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## What's Going On with the Pre-School?



**Committee to reveal plan for joint venture  
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## “Permit Parent Standoff” [Issue 485]

President Obama ran on a platform of “Change.” He also said, “Yes We Can.”

There was once a time when we did not have as inclusive a permit policy as we have today. That changed over the years as evidenced by the multiple categories of permits we now offer. If BHUSD becomes a Basic Aid district, some changes may be necessary in the permit policies now in place.

I attended the Permit Study Session on Monday, January 12. It is clear from the discussion among the board members that permit practices and policies need revision. During this open forum, it was clear that there are differences of opinion that need to be resolved. The permit issue is further compounded by the prospect of becoming a Basic Aid district. The fundamental funding source will change.

The boundaries of every school district determine who is entitled, by those boundaries, to attend the schools within. These boundaries are sanctioned by the State Board of Education by placing on a local board the responsibility to govern the respective district as sovereign from all others. There is no inherent right for a student

in one district to attend another unless districts agree to release/accept that student. (CA Ed. Code 46600. (a) The governing boards of two or more school districts may enter into an agreement, for a term not to exceed five school years, for the interdistrict attendance of pupils who are residents of the districts)

In performing their duties as board members, each expressed concern for the children and families on Opportunity permits. While discussing eliminating new opportunity permits should/when the district become Basic Aid., each board member was open to creating a ‘tenure’ policy to minimize the impact of non-renewal of permits.

Opportunity permits are (currently) reviewed annually. The current practice is to renew these opportunity permits. There is no guarantee that permits will be renewed and opportunity parents are aware of this.

Much to their credit, it should be noted and appreciated that many parents of students on Opportunity permits are very supportive of and active in our schools.

Similarly, family circumstances may change such that a family and their child(ren) need to move out of the district.

Such involvement and/or circumstances should not be a criteria in framing policy(ies), however.

Becoming a Basic Aid district is a game changer. Grandfathering a student now in 3rd grade all the way through high school would not be a sound fiscal policy. Creating natural academic break points along with a ‘tenure’ plan would be a very

reasonable and responsible policy.

I am strong believer in gratitude. We should all be grateful for the opportunities we are able to enjoy no matter their duration. If we work together, “Yes We Can” find a common ground on this difficult issue.

*Craig Davis  
Beverly Hills*

## A Proposition 65 Public Notice

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## SNAPSHOT



### AT THE HEART OF IT ALL WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

Over 100 people attended first event produced by newly established The Lev Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to helping young people lead responsible lives and named after the late Daniel Levian who died in a drunk-driving accident last year, last week. Held at Sinai Temple, the night was dedicated to opening a dialogue between parents and their kids about the “tough” issues, like “alcohol, drugs and sex,” according to Lev Foundation Board member Alex Raminfar.

Jeffrey McNairy (left) moderated the discussion for the children and Rabbi David D. Wolpe (right) moderated the discussion for the parents. Both were present when the groups came together for open discussion at the end of the evening.



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# briefs

## Race to City Hall publicly kicks off

In a slow-paced three-hour meeting, the 11 city council candidates debated opinions about the city's General Plan, Measure P and the Beverly Hilton Revitalization Plan at the first candidate forum last Thursday.

Over 100 people showed up to the city council chambers to witness the first candidate forum, hosted by the Southwest Homeowners Association (SHA).

The forum, moderated by SHA president Ken Goldman, was first conducted in a question-and-answer format before becoming a loose debate format between the competitors.

Goldman would present a question for the candidates and allow all 11 candidates approximately 1 to 2 minutes to respond, effectively requiring almost 20 minutes for all candidates to answer each question.

Candidates John Mirisch, Brent Lilley, Virginia Maas, Richard Stone, Nili Nathan, Fran Cohen and Barry Brucker said they all voted no on the Beverly Hilton project, Measure H. Candidates Linda Briskman and Abraham Ross said they voted yes on the project. Candidates Michael Hakim and Dr. Willie Brien both declined to state their stance.

Almost all candidates opposed or were neutral to Measure P, though Brien said he might support the measure as part of a comprehensive plan to raise more funds

for the city.

