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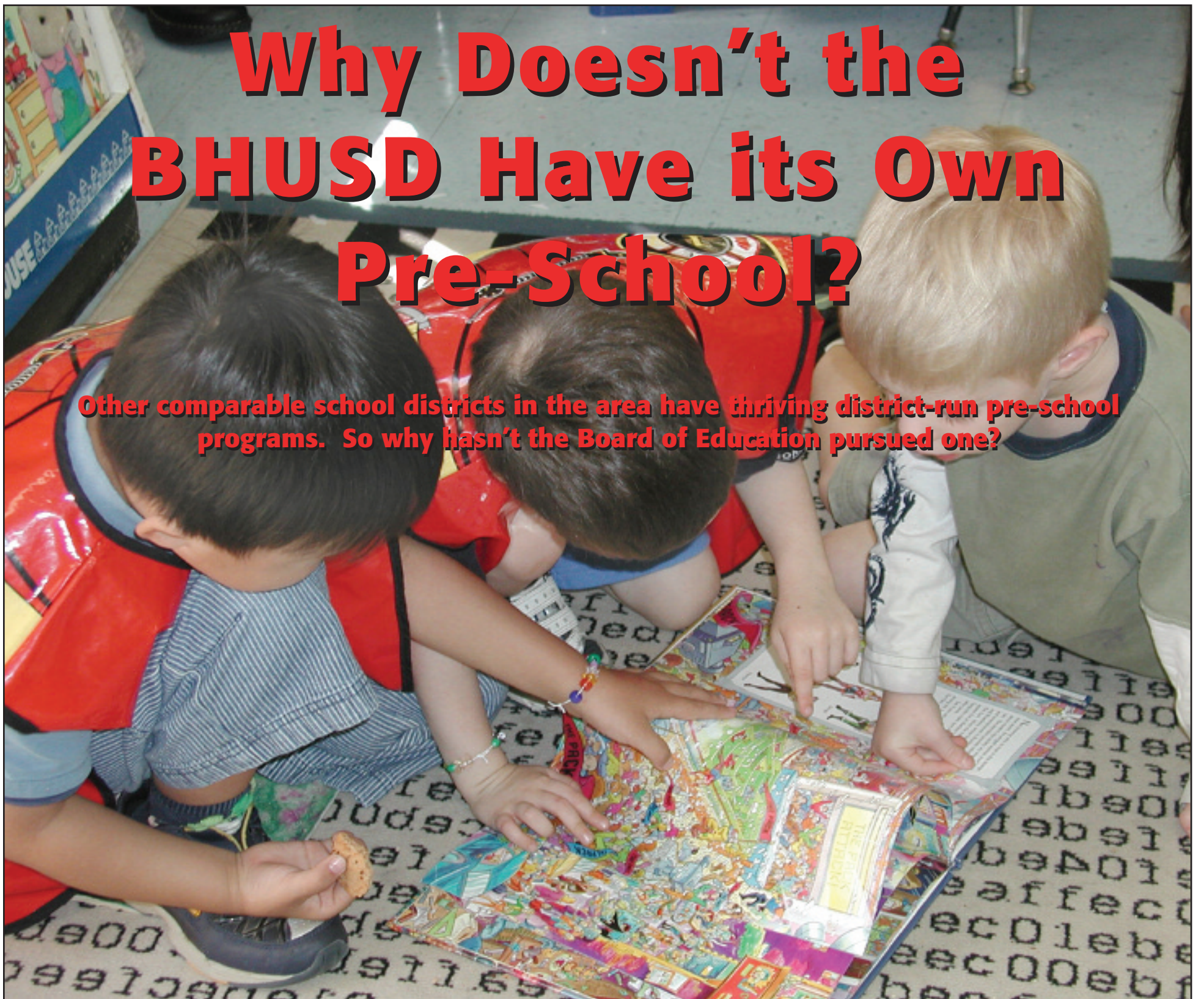
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## Why Doesn't the BHUSD Have its Own Pre-School?

Other comparable school districts in the area have thriving district-run pre-school programs. So why hasn't the Board of Education pursued one?



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# letters & email

## "From the Hills of Beverly"

Re: the headline on Rudy Cole's article: correct spellings are "careful" and "development."

I understand many intelligent people are poor spellers, but it's appalling to see so many errors in print. Someone on your staff must have been in a "Bee."

*Ginger Lawrence  
Beverly Hills*

## "Last Chance For Dutton's?"

The idea that affluent Beverly Hills cannot retain a community asset in a city-owned building is absurd. What I ought to be doing, and am doing, and suggest other residents do, is urge our City government to do its job and serve the common interest. I'm not urging it to give away money to a for-profit entity, but to...

- change Dutton's fixed rate rent to a percentage of the gross
- insure it will have enough space to operate as a viable full-service bookstore
- reach an agreement about the pay down of the withheld rent

The City keeps saying the community hasn't supported Dutton's. The bookselling professionals, and Heaven knows how many outraged book buyers, keep saying it has. But it takes more than 24 months for a bookstore to go into the black. I know Doug Dutton - he is neither greedy nor unreasonable, and his bookstore has graciously catered to all segments of our community - old and young, wealthy and maybe not so wealthy, ordinary people and the celebrated ones.

A bookstore is a valuable asset to any community. And in Beverly Hills it's no different. Retailers and restaurateurs benefit from the bookstore's patrons who come to browse for books, or to hear an author lecture, or to attend a book group, and then stay in the City to eat and shop. Writers like Cynthia Ozick, Umberto Eco, Caroline Kennedy, Zadie Smith, Gore Vidal, Al Gore, Carlos Fuentes, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, James Ellroy, Bruce Wagner, Nigella Lawson - to name just some - have brought literally hundreds of educated, affluent and sophisticated customers from all across the Southland into Beverly Hills.

