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## Judge Denies Stern's Request For Preliminary Injunction

After resigning as Beverly Vista Principal, Irene Stern takes BHUSD to court attempting to rescind her resignation.

By Kari Hamanaka



Irene Stern

A Santa Monica judge denied former Beverly Vista Principal Irene Stern's order for a preliminary injunction last Thursday. If granted, the injunction would have compelled the Beverly Hills Unified

School District to view Stern as a school employee for the rest of the court proceedings.

"Mrs. Stern brought an order to show cause for a preliminary injunction which sought to enjoin our school district from treating her as if she had resigned or retired from the district," said Board of Education President

Myra Lurie.

Among the evidence used in the court hearing, was a copy of Stern's resignation letter, which did not support her cause for the injunction.

"If the district does have a board adopted policy that allows a particular individual, which is typically the superintendent or designee, to accept the resignation, then, once proffered, and accepted by the designated school official, the employee does not have the privilege of withdrawing it," said Margaret A. Chidester an Irvine-based lawyer specializing in education law.

Chidester does not represent either side in the Stern case.

As per the BHUSD's policy, an employee who submits a letter of resignation may not withdraw the letter if the resignation specifies the employee's final day with the district and



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is accepted by a designated individual from the school district.

According to Lurie, Stern did in fact submit her resignation to former superintendent Jeff Hubbard.

In addition, the resignation noted the day her employment status with the district would end.

Lurie said she could not comment further because these were confidential personnel matters.

"If the district has such a policy and the employee proffers the resignation and the

district indicates that it has been accepted, the courts give the employee credit for being an intelligent, serious individual who has made this decision on their own volition," Chidester said. "Thus, the district should not have to wait to see if the employee changes his or her mind."

When Stern decided to withdraw the resignation, the school district denied her ability to do so on grounds that it was against district policy.

"By virtue of the fact that the policy is duly

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## police blotter & arrest summary

City of Beverly Hills  
Week of: July 18, 2006

*The Beverly Hills Weekly receives the information that appears below from the Beverly Hills Police Department. This information is released each week to the public. We assume no responsibility for any errors or omission in the police blotter.*

### Robbery:

Occurred between 2250 and 2251 on 07/14/06 in the 8900 block of Olympic Blvd. Suspect #1: Male Hispanic, early 20's, 5'3", 170 lbs., black hair. No further description. Suspect #2: Male Hispanic, early 20's, 5'7", 140 lbs., black hair. No further description. Suspect #3: Male Hispanic, early 20's, 5'7", 140 lbs., black hair. No further description. Suspects approached the victim and punched/kicked him while holding him against the wall. Suspects forcibly removed victim's property and fled the location. Loss: 5.00

Occurred between 2250 and 2255 on 07/14/06 in the 300 block of Spalding Drive. Suspect #1: Male Black, 18-20, 5'8". No further description. Suspect #2: Male Black,

18-20, 5'8". No further description. Suspects approached the victim from behind. Suspects grabbed and hit the victim and demanded money. Suspects fled the location with victim's property. Loss: Unknown

### Burglary:

Occurred between 1004 and 1014 on 07/17/06 in the 900 block of North Foothill Road. Suspect: Male Black, 32, 6'3", 160 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Suspect entered the victim's location via a window. Suspect fled the location when he was confronted by the victim. Suspect was later arrested.

Occurred at 2300 on 07/15/06 and 1500 on 07/16/06 in the 8900 block of West Olympic Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect(s) removed property and fled the location undetected. Loss: \$486

Occurred between 1650 on 07/12/06 and 0323 on 07/13/06 in the 400 block of South Robertson Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked location and broke through the drywall to gain access to another location. Suspect(s) fled the location when

the alarm was activated. Loss: Unknown

Occurred between 0800 and 1335 on 07/11/06 in the 200 block of South Doheny Drive. Suspect: Male Black, 36, 6'2", 180 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Suspect entered the unsecured location and attempted to gain entry to a closet. Suspect fled when the victim returned to the location.

Occurred between 1930 on 07/10/06 and 0835 on 07/11/06 in the 8900 block of West Olympic Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect removed a cash register and fled the location undetected. Loss: \$950

### Grand Theft:

Occurred between 1450 and 1510 on 07/15/06 in the 400 block of North Bedford Drive. Suspect: Female Black, 33-37, 6'1"+, 150 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Suspect removed merchandise from the location and exited the store without paying for the merchandise. Loss: \$425

### Battery:

Occurred at 1800 on 07/16/06 on Crescent Drive North of Lexington. Suspect #1: Male Juvenile. Suspect #2: Male Juvenile. Suspects chased the victim from the location and then punched him multiple times when they caught him. The victim then escaped and fled the location.

Occurred at 2210 on 07/15/06 in the 9700 block of Newman Street. Suspect: Female

Hispanic, 27, 5'5", 140 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. The victim and suspect were engaged in an argument. The suspect struck the victim multiple times while using her keys as a weapon. Suspect fled the location.

### Identity Theft:

Occurred between 1200 on 04/24/06 and 1830 on 07/12/06 in the 100 block of North Arnaz Drive. Unknown suspect(s) used victim's name and credit card information to open up several false accounts via the computer to obtain goods and services.

### Arrests:

TUCKER, SAMUEL, 53, of unknown location, arrested on 07/17/06 for carjacking.

EVANS, QUELLER LOVE, 32, transient, arrested on 07/17/06 for burglary.

KRANTZ, DEBORAH MARIE, 33, of Alhambra, arrested on 07/17/06 for a felony warrant.

WATSON, JEROME ANDRE, 30, of West Hollywood, arrested on 07/17/06 for driving with a suspended license.

WILLIAMS, PORSCHE RENE, 18, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/7/06 for a misdemeanor warrant.

TORRES, GIOVANNI, 24, of Van Nuys, arrested on 07/17/06 for driving without a license.

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adopted and is public information, the employee has knowledge as to how his or her resignation will be treated when it is offered," Chidester said.

Stern told the *Weekly* that she would not be available for comment until the court proceedings end.

Stern is being represented by lawyer Stuart D. Adams who was in court and unavailable to comment in time for the *Weekly's* deadline.

The school district is being represented by Gibeaut, Mahan & Briscoe. Arguing on the district's behalf last Thursday, was Lisa J. Brown. Another attorney, Gary R. Gibeaut also worked on the case, but did not appear in court last Thursday.