The recorded forum will air on the city's cable television channel on Jan. 27 at 8 p.m.

## Hilton HQs moving out of Beverly Hills



*Hilton Hotels Corporation headquarters is leaving Beverly Hills but the Beverly Hilton, shown above, is here to stay.*

The Hilton Hotels Corporation plans to move its international headquarters from Beverly Hills to Washington, D.C., according to news reports on Wednesday afternoon.

The headquarters office is located on 933 Civic Center Dr., independent from the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Wilshire. The move is rumored to be motivated by increased financial expenses in Beverly Hills as well as a desire to find a more central location for the headquarters.

"Relocating to the D.C. area will significantly reduce our operating expenses and will position Hilton in a more central

location from which to operate a global business, ease coordination across our organization and better enable us to execute on strategic opportunities," company President and Chief Executive Officer Christopher J. Nassetta is quoted as saying in NBC News. "Our vision for Hilton is to create the world's leading hotel company, and this is a necessary and important step toward reaching this goal."

Calls to Hilton Hotels Corporation's Director of Communications for the Western U.S. David Trumble were not returned by press time.

## City Council faces two hot issues at tonight's meeting

This week's Beverly Hills City Council

meeting, held tonight at City Hall, will be confronted with two hot topics: The Wallis Annenberg Performing Arts Center Environment Impact Report (EIR) and lease agreement and bus shelter advertising.

The City Council, which moved its meeting from Tuesday to Thursday due to the presidential inauguration, will revisit both items from previous meetings.

The Council will also review and decide whether to approve the EIR for the Annenberg Center, located in the historic Beverly Hills Post Office building on North Canon Drive. The EIR indicates that there may be significant impact on

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE:** Thursday, January 29, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard  
**LOCATION:** Commission Meeting Room A  
Beverly Hills City Hall  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2009, will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider:

An ordinance of the City of Beverly Hills amending various sections of Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code regarding parking and loading standards of commercial buildings along in the Commercial-Transition Zone (C-3T-2) on Olympic Boulevard between Rexford Drive and Robertson Boulevard. When the use of an existing, nonconforming structure of 12,000 square feet or more is intensified in the aforementioned portion of Olympic Boulevard, such structure would be required to comply with current parking and loading standards set forth in Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. Where there are difficulties in meeting these standards, the ordinance would allow an applicant to seek the approval of the Planning Commission through the City's Development Plan Review public hearing process for deviation from the parking and loading standards.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. Staff has determined that the proposed ordinance is exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, as the ordinance does not authorize construction and, in fact, imposes greater restrictions on certain development in order to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare. Furthermore, staff has determined that the ordinance qualifies for a Categorical Exemption (Section 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines), Class 8, "actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment", because the ordinance would protect neighborhoods from impacts associated with intensification of commercial uses. Therefore, under the authority provided by the CEQA Guidelines, no significant environmental impacts are anticipated.

Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the Commission. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Planning Division of the Community Development Department prior to the meeting date and written or oral comments will be accepted at the Planning Commission meeting at the date and time noted above. The Planning Commission will review the proposed Ordinance and forward a recommendation to the City Council, which has the final approval authority.

If you challenge the City's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a public hearing held for this Ordinance, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to any such public hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact Larry Sakurai in the Planning Division of the Community Development Department 310.285.1123. A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file in the Planning Division of the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

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LARRY SAKURAI  
Principal Planner

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beverly Hills Purim Ball



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traffic at five major intersections as well as major streets near the site. The unmitigatable impact at the intersections of Santa Monica Boulevard North and Wilshire Boulevard as well as Crescent Drive and Santa Monica Boulevard South is one of the three findings of the EIR that the Council will have to decide to override.

The Council will also decide whether to approve the Annenberg Center's lease, which would provide 35 years with two 10-year options and a rent of \$100 a year.

The Council must decide the fate of the city's four bus shelters, which are currently maintained by CBS Outdoor "based on a permit issued by the Department of Transportation that expired in 1981 to the Convenience and Safety Corporation of Orange County which CBS Outdoor acquired," according to the city staff report.