To many authors and lovers of books, in fact, the Dutton family is synonymous with reading in LA. In two generations,

over a 50 year period, the Duttons have sold books, and supported culture and literacy from North Hollywood to Brentwood. Doug is the founder and owner of Dutton's Beverly Hills - now in its third decade - and has been twice nominated for Bookseller of the Year by the American Booksellers Association. He was the recipient of the 2003 Lucille Micheels Pannell Award from the Women's National Book Association - the award honors booksellers for excellence in bringing children and books together creatively, and in promoting children's interest in reading. He also teaches music theory, harmony, and music history at Los Angeles City College and The Colburn School for the Performing Arts.

It is not a wise decision for the City to be inviting a respected businessman to it one year, and damning him the next; presenting the store with its Best Customer Service in November 2005, and a little over a year later, booting it out of town. It simply looks schizoid.

I think the time's come to quit the blame and for our City leadership to think out of the box and preserve that which adds to the vitality of our City. More than anywhere, this is a town for making deals - any deal can be made here. Negotiate a deal with Dutton's, a good deal for all present and future residents of Beverly Hills.

*Janice Parente  
Beverly Hills*

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## SNAPSHOT



"YOUNG SUPPORTER"  
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City Council candidate Nancy Krasne, left, poses with young supporter Alice Butler at her recent campaign kickoff reception. Butler is the granddaughter of Katherine Hyman-Timme.

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# city & schools

## Committee Recommends Subway Through Beverly Hills

Extensive report declares that a Beverly Hills subway would be feasible and urges the city think long-term.

By Ryan Vaillancourt

After nearly eight months of study, the Beverly Hills ad-hoc Mass Transit Committee presented and submitted its final report regarding a possible Westside subway extension through Beverly Hills to the City Council at Tuesday's meeting.

The Council adopted a resolution to approve the report, though the specific recommendations made by the committee are yet to be approved.

Appointed and assembled by Mayor Steve Webb in March 2006, the ad-hoc committee's charge was to develop recommendations to the council regarding route alignments and station locations for a possible subway in Beverly Hills.

Should the much talked about "subway to the sea" become a priority of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the idea is that Beverly Hills would be well-prepared to lobby for the alignment and station locations that would be most beneficial to the

city.

"The reason I formed this committee was that I felt the city should take a very proactive role in determining its own destiny in terms of the subway, rather than just being a bottle in the ocean going with the current," Webb said.

Since last March the committee has convened publicly 12 times – including a special town hall meeting on November 2 – and taken two "field trips" to subway construction sites.

The 63-page final report includes four recommendations, all of which were submitted with unanimous committee support.

"This is a group of intelligent, intellectual people," committee co-chair and former mayor Mark Egerman said. "We were able to unanimously agree on the entire report without one minority opinion."

The first recommendation is the committee's unanimous acknowledgement of the "need and benefits" of a subway extension



A proposed Westside subway extension could have two stops in Beverly Hills

serving Beverly Hills.

Secondly, the committee recommends a Wilshire Boulevard alignment that would extend the MTA Red Line subway from its existing station at Wilshire and Western Avenue. Where Wilshire runs into Santa Monica Boulevard at the west end of the city, the recommended alignment would

veer Southwest under Santa Monica to Century City "rather than under commercial and residential properties."

In its study leading up to the report, the committee considered at least four other alignments, including an extension of the Red Line along Wilshire that would veer

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# briefs

## Another Victory for the City and School District in the Oil Well Case

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Wendell Mortimer handed the City of Beverly Hills what City Attorney Larry Wiener called a "final victory" on Tuesday, dismissing the last of the remaining claims against the city regarding the oil wells at Beverly High.

After the judge granted the city's 12 motions for summary judgment in December, denying any medical link between the plaintiffs' maladies and the oil wells, there remained 118 claims from individual plaintiffs against the city. Those remaining claims were dismissed.

"Needless to say, we are very gratified by these results after spending a number of years battling claims that were made very loudly in the media but it turned out they have no real data and no real science behind it," Wiener said.



### Nancy Lynch to Leave the BHUSD

BHUSD Director of Curriculum Nancy Lynch has submitted her resignation from the district, effective February 4.

Lynch, who moved to



Vice Mayor and City Council candidate Jimmy Delshad poses with supporters at his campaign kickoff reception last Sunday. The reception was hosted by Councilmember Barry and Sue Brucker at their North Roxbury Drive home. From left to right are Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Delshad, Fred Alavi, Arthur Kassel and Assemblymember Michael Feuer.

the district office after serving as the principal at Hawthorne from 2004 to 2006, is leaving to take the superintendent position at Placerville Union School District in El Dorado County, approximately 40 miles Northeast of Sacramento.

Placerville Union School District is comprised of three schools: Sierra Accelerated School (K-5) with 430 students, Louisiana Schnell School (K-5) with 460 students and Edwin Markham Middle School (6-8) with 420 students. The staff includes 72 teachers 4 administrators and 64 support staff, according to the PUSD website.

Prior to working in Beverly Hills, Lynch

was principal of Two Bunch Palms elementary school in Desert Hot Springs.

Lynch was profiled in the Weekly's 2005 cover story "A Day in the Life of the Hawthorne Principal" (Issue #310).