A case similar to Stern's involving a former employee of the Pasadena Unified School District wanting to rescind a letter of resignation, occurred in the 1980s. The case involving Pasadena Unified was heard before a court of appeals, and the final decision supported the proposition that if the board policy explicitly states a letter may not be withdrawn according to specified conditions (such as the superintendent accepting the resignation), then the letter finalizes an individual's employment status with the district unless district officials decide to do otherwise.

Arguments for the preliminary injunction Stern sought were heard before Superior Court Judge John L. Segal.

The decision is only the beginning of a legal matter that stemmed nearly six months ago when Stern announced her decision to

leave Beverly Vista School.

To the surprise of some former colleagues, Stern announced her decision to leave on Feb. 16 to a group of Beverly Vista administration and faculty.

She served as the Beverly Vista principal for eight years, and helped the K-8 school receive its distinction as a Blue Ribbon School.

Following her retirement announcement, some Beverly Vista teachers alleged Stern had been forced to retire by the district.

Former superintendent Jeff Hubbard denied such allegations to the *Weekly* [issue #334] saying, "It was Irene's decision and we are incredibly grateful for her many, many years of wonderful service to the district."

Allegations that Stern was forced to leave were supported with the fact that she had not been asked to return to Beverly Vista as principal next year after being asked whether she planned to retire.

Instead of going back to Beverly Vista as principal in the fall, she was offered a position as Director of the Adult School.

The move to the Adult School would have ended Stern's career at Beverly Vista which has spanned more than 30 years.

Stern began as a parent substitute teacher at Beverly Vista when her son was a student at the school. She eventually moved on to become a permanent, faculty member teaching middle school social studies.

Stern's last day at Beverly Vista was last Friday. The school's former assistant principal Erik Warren, is the school's new principal.

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PANYAGUA, ROBERT JR., 19, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 07/16/06 for criminal threats.

PAYNE, ERIC ROBERT, 58, of Burbank, arrested on 07/15/06 for driving without a license.

SANDOVAL, JOSE GIOVANNY, 25, of North Hills, arrested on 07/16/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

JOHN, DAVID, 38, of Nevada, arrested on 07/16/06 for willful cruelty to child.

MELLENDEZ, JUAN ALBERTO, 36, of San Bernardino, arrested on 07/16/06 for a misdemeanor warrant.

ROSAS-RIVERA, MUCIO, 23, of North Hollywood, arrested on 07/16/06 for driving without a license.

HAMMOCK, CONSTANCE, 31, of Sherman Oaks, arrested on 07/16/06 for driving with a suspended license.

JEN, HELEN CHIH HSIEN, 27, of South Pasadena, arrested on 07/15/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

GANZONI, NICOLA NUOT, 40, of Venice, arrested on 07/15/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

PUERTO-LOPEZ, LUIS ALBERTO, 23, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/15/06 for driving without a license.

FARFAN, MIGUEL MARTINES, 42, of San Fernando, arrested on 07/15/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

FARFAN, ARACELI, 39, of San Fernando, arrested on 07/15/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

CRUZ, ELEAZAR JOSE, 35, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/15/06 for driving without a license.

ROBINSON, DARYL ISAAC, 24, of Riverside, arrested on 07/15/06 for driving with a suspended license.

LORENZO, NESTOR GABRIEL, 24, of Anaheim, arrested on 07/15/06 for driving without a license.

BRUNSON, HANCEFORD LYNN, 37, of North Hollywood, arrested on 07/14/06 for driving without a license.

SCHLESINGER, DAVID JAMES, 33, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/14/06 for possession of a controlled substance.

GUTIERREZ, NEYDA MARI-BEL, 24, of Bell Gardens, arrested on 07/13/06 for a misdemeanor warrant.

BURGETTE, ROBERT ISIAH, 38, of North Hills, arrested on 07/13/06 for

driving with a suspended license.

MALE JUVENILE, 16, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/13/06 for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

HABIBI, HOUSHANG DAVID, 50, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/13/06 for battery.

FEMALE JUVENILE, 17, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/13/06 for possession of concentrated cannabis.

MALE JUVENILE, 15, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 07/13/06 for sell/furnishing of marijuana/hashish.

MALE JUVENILE, 14, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 07/13/06 for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

GUERRA, DANIEL GUERRERO, 35, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/12/06 for driving without a license.

WHITE, RICHARDO M., 37, of unknown location, arrested on 07/12/06 for driving with a suspended license.

NIKKAH, EDWARD SAL, 37, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/12/06 for a misdemeanor warrant.

EPHRIAM, DESHAWN DENISE, 41, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/12/06 for burglary.

REGINO, SERGIO, 36, of Inglewood, arrested on 07/11/06 for driving with a suspended license.

HALL, GEORGE ENOCH, 36, transient, arrested on 07/11/06 for burglary.

REYEZ, GOMEZ, JUAN MANUEL, 30, of Hawthorne, arrested on 07/11/06 for driving without a license.

NADERI, BIJAN, 56, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 07/11/06 for violation of court order.

**City of Beverly Hills**  
**Week of: July 11, 2006**

**Forgery:**

Occurred between 0100 on 05/19/06 and 1200 on 06/14/06 in the 9100 block of Wilshire Blvd. Suspect: Male Black, 45, 5'11", 225 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Suspect opened a bank account and deposited stolen checks into the ATM. Suspect then withdrew cash. Loss: \$1,777.03

**Identity Theft:**

Occurred between 1756 on 06/13/06 and 1058 on 06/26/06 in the 100 block of South Beverly Drive. Suspect: Male White, 37, 6'3", 180 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Suspect obtained victim's account information possibly via computer. Suspect then made unauthorized purchases. Loss: \$574.57

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# city & schools

## New Turf Is Long Term Improvement For Beverly

Athletic officials say synthetic turf proves successful replacement for natural grass at high school and professional stadiums.

By Adrianna Weingold

Despite the high cost of synthetic turf, the high school's new field means increased safety for the players and reduced maintenance costs for the district.

According to the Director of Maintenance and Operations Jim Fahey, the average cost of maintenance on Beverly's grass field per year is about \$62,500. This includes painting, mowing, watering, fertilizer, irrigation and 10 percent replacement of sod. This is significantly more than the \$13,000 per year needed to maintain the artificial turf fields at each elementary school. Beverly's new field will incur similar maintenance costs to that of the fields at the elementary schools.

The grass field currently in place at Beverly High requires extensive and costly maintenance on a regular basis.