### Students watch Obama Inauguration



*Pictured: Hawthorne students Anton Saleh (left) and Cordelia Perez (center) join principal Dr. Alex Cherniss in celebrating the inauguration of President Barack Obama on Tuesday.*

With the rest of the country, students at Hawthorne School witnessed history on Tuesday when the inauguration of President Barack Obama was televised to classrooms on the campus.

The idea came from student body president Cordelia Perez and vice president Anton Saleh and with the help of principal Dr. Alex Cherniss and student council they worked together to make the event possible.



*Herb Katz*

### Remembering Herb Katz

The late Herb Katz, 1948 Beverly High graduate, was posthumously inducted into the Beverly High Alumni Hall of Fame on Tuesday evening.

Katz passed away from complications due to cancer on Jan. 7. He was 78 years old.

After graduating Beverly High, Katz

went on to attend UCLA and USC, where he earned a bachelor in architecture in 1958. He became mayor of Santa Monica for a one-year term in 2008 and was elected to his fifth term on the Council on Nov. 4, 2008.

"He was a really nice guy and was very highly thought of in Santa Monica. He was an icon down there," said Fred Nason, who graduated from Beverly High with Katz. Nason said Katz was the chairman of their class' 50th reunion 10 years ago.

First elected to the Council in 1984, Katz served until 1992 when he took an eight-year hiatus to chair the Santa Monica Downtown District Board. He was elected back to the Council in 2000, where he served until his death.

"It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the loss of Herb Katz, one of Santa Monica's great leaders and friends. Herb distinguished himself in his personal, professional and public life. He will be greatly missed," read the notice from Santa Monica Mayor and City Council posted on the city Web site shortly after his death.

Katz had worked with the city of Beverly Hills on various government projects and with the BHUSD as a forensic architecture / expert witness in his professional capacity as an architect and senior principal-president of RTK Architects. His firm has also worked with the city of Beverly Hills on various capital improvement projects.

He is survived by his wife Brenda and daughter Dana, and is preceded in death by wife Ilona and sons Gregg and Glenn.

### BH Bar Assn. objects to state meeting at hotel owned by Prop 8 supporter

The Beverly Hills Bar Association is protesting the choice of location for the state association's annual meeting based on the venue owner's reported contribution to the campaign to outlaw same-sex marriage in California, Prop. 8, according to local news reports.

The meeting venue is scheduled to be Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, owned by Doug Manchester's company Manchester Financial Group. Manchester reportedly donated approximately \$125,000 to the Yes on Prop. 8 campaign.

"Our leaders are dismayed to learn that the State Bar Conference will be held at a location whose ownership—despite supporting the repudiation of basic human rights—would profit from our members," wrote Beverly Hills Bar Association president Nancy Knupfer in a letter to the state bar association, provided to MetNews service. "The very idea of that would certainly cause pain to many of our members."

### Hawthorne School wants your old shoes

Hawthorne School is holding a "reuse-a-shoe" drive to collect old tennis shoes to recycle into playground surfaces next week.

From Jan. 26 through 30, people can drop off their old sneakers at collections on the Rexford Drive campus. The shoes



*Aaron Axelrod*

### Axelrod's painting wins national inauguration contest

Hawthorne High graduate Aaron Axelrod's painting of President Barack Obama was among the several paintings chosen in a nationwide contest to be displayed at a gallery in Washington, D.C. this week.

Axelrod's first painting of the Constitution was picked for the Democratic Party's National convention in Denver last year. He later entered the nationwide contest for the inaugural in Washington, D.C. He was chosen to have his painting included in the 'Manifest for Hope' gallery in D.C., with other artists.



will go to Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe campaign that has turned hundreds of shoes into Nike sports and playground surfaces and equipment.

In connection with Hawthorne's Green Team, the school hopes to collect at least 100 pairs of shoes. Donated shoes can not be dress shoes, cleats, or flip flops. For more information, contact Monica Potter or Annette Saleh at Hawthorne School.