### Candidates to Host Campaign Kick-Offs

Steve Webb's kick-off reception will take place on Sunday, January 14, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., hosted by former Mayor Max and Janet Salter at 804 N. Linden Drive. Webb

will speak at 3:00 p.m. Call 310.728-8224 for more information.

Maggie Soleimani's kick-off reception will take place on Sunday, January 14 between 2:30 and 5:00 p.m. at 917 North Benedict Canyon. Those planning to attend can call 310-276-6918 for more information.

Shahram Melamed's kick-off reception will take place on Sunday, January 14 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the home of Guity and Dr. Soly Melamed at 608 North Canon Drive. Call 310-271-8675 for more information.

### Beverly High Social Studies Teacher to Lead Student Trips to Italy and China

When Beverly High social studies teacher Pete Van Rossum arrives in Italy with a group of students in March, it will mark his eighth European spring break student program. Van Rossum, who teaches AP European History and world history, has led student trips to England, France, Switzerland, Italy and Spain, as well as Prague, Vienna and Munich.

Van Rossum organizes the trips with a travel agency and independent of the school district, but there is always enough student interest to keep the trips limited to Beverly High students. All of the trips include the services of a tour manager who works for the travel company and meets the group at their destination airport. With the tour manager, Van Rossum arranges to have local professional guided tours of all the major cities and sights visited by the group.

"When I first started these trips it took a lot to get them off the ground," Van Rossum said. "But they've become a tradition in a sense - the trips sell themselves at this point."

Still, Van Rossum's upcoming spring trip to Italy has a few spots open and interested students can contact him to get more information. Those interested in more uncharted waters can also sign up for Van Rossum's first foray outside Europe when he leads a trip to China in late July. In order to avoid late fees, students must enroll in the China trip before the end of March.

Just as Van Rossum's European trips are loosely arranged to supplement his

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European History class, the upcoming China trip will also be of interest to his world history students. Both programs are open and applicable to all students though, not just Rossman's classes. But the China trip should be of particular interest to this generation of high-schoolers, Van Rossum said.

"The kids understand that China is this huge up and coming power house," he said. "They are fascinated by that and [they are] wondering how it's going to equate in their future."

Contact Pete Van Rossum for more information at [mrvbhhs@yahoo.com](mailto:mrvbhhs@yahoo.com).

**Beverly High students to compete in the 2007 FIRST robotics competition (photo:**

The Beverly High Robotics Club, "MorTorq," is gearing up for the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) regional competition in Los Angeles from March 8 - 10.

The team recently attended a local kickoff at USC, where all teams in the region were shown this year's field for the first time and received a common kit of parts and a manual of game rules and regulations.

MorTorq will build one robot and contend for multiple prizes, including the entrepreneurship award and design awards, at the LA regional competition. The team will also compete in the Denver, Colorado regional on March 29 -31 before heading to the First championship competition in Atlanta, Georgia, which the team has already qualified for.



Photo: Eileen Kahn

*Beverly High robotics club co-presidents Zachary Kahn and Adam Phillips build a structure to test principles of engineering.*

The Beverly High robotics club teams up with students enrolled in teacher Eileen Kahn's entrepreneurship class, who participate in the business aspects of the program, which include fundraising, a newsletter, public relations and community service.

More information about MorTorq, including updates on the FIRST competition results, can be found at <http://bhrobotics.com>.

**Beverly Hills Students Help the Homeless**

Hawthorne School hosted a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich making event for the entire Beverly Hills school community on Christmas Eve. Over 100 students and families from all four elementary schools and

the High School participated and helped make sandwiches, stuff bags with fresh oranges, juice boxes and candy canes. The bags were donated by the Hawthorne PTA, Pavilions Beverly Hills, the Baines family and the Gurnick family.

In addition, students decorated Christmas cards that went into each lunch bag. More than 1,000 lunch bags were donated to the West Hollywood Food Coalition, which distributed the lunches to the homeless on Christmas Eve. The West Hollywood Food Coalition serves dinner to the homeless 365 nights a year. This is the 10th annual Christmas Eve sandwich making event hosted by the Beverly Hills Unified School District. Last year, Horace Mann hosted the event.



Photo: Annette Saleh

*Beverly Hills students from Hawthorne, El Rodeo, Beverly Vista and Horace Mann schools gathered at Hawthorne on Christmas Eve to assemble bagged meals for the homeless.*

**Public Meeting to Address Tenants' Rights**

Long-time President of the organization Concern for Tenants' Rights Herm Shultz will speak at a public meeting in the Roxbury Park Auditorium on Sunday, January 14. Shultz and other speakers will deliver reports on current issues facing renters in Beverly Hills and also commemorate the founding of the organization.

CTR was founded in 1978 by Dianne Schoenfeld, a community leader and senior adult citizen activist. The meeting will also have a historical overview of CTR. For more information, contact Herm Shultz at 310-276-1916

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## Politics, Politics Everywhere

And an unusual commission suggestion

By Rudy Cole

I was certain **Phil Angelides** lost the election, in fact positive, but there he was in Sacramento taking the oath of office for governor, expounding an incredibly, even for him, liberal agenda on everything from global warming to improved health care.

Of course, it must be Angelides. Behind him could be seen the last Democratic governor, **Gray Davis**, one that you will recall was recalled and, in a generous move to the good old days of San Francisco liberalism, performing with his unique grand style, the former speaker of the assembly, more recently the mayor of the city **Tony Bennett** saved, **Willie Brown**. The only missing piece was **Tom Hayden**.

But as God is my witness, I had no idea Angelides, of strong Greek origins, spoke with such a heavy German accent or even knew how to break a leg at a ski resort.