"It [the cost of maintenance] is quite substantial because of the heavy use. We end up putting in over-seeding and sod regularly. It's a heavy labor intensive process every summer,"

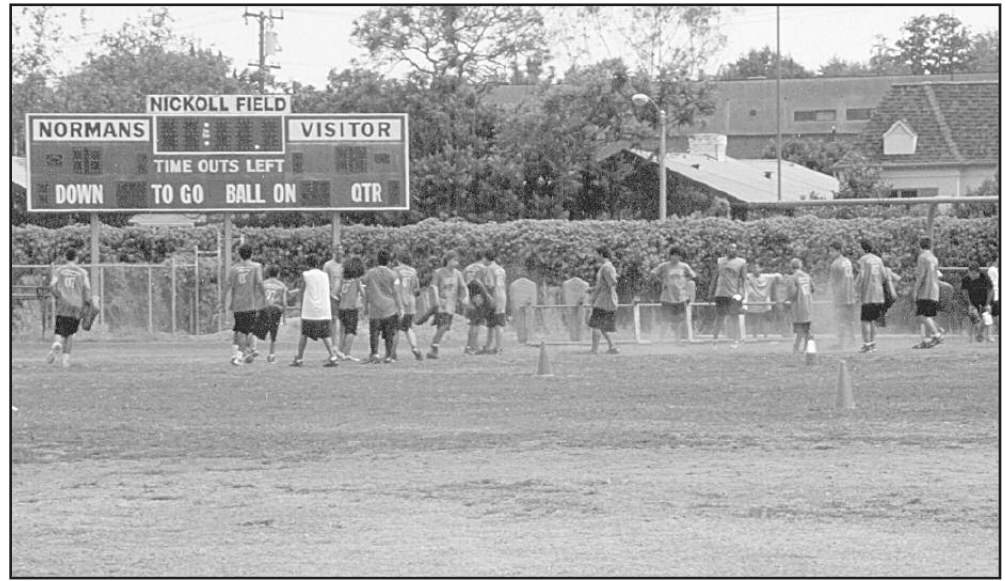
Fahey said. "We take out from 30 yard line to 30 yard line and re-sod the center part of the field every year. Between soccer, lacrosse and football it [the field] takes a beating and never gets a chance to re-grow."

The cost of maintenance on the artificial turf at the elementary schools is very limited.

"We purchased some equipment that grooms the field. We haven't had to do any repair work on them so far," Fahey said. "It's just basically our labor for cleaning up debris and some disinfecting quarterly."

The turf is guaranteed to last a minimum of eight to ten years. The process of replacing the artificial turf is less involved and less expensive than the initial installation because the existing foundation can be re-used.

"It has a UV protection to it so it doesn't change colors. It's non-abrasive so you can slide and fall on it and you won't get rug burns," Casey Metkovich, Director of Sales and Marketing for Asphalt Fabric and



Beverly High's junior varsity football team practices on the football field, which will be replaced with synthetic turf by the fall.

Engineering said. "The synthetic turf is grass-like, it's got compaction and it offers a more consistent surface to play on especially for a public facility like Beverly Hills where you have multi-use on it from PE classes to baseball, football, soccer and lacrosse."

While the artificial turf stands to markedly improve the athletic facilities at Beverly High, there are some potential problems that come along with the new surface. The synthetic material traps considerably more heat than a natural grass field. The temperature of the surface can rise fifteen degrees above the air temperature in the summer.

The excessive heat potentially resulting from artificial turf can be combated by installing an irrigation system to cool the field up to fifteen

degrees.

"The biggest problem is heat. The other is the fly out. When the ball hits the ground there is kind of a puff of rubber that follows it when it hits the compaction," Metkovich said. "As you get more play on the field the rubber gets more compacted and you get less fly out."

Several schools in southern California have already installed artificial turf fields

Crossroads School in Santa Monica had an artificial turf field installed on campus 5 years ago. Athletic Director Chuck Ice was apprehensive about the project in the beginning.

"I wasn't the biggest supporter before they put it in. We use the field from about 7:30 am until 9:30 pm everyday, Saturday and Sunday

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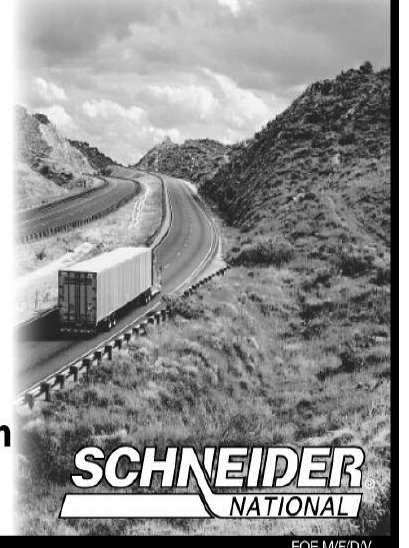
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included. A grass field wouldn't put up with that," Ice said. "We play our high school matches rain or shine; the only thing that stops us is lightening. We've played in torrential downpours and the field absorbs the rain without puddles and there's no slippage by the players."

The even surface and ability to drain large amounts of water efficiently make the artificial turf a safer environment for athletes who often fall and injure themselves on uneven and muddy natural grass fields.

"I haven't seen as many [injuries]. I've heard in other places that players have gotten some abrasions off of it but to me this stuff is soft. I see our kids sliding a little bit more than they did on the city park fields where it's grass and dirt," Ice said. "My vision of this artificial surface was Astro Turf which I would have been death against because it's a very hard surface, it's very abrasive. This is completely different. It's rubberized underneath and very soft."

The specific type of turf being installed at Beverly is Ultra Blade from manufacturer Sprinturf. The same turf can be found on Lincoln Financial Field, home of The Philadelphia Eagles, and Spaulding Field at UCLA.

"I think that it's going to cut down on the potential for injury by a great degree. Over the 30 years that I've been with the district, the field always gets trashed because of the use," Jason Newman, Beverly High golf coach and physical education teacher said. "When the surface is uneven, the football players, soccer players and lacrosse players are all at risk for

turning an ankle on that type of uneven surface. So, it [the turf] will cut the potential for that."

The process of installing the turf is quite involved. The existing grass and dirt is removed 6-7 inches deep. The surface is then compacted and a drainage system is installed. A new base is built and graded to direct the flow of water by using 6-10 inches of rock, dirt, and compact materials. The drainage system sits just below the turf to allow for effective drainage.

"In Beverly Hills it's nice because they have outlining existing drains already," Metkovich said. "The bulk of our work is going to be in the next 45 days just taking that base, re-working it, compacting it and having it graded towards those drains."