### Englander swings in charity golf tournament



*Harvey Englander*

Twenty years ago, Beverly Hills resident and businessman Harvey Englander took up golf as a way to spend time bonding with his sons.

This year, Englander will spend four days shooting for par at the 50th Bob Hope Chrysler Classic golf tournament for charity in Coachella Valley. This week will be Englander's second time to participate in the tournament since 2007.

On each of the four days between yesterday and Saturday, Englander will play on a team with one professional golfer, including Bill Lunde, Harrison Frazar, Brian Gay and Michael Letzig respectively.

The tournament will be held at four separate golf courses in the area and will be

attended by several celebrities including New York Yankees baseball legend Yogi Berra, actor/comedian Kevin Nealon, musician Huey Lewis and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

Englander has spent the almost one year preparing for big event. He traveled to Coachella on Friday night, where he took part in practice rounds with the other contestants.

All five days of the tournament will be televised on Golf Channel. At stake is a purse of \$5.1 million, with \$918,000 to the winner.

In 49 years of its existence, the tournament has donated more than \$45 million to charities throughout the Coachella Valley.

### Return to passion

The Jewish Federation will host a conference, titled "Return to Passion: Strategies for a Better Tomorrow," exploring the leading civic challenges facing Los Angeles over the next two decades, on Sunday.

The conference will explore challenges in housing, public health, education, civil rights, energy and the environment and emphasize practical ways that aspiring leaders can make a difference.

Speaking at the conference will be Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Steve Barr, Hon. Marlene Canter, Erwin Chemerinsky, Hon. Judy Chu, Jon Davidson, Rosalind Gold, Stanley Gold, Joe Hicks, Hon. Sheila Kuehl, Abbe Land, David Nahai, Angela Oh, and Anthony Pacheco. The conference will also feature a luncheon honoring Congressman Henry Waxman, Congressman Howard Berman, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

A panel titled "Making a Difference through Public Service: Your Path to Elective and Appointive Office" is tentatively scheduled to include L.A. City Council Member Jack Weiss, Judy Chu of

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## BHHS Girls' Soccer Team Begins Ocean League Play With Two Victories

### Norman boys' soccer team defeats Hawthorne

By Steven Herbert

Emily Litvak scored three goals, bringing her total for the season to 18, and had two assists as the Beverly High girls' soccer team opened Ocean League play with an 8-0 victory over Inglewood victory Jan. 14 at Nickoll Field.

Morgan Harding scored twice and Tyler Fields, Solange Levy and Nicole Star once each. Freshman midfielder Tiffany Moore had what a coach Ryan Franks described as a "breakout game" with three assists.

Norman goalkeeper Rebecca Gold made three saves to record her sixth shutout of the season and third in the past four games.

Beverly Hills led in shots, 14-3.

"We were clicking on all cylinders," Franks said. "It was beautiful to see everyone getting involved."

#### Beverly Hills 2, Hawthorne 0

Harding scored in the 23rd and 34th minutes and Gold made four saves for her seventh shutout of the season and fourth in the past five games Friday in an Ocean League game at Hawthorne Friday night.

Harding scored her first goal on a left-footed volley after controlling a rebound on a shot by Star. She scored her second, and 10th of the season in 13 games, off a cross from Emily Litvak.

Beverly Hills led in shots 10-4.

"The Norman offense struggled to get any kind of rhythm," Franks said after his team improved to 6-5-2, 2-0 in league play. "We don't want to make excuses but when you play on nice carpet all year it's not easy to come in here and play on a bumpy surface. The important thing is that we got the win we needed."

The victory was Beverly Hills' first of the season by less than six goals.

#### What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to conclude the first half of Ocean League play by playing host to Inglewood Morningside Friday at Nickoll Field and at Culver City Wednesday. The opening kickoff for both games is set for 6 p.m.

Beverly Hills defeated Morningside, 5-1 and 7-0, last season. The Normans were 1-0-1 against Culver City, tying 0-0 at Nickoll Field and winning 1-0 at Culver City.