Yes, it was of course the unpredictable Arnold and not the hapless Phil and the only thing being terminated was the Republican

party of California. The party of Wilson, Deukmejian, Reagan and Orange County didn't just shudder when Arnold hobbled to the podium, it demanded a recount.

Eastern pundits who assume California is always solidly Democratic can rest easy. Family not partisanship rules and, yes, we have a Kennedy family member in the corner office.

All right, politics asunder, the real beneficiaries of this evolving Arnold is the environment, education and health care. He is right, that is theoretically, not politically, that those issues should not be partisan. But explain that to the next Republican state central committee convention.

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Before a very cursory look at our slow moving city council election, what may surprise more frequent readers is a suggestion this column is making to fill one of two vacancies that will soon open up on the

city's Planning Commission.

I should preface this with a personal disclaimer. I have not often agreed with him on zoning issues, but I have never doubted his intellectual abilities or his dedication to the city, even when I was sure he was wrong.

However, if he submits an application, the city council would be very wise to appoint **Larry Larson** to the Planning Commission. The reasons are two fold: First, he has very impressive professional credentials with a master's degree in real estate plus a law degree, and he represents a point of view that should be inside the tent.

Larry is an active leader of a homeowner association that has fought the council. He opposed the Montage, in fact he was one of the leaders of the campaign to block the project by a referendum, which was defeated.

Why "inside the tent?" Larson will help dispel the perception that the Beverly Hills North Homeowner's Association and affiliated groups such as the Municipal League are intentionally being shut out of the decision making process. Equally important, from the inside, hard, realistic decisions have to be made and the consequences borne. An unrepresented point of view can only benefit the city and show a desire for broader community involvement as we move toward adoption of a new General

Plan.

This would not be the first time a planning commissioner with a strong anti-growth record was appointed. **Rose Norton**, never one to shy from expressing disagreements with the council, even when her husband Ben was mayor, served with great distinction on the commission, earning the respect of her colleagues and the city's professional staff. **Gloria Seiff** is another leader of anti-development causes who had a highly regarded term as a member of the Public Works Commission.

Issues and political loyalties aside, not ever easy for political leaders, Larson would probably be one of the most qualified members to ever serve on the commission and his appointment just might lead to some lowering of voices in our village. Added thought: Rivals can rest easy, Larson does not seem to want to run for office.

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The race for city council has excited five people, the candidates. O.K., maybe their closest friends and some members of their family, but although there are only 55 shopping for a ballot days left, most of the voters have expressed an enormous yawn about the election.

It is a very unusual election. In recent memory, serious contenders seldom enter the campaign unless there is at least one vacancy to be filled. Eight years ago, not even one candidate challenged the reelection of **Les Bronte** and **MeraLee Goldman** who had very strong opponents the first time they ran.

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Yes, there are really six candidates, but only five have any name recognition and are being taken very seriously. Two incumbents are seeking their second terms: Mayor **Steve Webb** and Vice Mayor **Jimmy Delshad**. To the surprise of political groupies, three very strong, well financed candidates with heavy resumes are running too.

With two seats on the ballot, it is likely to become interesting, but not yet. The first kickoffs were fairly predictable fare, but there were some ironies.

You have to credit Jimmy Delshad with being a very hard worker as a councilmember and now as a candidate. Jimmy was very much an unknown quantity when he first ran. Although he had good recognition within the Farsi speaking community and a successful career in business and as a leader of a religious institution, he had never participated in civic life or served on a committee or commission.

It is also not accurate to assume he won because of strong support from Persian voters. He won for three reasons: He walked every street and knocked on every door, he had the endorsement of this paper – the only one to back him, and his opponent's campaign self-destructed.

Just in case you forgot, the only incumbent on the ballot was MeraLee Goldman. Yes, she had some political problems – she had voted for a private school on Rexford that was strongly opposed by the Beverly Vista school parents and residents of the area that lost, and for the conversion of an office building at 8601 Wilshire to apartments that

won despite the very vocal opposition of some of the neighbors.

Those issues alone would not have defeated her, although she did poorly in those area precincts. What became her undoing was her near the end of the campaign mailer listing supporters she did not have. A last minute piece attacking her use of unauthorized names signed by, among others, one of our leading rabbis, **Jacob Pressman**, killed her reelection. How important was the letter challenging her endorsers list? Mrs. Goldman led in the absentee vote, cast mostly before the letter, and lost in the walk-in vote. Actually, it is very unlikely that Mrs. Goldman knew about the "mistakes" since some of those listed as supporters were people she had long opposed and she would not have ever wanted to even have their endorsement. It was a glitch of her campaign staff, although she bore the consequences.

What does all of this have to do with this election? Last Sunday Delshad had his kickoff at **Sue and Barry Brucker's** home and they were among MeraLee's strongest backers when she lost to Delshad four years ago.

As for the Iranian vote, most of the city's Iranian leaders had backed Mrs. Goldman in 2003, not Delshad.

This new alliance of Brucker and Delshad is very politically understandable.

Jimmy has joined Barry in many key council votes and, when he first came on the council, Barry felt very much like a temperance leader at a meeting of a bar owners association.

Barry was the frontrunner in the last election and, with Sue, has a very strong and loyal following. Will this duo alliance hold after the election, should Jimmy win? Al Smith and **FDR** come to mind, but who knows?

When Jimmy held his first party, the majority of those attending were members of the Iranian community. Not at his kickoff. Although the attendance was moderate, those turning out included the main stream leaders of the city, whether or not they were endorsers. Jimmy also managed to snare our new assemblyman **Mike Feuer**, whom Jimmy supported in the Democratic primary, and County Supervisor **Zev Yaroslavsky**.