The turf comes in 15-foot rolls, large enough to stretch from one end of the field to the other. The turf is rolled out and fastened to a track using heavy duty staples. Crumbled rubber is then put on the field to give it the "G-Max" factor, a way to measure compaction and shock attenuation.

"If it allows that much use, it will be better for the community. AYSO will be there, younger kids will be there," Newman said. "I think it's a terrific idea and I'm glad that it's being done."

In addition to increasing safety for those using the field, the synthetic turf field is environmentally friendly. A natural grass field requires 35 inches of water per square inch to grow. Groundskeepers say that over 3 million gallons of water will be saved each year by not having to water Beverly High's 117,000 square foot field.

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**Arrests:**

VANEMBURG, ELIZABETH ANN, 32, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/10/06 for petty theft.

HERNANDEZ-PEREZ, ARMANDO, 32, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/08/06 for driving without a license.

FERGUSON, ROBERT BRIGGS, 41, of Westwood, arrested on 07/08/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

FRANZLE, LINDA MARIE, 43, of Burbank, arrested on 07/08/06 for petty theft.

BARRIENTOS, ENRIQUE, 22, of North Hollywood, arrested on 07/07/06 for driving with a suspended license.

THORNTON, DIEGO MIGUEL, 33, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/07/06 for a misdemeanor warrant.

PISCITELLO, RICHARD VINCENT, 42, of Sherman Oaks, arrested on 07/07/06 for public intoxication.

GUERRA, BENJAMIN VALENCIA, 35, of Santa Clarita, arrested on 07/07/06 for public intoxication.

HERNANDEZ, JOSE, 32, of Baldwin Park, arrested on 07/06/06 for grand theft.

WATSON, ZOEY, 25, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/06/06 for registering a vehicle in a foreign jurisdiction without paying California registration fees.

SMITH, NESHAYLE NASHUN, 25, of Los Angeles, arrested on 07/06/06 for driving with a suspended license.

MEHDIZADEH, SAMAN, 34, of West Hollywood, arrested on 07/05/06 for spousal battery.

**Week of: June 27, 2006**

**Robbery:**

Occurred between 1825 and 1830 on 06/22/06 in the 300 block of North Palm Drive. Suspect: Male Black, 25, 5'8", medium built with dark hair. Victim exited her vehicle and was confronted by the suspect. Suspect grabbed the victim's handbag and fled the location. Loss: \$4,160

Occurred at 1305 on 06/21/06 on Dayton east of Foothill. Suspect: Male Hispanic, early 20's, 5'9", 200+ lbs., black hair. Suspect approached the victim from the behind her and displayed what appeared to be a knife and forcibly removed her purse. Suspect fled the location. Loss: \$2,000

**Burglary:**

Occurred between 1430 on 05/25/06 and 0515 on 06/26/06 in the 100 block of El

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## City, School District Request Summary Judgment For Oil-Well Claims

After finding nothing out of the ordinary with the air quality around Beverly High, the city of Beverly Hills and BHUSD filed a motion for summary judgment last Friday in the ongoing case involving Erin Brockovich and allegations of cancer-causing air at the high school.

The lawsuit, filed by Brockovich on behalf of several Beverly High students, staff members, people who lived near the high school and even some people who simply drove by the high school, began in February 2003. Brockovich went on television alleging the air quality at the high school caused cancer among two former students because of an oil-well at the site.

According to City Attorney Larry Wiener, Brockovich went to the press before discussing test results with the city or school district. It took a subpoena for the city to finally obtain the results of Brockovich's tests.

Following the subpoena, the city, school district and South Coast Air Quality Management District continued testing and spent more than a \$1 million. The results ultimately do not support any allegations that the air caused the plaintiffs' various cancers.

Judge Wendell Mortimer will review the

motions in October, and if summary judgment is not awarded to the city, then the case will proceed to trial on Oct. 30.



Michael Waxman

## Waxman Elected President Of L.A. Community College Board

The Los Angeles Community College District elected Beverly Hills resident Michael Waxman to be the Board of

Trustees President last Tuesday. The Board serves over 130,000 students across nine colleges in Los Angeles County, including West L.A. College in Culver City.

Elected by the other members of the Board, Waxman's term as president lasts for one year. He has been a member of the Board since 2001 after being elected by Los Angeles voters.

In past years on the Board, Waxman was chair of the External Relations Committee. Outside of the College Board, Waxman is involved in the Anti-Defamation League's Pacific Southwest Region as a member of the Board of Directors. He was also formerly a chairman for the Centro Community Hispanic Association.

## 'The Big-Little Graffiti Problem' - Partially Solved

Beverly Hills police officers arrested two

juveniles last Wednesday after pursuing the suspects by foot earlier that morning. The pursuit occurred in an alley in the 400 block of South Robertson Drive at around 4 a.m.

Police were able to catch one suspect who was arrested for vandalism, violation of the city's curfew and possession of an aerosol

Beverly Hills.

As reported in the *Weekly* cover story "The Big-Little Graffiti Problem" [issue #353] the city is currently looking into an ordinance that would allow city employees to clean graffiti off private property.

Both suspects are awaiting hearings in juvenile court.

## Mr. Brucker Goes To Washington

After losing a Supreme Court battle in November, Councilmember Barry Brucker spoke about his experiences as a small business owner June 21 at a National Press Club event. Entitled, American Antitrust Institute Annual Conference, featured speakers included academic scholars, small business owners and some members of the Federal Trade Commission.

The event was meant to facilitate discussions and ideas on intellectual property and antitrust laws.

As reported in the *Weekly* cover story "Brucker Faces The Supreme Court" [issue #323], Brucker and his company Independent Ink, Inc., filed a lawsuit against Illinois Tool Works for allegedly violating antitrust laws. Brucker's company lost the first round in a district court.

The appeal was eventually heard by the U.S. Supreme Court with arguments from both sides presented on Nov. 29. In its decision, the court held that ITW could sell their products with conditions that would compel consumers to purchase related products. This reversed a 60-year-old antitrust law



Councilmember Barry Brucker at the American Antitrust Institute Annual Conference in Washington D.C.

