance, his \$1million IRA would have to grow to more than \$10 million, so that after income and estate taxes, his family could get the same \$3 million that life insurance would pay tax-free. What's more, he can now leave more money to charity than he ever expected to.

Why wait for your \$1 million retirement plan to grow to \$10 million? As president of the Alan Kaye Insurance Agency and vice president of Barry Kaye Associates, Alan Kaye has helped thousands of people meet their goals by creating insurance plans that best satisfy their needs.

**If you are over 70 years old and not maximizing the use of your assets, find out how life insurance can provide you with the opportunity to leave more tax-free money for both your heirs and charities. Call for a free consultation and be sure to ask when Alan Kaye's next free seminar will be held in your area.**

**800.662.LIFE (5433)**

[www.alankayeins.com](http://www.alankayeins.com)

**Alan Kaye  
Insurance Agency, Inc.**

Associate of Barry Kaye Associates

AN  COMPANY



Alan L. Kaye, CLU, ChFC  
President