If dedication counts, Jimmy could win a second term. The problem is somewhat under the surface, and may or not be valid. Several community leaders said they would have no problems voting for and supporting Delshad but they had some reservations on whether he was ready to be mayor. Delshad has made that an issue himself by pointing out that he would be the city's first Iranian mayor. It is not his cultural identity that concerns some city leaders, but his preparation for the job. As one source said, "Councilmember, absolutely, but mayor, not quite ready." This may not be too fair since councilmembers become mayor by rotation.

The only other kickoff Sunday was that of Planning Commissioner **Nancy Krasne** and if resumes do matter, she should win. Few candidates in our city have ever had as much experience or been involved in more community efforts than Krasne. Outspoken, very independent and direct, she is not easy

to control. Most often, that's good. Do people have confidence in her skills? Certainly the city council did when it unanimously appointed her to two city commissions. The test in her campaign will be to reach voters outside her circle who are not involved in development issues.

Both Delshad and Krasne were effective at their kickoffs and both have very gung ho backers.

The other three serious candidates, Mayor Steve Webb, Commissioner **Shahram Melamed** and community leader **Maggie Soleimani** will hold their campaign kickoffs next Sunday. Webb has to be the front runner, of course, but his success depends on not making too many mistakes during the campaign and in assuring that his supporters do not take the election for granted. Melamed has a well recognized family and is a very aggressive candidate, but the surprise entry is Maggie Soleimani. She appears to have the backing, not only of the younger Iranian community, but the "soccer moms." While Shahram has two commissions on his resume, Soleimani may reach out to younger voters not involved in the nasty battles of the past.

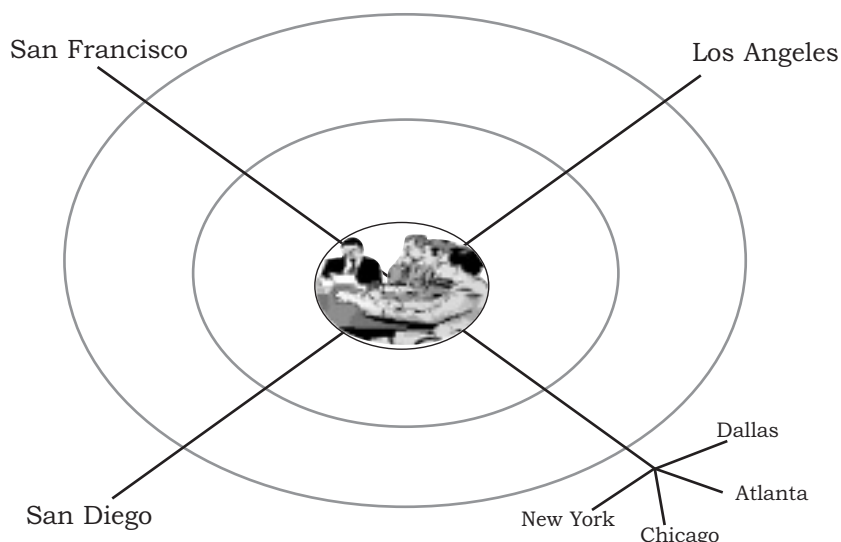
Why not surprise the experts and actually vote and just maybe our next council will be selected by a majority of our residents?

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

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# sports & scores



## BHHS Boys' Soccer Team Defeats Valley Christian, Lawndale

Norman boys' basketball team scores four points in first quarter, 71 in last three in victory over Valencia.

By Steven Herbert

Sophomore Erik Munzer scored the tie-breaking goal with 15 minutes to play off Romeo Patroni's assist as Beverly Hills defeated Cerritos Valley Christian, 2-1, in a nonleague game Friday night at Nickoll Field.

"It was spectacular," Norman coach Steve Rappaport said. "He received the ball, made a cut to his right, and then went back with the shot to the near post. For a young kid, it was really well executed."

Trevor Charleston gave Beverly Hills a 1-0 lead in the 24th minute by scoring off Sam Forrest's assist.

The Crusaders put in a rebound in the 50th minute to tie the score.

The Normans led 15-8 in shots. Beverly Hills goalkeeper David Roston made seven saves.

Rappaport described the Normans' play as "outstanding."

"They were physical with us and we didn't lose our composure," Rappaport said of Valley Christian, who was ranked ninth in the Southern Section Division V preseason poll. "They had a really strong, strong midfield and we really settled our game. We started to play like I expected."

Midfielder Shawn Bolour "had a really, really solid game," Munzer "played a solid game up top, creating a lot of opportunities," and Roston "played absolutely brilliantly," said Rappaport, who also praised the play of junior midfielder Alex Lichtenberg.

### Beverly Hills 2, Lawndale 0

Bolour scored in the first half and Patroni

in the second and Roston needed to make only two saves for his third shutout of the season in a nonleague game at Lawndale Saturday.

Bolour scored in the 15th minute off Jonathan Elbaz's assist. Patroni scored in the 60th minute off Munzer's assist.

The Normans (5-8-1) led 17-2 in shots.

"Everything came together," Rappaport said, later adding that his team's finishing could have been better. "It was by far and away our best performance of the year. It's been years since my team passed as well as they did, particularly in the second half."

"The second half of that game is maybe the best we've played here in 10 years. We were making eight and nine passes. I haven't had a team since the middle '90s that connected the ball that well. I have to give credit to everybody who was out there, playing the way they should play."