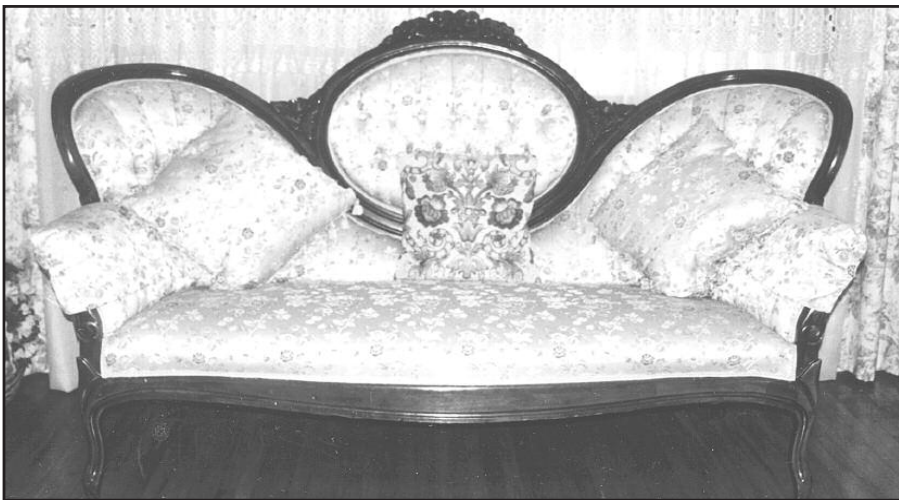
can. The other juvenile suspect was not caught until a few hours later. Police released both suspects to the parents.

According to the BHPD, evidence showed that one of the suspects was involved in other instances of vandalism in

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## From Borders And War To Subways And Planning

From the Lebanon line to the Red Line

By Rudy Cole

If some very bored future historian with far too much time on his or her plate decides to find out what this column was covering while the middle east was erupting in a new and frightening round of violence, do I really want posterity to note that my primary concern seemed to be whether the North Homeowners could be civil in their dealings with the city council?

Worse. Suppose my sainted mother, who tirelessly labored from our village in Ohio for Hadassah, had access to some ethereal website, and found that I had nothing to say about the Hezbollah launching rockets at Israel's most hitherto peaceful city of Haifa and that the strongest call for action came from my colleague in another community newspaper, a staunch right wing Republican, who cited the "land for peace" program a total failure and that we should, apparently, be at war with all of Islam.

How the dynamics of political alliances have changed. Before World War II, the American right fought preparedness, tried

to prevent aid to England when she alone faced Nazi Germany and who frustrated every effort, however meager, to rescue the Jews of Europe with countless exclusionary immigration laws. Who were the American friends of those who did not even want to recognize the State of Israel? The isolationist, reactionary wing of the Republican party. Now, they are Israel's best friends, as are the vocal fundamentalists. You take what friends you can, in real life.

But it was once very different. With the great former Israeli diplomat **Abba Eban** leading the effort, the left wing parties of Western Europe were out front in their support of Israel during the Six Day War. Now, the worker, left parties are either silent or lining up with Arab extremists, who refuse even to accept Israel's right to exist.

It isn't all a lack of communication skills, but that's certainly an issue. Israel has right on its side, but why has the very plain message of human rights and the desire to live in peace not permeated to the masses of

Europe and certainly not in the Middle East?

We, who want to save Israel, need to examine that problem, the war of ideals, while we continue to provide any support we can.

The real tragedy is the fixed state of mind of all the people of the region. What might have been, if opportunities for peace had not been lost. In a not too utopian world, the wonderful technological skills of Israel could have made life far more livable for their neighbors, now filled with such hatred.

It is not a tough message for the world to understand, really. Lebanon is not able to control its borders, which are occupied by an organization with one mission: The destruction of Israel. It has rockets supplied by countries who share that vision, who hate America and who have a view of their religion that is neither historically or morally even close to its own tenets.

Why can't the message resonate throughout the world? Suppose Russia looked the other way while its border with Ukraine was used for incursions that kidnapped that country's military and periodically murdered border farmers? What if Canada failed to prevent some wild, modern day extremists who shot at American border guards because they believed Detroit should be returned to Canada? Would the world

remain mute?

There is a corollary issue, the war in Iraq. Supporters of Israel need to factor in the American public mood of uncertainty, at least, of what we are doing in Iraq. We are war weary, uncertain of our goals, unclear on the future and not driven by any moral mission.

As for news coverage, it was really interesting to note reporting on our local television news programs Monday night. Of the network stations, all led with either drive-by shootings or another car chase de jour: Stories that made the inside of the California section of the *Times*. Half-way through the programs, there were brief mentions of the Middle East debacle. Even in Idaho, the first reports on nightly newscasts were on Israel.

Commenting on local news, the late, great TV newsman **Bill Stout** once said that if Moses arrived in Los Angeles with the 10 commandments, our anchors would make it brief with: "Of importance to Los Angeles were these two."

Final thought: We are a compassionate people and a resort to warfare, the loss of lives and the damage done to Lebanon, is painful to fathom. However, there is a truth best expressed by one of our school's kids in the student paper last year: "If the enemies of Israel laid down their arms, there would be peace. If Israel did the same it would be destroyed." The world needs that message.

Back to the old routine, for some brief thoughts:

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I seem to have been labeled an opponent of the Red Line, the subway proposed to run through Beverly Hills. Not quite accurate.

No reasonable person, and sometimes I am among those, would stand against a fixed rail plan that might relieve traffic in our community and all of Western Los Angeles. Not only traffic, but energy savings and environmental impacts should benefit from a reduction of reliance on automobiles, if that would happen.

While we proceed with plans for the Red Line, and before we all jump on board of a scheme that will affect the lives of people not yet born, there are issues I hope we carefully study. Some of these, but not all:

1. What impact will construction have on Wilshire Boulevard, if that's the final route plan. Although construction of any "improvement" is not the only factor in planning, our very special dependence of what now exists on Wilshire needs careful protection. In Hollywood, the subway led to redevelopment and exciting improvements of a decaying section of the city. But that is not a factor in our community – we obviously don't need redevelopment.

2. Will the subway open up even further development and growth west of Beverly Hills and will the net impact be increases in congestion and traffic, not lessening of car movement? A careful integration of planning, on a regional basis, needs to accompany this massive change in transit.

3. True, this is selfish and insular: Will the subway really be used by people who

live or work here, or only reduce through traffic (even though that is important)?

4. Could the same money needed to build a subway be better used to increase and expand our freeway system? Is Southern California in a mind set to abandon the family jalopy?

5. Aside from the route, where will there be stations and can we have some input on their location?

In the end, I hope the subway will be a panacea for our traffic and environmental concerns. These questions, and many others, should concern all of us.

One anecdote of my younger reporting days. When I was a cub reporter for the *Los Angeles Daily (Law) Journal*, I was assigned to interview the visiting Attorney General of Egypt. It was during the reign of Nasser, and Egypt was still formally at war with Israel.

The Attorney General was scheduled to hold a press conference and his consulate informed my paper that I could attend that meeting but that he had no time for a private interview. When the paper explained that my story was only going to be on the legal system of his country, not politics, they said the only possibility was if I would agree to drive the AG to an Arab student meeting he was to hold at UCLA.

So, I met this charming, English educated, aging lawyer at the then downtown Hilton for coffee for an interview and then as his chauffeur. After we covered my questions – the legal system of his country was a combination of Roman, English and Islamic law, we talked about general topics.

As we were driving just past Alvarado, not our best section of Los Angeles, I decided to ask the AG if peace couldn't benefit both the Egyptian and Israeli people. There is so much that peace and cooperation could do for all your people. (Earlier he had asked me if the *Los Angeles Times* was a Zionist-owned paper because their reporter was so confrontational.)

The response, this educated, erudite, sophisticated high ranking Egyptian gave: "They have nothing to give us; what they have belongs to us. How would you feel, as a Christian, if you were denied your own holy land?" Then, somewhat nervously, and re-examining my face, he asked, "You are a Christian?" When I explained my heritage, and looking out the car window at the very shabby environment we were driving, alone with a six-foot plus likely agent of the Mossad, the AG almost shouted, "you know we are all cousins and Semites."

I said good-bye to my very relieved cousin at Royce Hall, never to be heard from again.

Final, final note to the reader who note: "You used to be more amusing and funny. What happened to that column?" I think some of the Muni League leaders think I'm hilarious.

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

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Camino Drive. Unknown suspect(s) removed a fire extinguisher from the location. Suspect then used the fire extinguisher to smash a window. Suspect removed property and fled the location undetected. Loss: \$2,000

Occurred between 0058 and 0101 on 06/22/06 in the 200 block of South Palm Drive. Unknown suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect(s) fled the location undetected. Loss: Unknown.

#### **Grand Theft:**

Occurred at 1530 on 06/24/06 in the 300 block of North Camden Drive. Suspect: Male Black, 30, 5'2"- 5'5", 150 lbs. to 170 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Suspect entered the location and removed property when the victim turned his back. Suspect fled the location in an unknown direction. Loss: \$36,000

Occurred between 1430 on 06/22/06 and 0830 on 06/23/06 in the 600 block of North Foothill Road. Unknown suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect(s) then removed property and fled the location undetected. Loss: \$500

Occurred between 1100 and 1110 on 06/22/06 in the 300 block of South Robertson Blvd. Suspect #1: Male Black, early 30's, 6'1", 210 + lbs., dark hair. No further description. Suspect #2: Female

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**Halimi's Judicial Externship Nearly Complete**

Former BHUSD Student Board Member and Beverly High Class of 2000 graduate Gabe Halimi's judicial externship at the

Los Angeles

Superior Court will soon come to an end. The externship, which began in May, lasts only through the beginning of next month for Halimi.

The externship was under Judge Carl J. West, a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge as part of the Complex Civil Litigations Program. Aside from the experience, Halimi will have also gained academic credit. As part of the externship, Halimi researched civil litigation issues and drafted memos. He also observed hearings, settlement conferences and trials.

"I never considered pursuing a judicial externship until I met Judge West," Halimi said. "He has a stellar reputation among attorneys, and is widely known as a very knowledgeable and fair judge. Though I don't think litigation is an area of law I would like to practice, I now have a tremendous amount of respect for the judges and lawyers in litigation."

In August, Halimi will return to Loyola

Law School as a third year student. He attends evening classes four times each week and works full-time during the day for his family's company.

Halimi's sister Michelle will be starting as a new English teacher at Beverly High in August.

**Beverly Hills Youths Win Tennis Titles**

Beverly Hills residents Ethan Bond and Jackson Leipzig both won singles championships in the Beverly Hills Junior Tournament at the La Cienega Tennis Center.

Bond defeated Richard Catabona of North Hills, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (5) in Sunday's final in the boys' 16 and under division. Leipzig, who was seeded second, defeated top-seeded Henry Lasoya of Los Angeles, 6-0, 6-1, in the boys' 10 and under final.

Bond, a Beverly Hills High School junior who was unseeded, won each of his first three matches in straight sets.

Leipzig was a 6-1, 6-0 winner in both of his first two matches.

The tournament was held July 8 through Sunday.

**'Labyrinth' To Be Shown Tonight At Motion Picture Academy**

*Labyrinth*, a milestone in the development of animatronic technology, will be shown tonight at 8 p.m. at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, an academy representative said.

Producer-director Brian Henson, who also supplied the voice of Hoggle, and other members of the film's creative team are

scheduled to participate in a post-screening discussion, the representative said.

*Labyrinth* follows the fantastical adventures of a girl (Jennifer Connelly) who attempts to rescue her baby brother Toby (Toby Froud) from being transformed into a goblin by Jareth, the goblin king (David Bowie).

Tickets are \$5 for the general public and \$3 for academy members. Doors open at 7 p.m. Seating is unreserved.

Free parking is available in the garages located at 8920 Blvd. and 9025 Wilshire Blvd.

More information on the *Labyrinth* screening is available by calling (310) 247-3600.

**Bardack's 'Great New Wonderful' Premieres**

Former North Homeowners Association President Victor Bardack's film *The Great New Wonderful* will premiere tomorrow night at the Laemele Music Hall Theatre after being featured at New York's Tribeca Film Festival.

The film features stars such as Will Arnett, Stephen Colbert, Olympia Dukakis and Maggie Gyllenhaal in a movie recreating the lives of five individuals one year after the events of 9/11.

Bardack said he hoped the film would leave audiences thinking about, "how events affect their lives and that life should have a sense of proportion and how we shouldn't be wasting time on frivolous things."

The 20-year-old Argus Entertainment, the

company Bardack started, produced the film. More information about the film and where it is playing, can be found at [www.thegreatnewwonderful.com](http://www.thegreatnewwonderful.com).

Bardack formerly served as the North Homeowners Association President, a position Robert K. Tanenbaum recently took over.

**Film Series To Continue Monday With 'Fiddler on the Roof'**

*Fiddler on the Roof*, which received a best picture Academy Award nomination, will be shown Monday at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, as its "Great To Be Nominated, Part Three" series continues, an academy representative said.