Midfielder Diego Guardia played "fantastic," said Rappaport, who also praised the play of Lichtenberg, who played sweeper in place of Forrest, who missed the game because of illness.

### Palos Verdes 5, Beverly Hills 1

Bolour scored off Munzer's assist in the third minute for the Normans, but the Sea Kings scored the final five goals in a nonleague game last Thursday at Palos Verdes.

Palos Verdes, ranked second in the Southern Section Division II poll released Tuesday, tied the score in the seventh minute, putting a shot past Roston, who was unable to lift his left arm because of a shoulder injury sustained the day before in

practice, Rappaport said.

Rappaport then replaced Roston with senior Jonathan Watt, who was making his varsity debut.

"He was really uncomfortable," Rappaport said. "It was a really tough situation for someone who's never played in a varsity game. He just got caught out of position a couple times. Once he got shaky, which is kind of typical, the defense started to get shaky because they were having trouble trusting him. It was just one bad thing led to another."

The Sea Kings scored their other goals in the 14th, 55th, 64th and 70th minutes.

"The second half wasn't pretty," Rappaport said.

Beverly Hills was outshot, 18-8, for the game. Watt made 13 saves. Forrest drew praise for his play from Rappaport.

### What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Hawthorne Friday and Santa Monica Wednesday at Nickoll Field in Ocean League games beginning at 6 p.m.

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## WHY DOESN'T THE BHUSD HAVE ITS OWN PRE-SCHOOL?

Other comparable school districts in the area have thriving district-run pre-school programs. So why hasn't the Board of Education pursued one?

By Ryan Vaillancourt

Beverly Hills Unified School District, unlike comparable nearby school districts in terms of size and demographics, does not have its own preschool program.

Instead of a district-run preschool program, BHUSD has for years relied on four "recreationally based" pre-schools run by the city's Recreation and Parks Department as natural feeders to the public school system.

Two of the programs are at park sites – Roxbury Park and Coldwater Canyon Park – and the others are held on district property at Hawthorne and Horace Mann School.

According to Deputy Director of the Recreation and Parks Department Pat Agnitch, who administers the pre-school programs in addition to supervising park services, the city-run preschools are funded by tuition fees and the city's general fund. For five days a week, tuition at the schools ranges from \$1,600 to just under \$2,000.

"All of the direct costs of the program – the preschool teachers, assistants, all of the supplies – are offset by [tuition] revenue," Agnitch said.

The city does not charge enough tuition to make a profit, Agnitch added. School districts, however, are entitled to profit off non-mandated programs much like BHUSD does with its Adult School. Many districts comparable to BHUSD have applied the tuition-based model to district-run pre-schools.

Las Virgenes Unified's Buttercup Preschool (serving Calabasas/Agoura), for example, incorporates its state mandated program for children with special needs with a district-run program for typically developing children.

In total, there are about 200 children that participate in a variety of schedules offered by Buttercup, where tuition ranges from \$880 a year for two days a week and \$3,500 for a five-day schedule. This tuition is a fraction of comparable privately-run programs.

"[Buttercup] is a good program, it's kind of getting kids ready for the 'big school,'" said Dr. Joan Rich Golden, the Coordinator of the Buttercup Preschool and a school psychologist. "They're kind of practicing to go to elementary school and the kids that come to us at Buttercup, they go on to Las Virgenes."

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified's Miraleste Satellite and Early Learning Academy accommodates up to 90 pre-school-age children (3 to 5 years) and charges between \$4,000 and \$8,500 a year, depending on schedule.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified has run preschools and childcare centers since the

1940s, according to Judy Abdo, Director of Child Development Services Department.

"We have pre-school programs at most elementary schools and two stand-alone preschools for a total of 24 classes," Abdo said. As a much smaller district than SMMUSD, if BHUSD were to implement a district preschool, it would not be as large.

Why BHUSD has never considered its own pre-school program is uncertain, but it may be that previous administrators did not want to step on the city program's toes.

"I guess we just didn't want to compete with them," Board of Education President John Millan said.

"We've always relied on permits to maintain enrollment," Millan added.

As resident enrollment has declined in recent years, the BHUSD has maintained capacity by issuing permits that allow non-district students to attend BHUSD schools. And recently, the amount of permit students has increased significantly district wide.

In the past four years the amount of permit students at the four K-8 campuses has jumped from 6% in 2003 to 16% this year.

At the BHUSD kindergarten level alone, permit students have increased since 2003 from 4% to 20%.

The higher percentage of permit students at the kindergarten level coincides with the relatively small number of early elementary age resident students compared to higher grades. Local enrollment increases gradually from kindergarten through eighth grade, but the most significant spikes don't occur until the fourth grade level.

The relatively smaller number of K-3 students is likely caused by multiple factors, one of which could be housing prices that are inaccessible to many younger families. Horace Mann and Beverly Vista areas, where home prices are comparatively lower than those surrounding El Rodeo and Hawthorne, have historically had more steady kindergarten enrollment.

A sharp drop in kindergarteners this year at Horace Mann is likely due to the closing of the Annex building and related space issues that have surfaced only recently.

Declining resident enrollment is a district-wide issue however, and a BHUSD-run preschool program could potentially provide a welcome boon for the district, in terms of enrollment and revenue.

Other pre-schools programs are utilized by Beverly Hills residents, including several parochial options.

Preschools at Beverly Hills Presbyterian and Temple Emanuel, as well as those at Sinai Temple, Wilshire Boulevard Temple and Stephen S. Wise Temple in nearby Los Angeles are big draws for Beverly Hills

parents who seek a faith-based program.

These institutions also offer day schools – where several principals are former veteran BHUSD administrators. The day schools are K-6 or K-8.