Norman Jewison, the producer-director of the 1971 film, producer Walter Mirisch, production designer Robert Boyle, editor Antony Gibbs and casting director Lynn Stalmaster are scheduled to participate in a panel discussion following the screening.

*Fiddler on the Roof*, which stars Topol as a Jewish milkman coping with day-to-day life in pre-revolutionary Russia, received eight Academy Award nominations. It won Oscars in three categories — cinematography, music scoring —adaptation and original song score and sound.

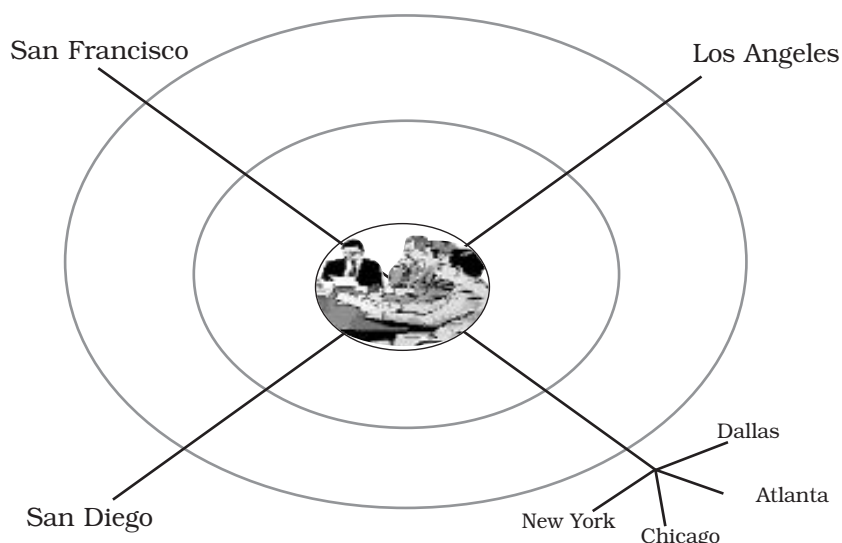
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Black, mid-late 20's, 5'5"-5'8", thin built with black hair. No further description. Suspects entered the location. While suspect #2 distracted the victim, suspect #1 removed merchandise and concealed it. Suspects fled the location. Loss: \$1,500

Occurred between 1200 and 1400 on 06/21/06 in the 8300 block of Wilshire Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location and removed victim's property which was left unattended. Suspect(s) fled the location undetected. Loss: \$1,000

#### Battery:

Occurred at 1300 on 06/23/06 in the 200 block of Moreno Drive. Suspect: Male Juvenile. Suspect punched the victim in the left eye with a closed fist.

Occurred at 1824 on 06/21/06 in the 400 block of North Bedford Drive. Suspect: Male White, 40, 6'0", 190 lbs., brown hair. No further description. Suspect confronted the victim over a parking spot. Suspect yelled, cursed and grabbed the victim and then slapped the victim in the face. Suspect returned to his vehicle and fled undetected.

#### Identity Theft:

Occurred at unknown times between 06/15/06 and 06/21/06 in the 100 block of North Le Doux Road. Unknown suspect(s) obtained victim's bank account information and made fraudulent transactions. Loss: \$42,600

#### Arrests:

JOHNSON, DANA JAY, 18, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/26/06 for driving without a license.

MORGAN, SWENSON DELANEY, 43, transient, arrested on 06/26/06 for receiving stolen property.

COOPER, LELSIE MARIE, 28, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/25/06 for driving with a suspended license.

SELSKY, MICHAEL GARRY-PAUL, 25, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/25/06 for driving without a license.

FRANKLIN, DAVID ANTHONY, 23, of Sherman Oaks, arrested on 06/25/06 for driving without a license.

ROSELEY, RICHARD, 50, of Lancaster, arrested on 06/25/06 for a felony warrant.

LESLIE, PATRICK WILLIAM, 20, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/25/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

BURGOS, THOMAS ALEXANDER III, 33, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/25/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

MATTESON, JOHN HENRY, 19, of Culver City, arrested on 06/25/06 for public intoxication.

JOHNSON, MARQUES TYRECE, 25, of Carson, arrested on 06/24/06 for driving with a suspended license.

NOEL, ANGELA MARIE, 23, of Northridge, arrested on 06/24/06 for driving with a suspended license.

KIM, HYUN J., 20, of Rancho Palos Verdes, arrested on 06/24/06 for driving with a suspended license.

CHAN, JUSTIN, 20, of Irvine, arrested on 06/24/06 for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

ACEVEDO, JESUS, 32, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/06 for driving with a suspended license.

VILLALTA, NELSON ALBERTO, 27, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/06 for driving with a suspended license.

ORELLANA, ESTEBAN, 37, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/06 for a misdemeanor warrant.

LOCKHART, JASON REID, 31, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/06 for a misdemeanor warrant.

MAYNARD, ZAKIYYAH DANEE, 26, of Long Beach, arrested on 06/24/06 for driving with a suspended license.

PEREZ, ALFRED HENRY, 62, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/06 for a misdemeanor warrant.

JOHNSON, VONCE ANTHONY, 36, of Georgia, arrested on 06/24/06 for forging an official seal.

REED, ELI WILLIAM, 21, of Massachusetts, arrested on 06/24/06 for carrying a concealed weapon.

RODGERS, DARRIUS ARI, 35, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/06 for occupant in a vehicle carrying a concealed weapon.

SCEAU, DARREL JAHNNA, 32, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/24/06 for driving without a license.

LOPEZ, MARIA DE LOURDES, 28, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 06/23/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

SHISTIK, DIMITRI, 19, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/23/06 for a felony warrant.

BROOKS, YUSEF SHAKUR ALI, 25, of Los Angeles, arrested on 06/23/06 for obstructing/resisting a peace officer.

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## TAXI ETIQUETTE

Increased service complaints have led to calls by some for further investigation of local cab companies.

By Kari Hamanaka

Two weeks ago, Councilmember Barry Brucker watched as a United Independent Taxi driver shouted profanities outside Brucker's North Roxbury Drive home and then sped off just missing a pedestrian crossing the street. The driver was upset that another cab company was called to provide service for Brucker's son and friends.

Increasingly, many Beverly Hills residents criticize the taxi cab industry's increasingly poor service so much that Mayor Steve Webb recently called for the city's Department of Transportation to further investigate the matter.

It is not just city council members affected by poor cab service either. According to Deputy Director of Transportation, Aaron Kunz, one taxi driver allegedly kicked a Beverly Hills man out of the cab. Kunz could not comment further except to say the case was currently under investigation.

"For these cab drivers, I don't know what their qualifications are, but for them to be rude and screaming and using the profanity that this guy used, and then screech off and put other people in harm's way, it is unacceptable," Brucker said. "I hold these owners accountable."

According to Brucker, the driver began shouting expletives at Brucker's son upon finding that a driver from Beverly Hills Cab Company had been called to transport the group to Burbank Airport. The call to Beverly Hills Cab had been placed only after an operator from United Independent said there was no service to Burbank Airport.

As a result of the experience, Brucker drafted a letter on city letterhead to United Independent Taxi President Martin Shatakhyan informing him of the incident.

According to Shatakhyan, he took care of the matter personally.

"The driver who was involved in this incident was fired already," Shatakhyan said. "That's number one. Number two: the caller from us made a large mistake by not telling Mr. Brucker that we are actually sending a cab and got a verbal warning because it was [this employee's] first incident."

However, not every driver is reprimanded by the head of the taxi company as in Brucker's case. In fact, some incidents are never reported, which is where the Los Angeles Department of Transportation [LADOT] steps in to regulate the county's nine licensed cab companies.

LADOT has the authority to suspend and sometimes revoke a cab company's franchise license, which is necessary to operate in Los Angeles or surrounding areas.

"[Cab companies] provide us with their service data," said Los Angeles



Taxis line up waiting for customers.

Transportation Engineering Associate Jeannine Brands. "We review it and analyze it and then do calculations and test calls that are broken up among the zones."

In a report released by LADOT last July, United Independent Taxi and City Cab's licenses to operate were extended on the condition that each company pay a \$15,000 penalty fee for failing to increase their performance levels from the previous year's report.

"That [report] is about service area D, which United Independent Taxi was performing unsatisfactorily," Shatakhyan said. "When I came into office in January 2004, the percent in area D was somewhere around 32 to 34 percent. So, we created the incentive program to the drivers and brought service levels to about 55 percent."

Service D is in reference to zone D, included as one of five zones in LADOT's annual performance review report. The zone represents the south central portion of Los Angeles. Interestingly, this zone has the lowest performance levels among all cab companies listed in the report as compared with those same companies' performances in other service areas.

The incentive program implemented under Shatakhyan is offered to employees working 12-hour shifts in zone D. It includes monetary awards such as a \$100 bonus for taking a minimum of 10 calls, but the drivers must be on time 51 percent of the time. This percentage is the same figure required to meet LADOT's minimum standards.

"I want you to possibly agree with me that when you have 800 active drivers on the list (that's what I have on my list), there is always the slight possibility that you have a couple of people who are not acting proper-

ly," Shatakhyan said. "We are working on it and trying to improve it and in [Brucker's] case, I just let the driver go."

Some taxi drivers claim they work in a dangerous industry and are underpaid. The Taxiworkers Alliance, with approximately 600 members, would like to see more cab companies held accountable to drivers and customers.

"Up until now, none of the companies [licensed by LADOT] has come across as a model of good faith where the workers are respected," said Alliance Organizing Committee member Hamid Khan.

Regardless of cab companies' promises for improvement to customers and drivers, Beverly Hills city officials are already attempting to handle the situation on their own.

"I had a number of months ago directed staff to investigate the local cab companies particularly the Beverly Hills Cab Company since it was using our name with respect to what I felt was unconscionable service problems," Webb said, "especially with respect to our seniors. My understanding is that the Department of Transportation is in the process of looking into this matter."

According to Kunz, the city intends to do a complete evaluation of the cab companies in Beverly Hills over the course of the following year.

"We have three companies allowed to operate in the city and we're going to evaluate that and decide if that's the right number of companies," Kunz said. "We know that we really want to take a strong look at what our best options are in regulating these companies."

According to Kunz, the Department of Transportation does take taxi cab complaints

from residents. In some instances, operators' permits have been repealed.

"The Beverly Hills Cab Company repeatedly tells people on the phone that they will send a cab, and they don't, and seniors are left stranded throughout the city because of this conduct," Webb said.

Just recently, Webb's mother called Beverly Hills Cab three times and was assured all three times that a driver would be sent. In the end, Webb had to pick up his mother.

A representative for the Beverly Hills Cab Company could not be reached for comment.

"It's not just my mother it happens to," Webb said. "I've heard it from many of her senior friends and I believe the problem stems from the fact that many of these cab drivers don't like having to accept coupons which they're mandated to take and they probably don't like the short trips. So, they look for more profitable clientele, but it's the seniors that are suffering and it's certainly very hard for a senior to sit around for an hour sometimes having to wait around for a cab because they're dependent on having that taxi service since they no longer drive."

The Beverly Hills Taxi Coupon Program allows for residents 65 or older and disabled persons to purchase coupon books worth \$24 at a discounted price of \$6.

Currently, three cab companies are licensed to pick customers up in Beverly Hills. These companies include United, Beverly Hills Cab Company and Independent Taxi.

The city requires individual drivers to carry an operating permit, which must be obtained in person. Drivers must pay a \$71.40 fee and take a taxi exam. Applicants must be photographed and fingerprinted by the Beverly Hills Police Department. The cab companies must also obtain a certificate of need and necessity which costs \$4,536.

"One of the things I'd like to see implemented is some sort of certification that any driver that services Beverly Hills from one of these licensed cab companies has had some form of training with respect to customer relations and behavior," Brucker said.

According to Shatakhyan, United cab drivers take classes on sensitivity training and lectures on company policies before being allowed to drive.

"With respect to this one incident it's over and done with," Brucker said. "You can't turn back the clock. However, this has really sparked my interest in seeing what parameters and rules and terms and conditions this city has imposed upon its three authorized vendors."

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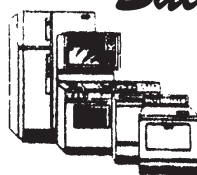
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312-Rentals to Share  
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318-Office Space  
320-Commercial  
322-Resort Property  
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### 400-499 Real Estate

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406-Mobile Homes  
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410-Lots For Sale  
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416-Lakeshore Property  
418-Oceanfront Property

### 420-Out-of-State Property

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505-Work at Home  
510-Employment Agencies  
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516-Business Opportunities  
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801-Financial Services  
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