Most, but not all, of the temple schools are restricted to synagogue members and the member tuition ranges from \$8,500 to about \$10,000 a year. The link between membership and the academic programs is a way for the temples to build and maintain their congregation.

"A large percentage of preschool families continue on with the synagogue [day] schools," said Tracy Schatz, Director of the Douglas Family Early Childhood Center at Sinai Temple. "We're definitely a feeder for synagogue membership."

Still, not all parents seeking a faith-based education are guaranteed a spot at one of the parochial schools. Due to their increasing popularity and a finite amount of space, even temple members can wind up on a long waitlist.

The city-run preschools are also at full capacity.

"We give priority to Beverly Hills residents to participate in all of our programs and the preschool programs are so popular that we do have quite a lengthy waiting list," Agnitch said. "When [children] are one year of age they can get on the list, it's like getting into college. The demand is very strong for all four programs."

Currently, there are 185 families on the Recreation and Park schools' collective waitlist, 65 of which are age appropriate, according to Agnitch.

The Recreation and Parks Department recently conducted a survey of additional demand for preschools in Beverly Hills and found that at least one more program is necessary, Agnitch said. The city is already tight on space however and would have to negotiate further sharing of facilities with the district by way of the Joint Powers Agreement.

If interest in a district preschool program were to arise, finding space at any one of the district's school sites will be a delicate issue.

Horace Mann is especially tight on space, due to the annex closure, and the district has already indicated that both the preschool for children with special needs and the city-run preschool will move from that campus by next year. The new location has not yet been determined however.

The B Building at Beverly Vista, currently under renovation, will include new kindergarten facilities and a playground but was not rebuilt to accommodate a pre-school. State law requires preschools to be

on a ground level and have specific amounts of playground space. Preschools must also have their own designated bathrooms.

One possible solution could come from an unlikely place. At Beverly High, the one-story Business Education building (500) at the back end of the campus, could conceivably accommodate a number of ground floor classrooms and playground space.

The building, first built in the 1950s, is scheduled to be demolished when the new Science and Technology Center is completed later this year. Hypothetically, for this building to be converted for preschool use, traffic-related concerns pertaining to pick-up and drop-off of pre-school students would have to be mitigated.

At the request of Board of Education member Alissa Roston, the district began a more aggressive effort to recruit kindergarten families two years ago. In addition to hosting open houses at various schools for incoming kindergarten families, the district sent out flyers and contacted local preschools in the spring of 2005 inviting other prospective families to attend.

"Private schools do this sort of thing all the time and as public schools we just sort of sit back and wait for people to come," Roston said, "but we want our residents to attend."

In the fall of 2005, district kindergarten enrollment spiked marginally. But the levels dropped again this year, which Roston attributed to the fact that former Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Susan Liberati – who had orchestrated the marketing program in 2005 – went on maternity leave in the spring of 2006.

"[The marketing campaign] sort of fell through the cracks," Roston said. "Now this year, moving into this spring, there is a clear awareness that we need to do a better job."

According to Superintendent Kari McVeigh, the new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Ilene Straus is currently working on another marketing plan to reach potential kindergarten families.

A district run preschool is not currently on the Board of Education's agenda, but the superintendent and board members have indicated to the Weekly that they intend to raise the issue in upcoming district meetings.

"I know we as a Board have never talked about [a district pre-school] or looked at it in terms of goals per se, but if one of our goals is to increase our resident population in the schools, and it is, this is something we might want to take a look at," Roston said.

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Northeast at San Vicente to Santa Monica Boulevard before turning back to the Southwest toward Century City. A variation on that alignment involved a similar San Vicente route that cut westward along Beverly Boulevard.

The Wilshire Boulevard alignment was deemed the best of the options because it has higher commercial and traffic densities than the other proposed alignments.

In terms of station locations, the committee proceeded with its findings presented at the November 2nd town hall meeting which found the best locations to be at La Cienega Boulevard, at the east end of the city, and at Beverly Drive in the west.

Transit consultant Dick Kaku, who was hired by the city to consult the committee, said that the optimal distance between subway stations, in terms of highest possible ridership and system efficiency, is one mile. Considering that Beverly Hills is about 2.5 miles wide, it follows that two stations would be appropriate for the city, Kaku said.

The Beverly Drive and La Cienega stations were determined to be ideal for the high density of employment and residence within a quarter mile radius of each location.

The final recommendation is an

acknowledgement that the recommended station locations "appear feasible as to the construction of the stations and manageable with respect to operations, security and potential disruption during the construction phase."

Councilmember Frank Fenton voiced concern about the impact that construction would have on nearby retailers and said the city would have to know "where its retail tax was coming from" during construction.

Committee co-chair and former mayor Allan Alexander said that construction would present disruptions.

"There will be construction-related disruptions for two to three years," Alexander said. "But once it's finished, we have all the benefits for 100 years."

Another concern raised by the council was the likelihood that a subway through

Beverly Hills would be a catalyst for development near the locations. While studies do show this to be a reoccurring phenomenon, Alexander said that the city would nevertheless retain its current authority to approve or deny any future developments or to determine building codes.

Mayor Webb directed staff to set a date for the council's further consideration of the committee's recommendations. At that point, community members will have their opportunity to voice concerns or support

for the project.

Supporters can rest assured that, with this report, Beverly Hills is poised to assert itself in the advocacy process should the recommendations be approved.

Other Westside cities are likely to lobby the MTA for alternative route alignments and station locations according to what best suits their city, but in terms reaching out to the MTA so far, "No one is doing what Beverly Hills is doing," Jody Litvack, Manager of Constituent Programs for MTA, said.

All Councilmembers expressed gratitude for the committee's hard work and extensive report, citing many previous reports that are currently collecting dust in the city clerk's office.

"I can assure you, this will not be one of those reports," Webb said.

**"This is a group of intelligent, intellectual people. We were able to unanimously agree on the entire report without one minority opinion."**

**- Committee co-chair and former mayor Mark Egerman.**



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**FILE NO. 06 2844509****FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: GATEWAY CLEANERS, 1813 E. PALMDALE BLVD #A, PALMDALE, CA 93550. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JIRE, CORP, 1813 E. PALMDALE BLVD #A, PALMDALE, CA 93550. This Business is being conducted by a/an: CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

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

/s/ JIRE, CORP, BY: KI SUB SEONG/OCK HYUN SEONG, CEO/CFO, SECRETARY

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on DECEMBER 21, 2006 indicated by file stamp above.

NOTICE-THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

LA125178 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 12/28, 2006, 1/4, 11, 18, 2007

**FILE NO. 06 2853525****FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: HAKUSHO USA, 915 S. SAN PEDRO ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: YUMIKO MAKIHARA AND KENICHI SUZUKI, 10425 IRENE ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. This Business is being conducted by a/an: GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

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

/s/ YUMIKO MAKIHARA AND KENICHI SUZUKI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on DECEMBER 22, 2006 indicated by file stamp above.

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LA125197 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 12/28, 2006, 1/4, 11, 18, 2007

**FILE NO. 06 2844508****FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LOS 3 AMIGOS MARKET, 1517 1/2 W. 6TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: WON HYANG LEE, 2501 REDONDO BEACH BLVD #130, GARDENA, CA 90249. This Business is being conducted by a/an: INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

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

/s/ WON HYUNG LEE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on DECEMBER 21, 2006 indicated by file stamp above.

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LA125200 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 12/28, 2006, 1/4, 11, 18, 2007

**FILE NO. 06 2844506****STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

Fictitious Business Name(s): ED'S MARKET, 972 N. MACLAY AVE, SAN FERNANDO, CA 91340  
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on DECEMBER 17, 2001 in the county of LOS ANGELES. Original file number, 01-2406825.

The full name of registrant: VINEYARD MARKET, INC  
This business is conducted by: CORPORATION

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

crime)

/s/ VINEYARD MARKET, INC  
LA125194 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 12/28, 2006, 1/4, 11, 18, 2007

**FILE NO. 06 2844507****FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: CAFÉ COLLAGE, 1518 PACIFIC AVE, VENICE, CA 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JASON PARK, 4925 WILSHIRE BLVD #301, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010. This Business is being conducted by a/an: INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

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

/s/ JASON PARK

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on DECEMBER 21, 2006 indicated by file stamp above.

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LA125201 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 12/28, 2006, 1/4, 11, 18, 2007



**County of Los Angeles  
Department of the Treasurer and  
Tax Collector  
Notice of Divided Publication**

Pursuant to Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, Revenue and Taxation Code, the Notice of Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Power of Sale in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in said County for publication of a portion thereof in each of said newspapers.

**Public Auction Notice (R&TC 3702)  
Of Sale Of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject To  
The Power Of Sale (Sale No. 2007A)**

Whereas, on October 17, 2006, I, MARK J. SALADINO, Treasurer and Tax Collector, was directed by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, State of California, to sell at public auction certain Tax-Defaulted properties which are Subject to the Power of Sale. Public notice is hereby given that unless said properties are redeemed prior thereto, I will, on February 26 and 27, 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Fairplex Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, 1101 W. McKinley Avenue, Building 8, Pomona, California, offer for sale and sell said properties at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check in lawful money of the United States for not less than the minimum bid. If no bids are received on a parcel, it will be re-offered at the end of the auction at a reduced minimum price.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by Section 3698.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the County Tax Collector. Pre-registration and a \$5,000 deposit in form of cash, cashier's check or bank issued money order is required at the time of registration. No personal checks, two-party checks or business checks will be accepted for registration. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., starting Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, located at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California and will end on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

If the property is sold, parties of interest, as defined by Section 4675 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If excess proceeds result from the sale, notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to law.

All information concerning redemption, provided the right to redeem has not previously been terminated, will upon request be furnished by MARK J. SALADINO, Treasurer and Tax Collector.

If redemption of the property is not made according to the law before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2007, which is the last business day prior to the first day of auction, the right of redemption will cease.

The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the Assessor's Identification Number occurred, both prior and current Assessor's Identification Numbers are shown. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the maps referred to are available from the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012.

A list explaining the abbreviations used in this publication is on file in the Office of the Treasurer and Tax

Collector, 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012, or telephone (213) 974-2045.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on December 1, 2006.

MARK J. SALADINO  
Los Angeles County  
Treasurer and Tax Collector  
State of California

The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE(SALE NO. 2007A)  
1156 AIN 4392-007-015 PIVAN ENTERPRISES S A  
LOCATION CITY-LOS ANGELES \$101,320.00

Beverly Hills Weekly  
CN767807 025 Jan 4,11,18, 2007

**NOTICE OF FIRST AMENDED PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
MARION F. SEABURY AKA MARION FRANCES  
SEABURY  
CASE NO. SP006944**

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

A FIRST AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROSA ELVIRA HERNANDEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE FIRST AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that THOMAS B. MCCULLOUGH JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE FIRST AMENDED PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority.

(This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 01/26/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. F located at 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA CA 90401.

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

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

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

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