#### Boys' Soccer

##### Inglewood 1, Beverly Hills 0

The Normans gave what coach Steve

Rappaport described as "the best effort we've given all year" in the overtime loss in the Ocean League opener for both teams Jan. 14 at Inglewood.

The Sentinels scored the lone goal six minutes into the second overtime segment on a counterattack.

Both teams took nine shots. Jonas Brock started his second consecutive game in goal for Beverly Hills in place of an injured Nate Forrest and made eight saves.

"We played great, we just missed a couple of opportunities," Normans coach Steve Rappaport said. "I'd really put it down to a tough field, the breaks of soccer. It could have gone either way."

Sophomore midfielder Kristof Sebesteny, an exchange student, "played especially well," in his first game for Beverly Hills in three weeks after visiting his family in Germany, Rappaport said.

"He was a huge addition to get back," Rappaport said.

Romeo Patroni, Daniel Kohen, Erik Munzer and William Byun also drew praise for their play from Rappaport.

#### Beverly Hills 1, Hawthorne 0

Parsa Peykar scored in the fourth minute and Brock made nine saves for his first shutout of the season Friday night in an Ocean League game at Nickoll Field.

Vitor Nogueira began the scoring sequence with a cross that Josh Newman touched before the ball went to Peykar, who scored his second goal of the season.

"We played a pretty solid game," Rappaport said after his team improved to 5-10-2, 1-1 in league play. "Brock had an outstanding game. He really, really made a difference."

Munzer and Willie Woods both had "strong" games, according to Rappaport, who also praised the play of Patroni, who was forced to play as a defender, midfielder and forward because of injuries.

#### What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to conclude the first half of Ocean League play by playing at to Inglewood Morningside Friday at 2:30 and playing host to Culver City Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Nickoll Field.

Beverly Hills defeated Morningside, 3-0 and 2-0, last season. The Normans were 1-0-1 against Culver City, tying 2-2 at Culver City and winning 9-1 at Nickoll

Field.

#### Girls' Basketball

##### Beverly Hills 71,

##### West Hollywood Pacific Hills 67

The Normans entered the fourth quarter trailing by two points, but outscored the Bruins 20-14 over the final eight minutes, with Javonna Young scoring five points and Natalie Moy and Sophie Payson both making 3-point baskets.

Beverly Hills sophomore forward Morgan Mason scored 23 of her 27 points over the first three quarters in the third-place game of the Best of the West Tournament Dec. 31 at Ayala High School in Chino Hills.

The Normans trailed 20-15 at the end of the first quarter, despite Payson's six points on two 3-point baskets.

Mason scored 13 points in the second quarter as Beverly Hills outscored the Bruins, 19-16, to trail 36-34 at halftime.

Both teams scored 17 points in the third quarter, with Mason leading the Normans with six and Jie Ren making a 3-point basket.

Payson added 14 points, Miranda Abdul-Monsour nine, Young eight, Chelsea Austin four, and Jayna Abdul-Monsour, Miranda Abdul-Monsour's twin sister, Ren and Moy three each.

Forward Joanna Miller led Pacific Hills with 28 points, while guard Bree Richardson added 18. Richardson has signed a letter of intent to accept an athletic scholarship from UC Santa Barbara and is a daughter of former NBA and UCLA guard Pooh Richardson.

##### Beverly Hills 54, El Segundo 27

The Normans led 20-7 at the end of the first quarter, with Young scoring eight of her 14 points, then built their lead for the rest of the game in a nonleague game at the Swim-Gym Jan. 6.

Beverly Hills (12-5) increased its lead to 32-13 at halftime by outscoring the Eagles, 12-6, in the second quarter as Miranda Abdul-Monsour scored eight of her 14 points.

The Normans outscored El Segundo, 12-5, in the third quarter, taking a 45-18 lead into the fourth quarter, when the outscored the Eagles, 10-9.

Mason added eight points, Kiarra Brown, Pauline Loghmana and Lauren Kahn four each, Moy, Ren and Didi Younesi two each.

Brown had 12 rebounds and Young 11.

##### Burbank Bellarmine-Jefferson 69, Beverly Hills 58


The score was tied at halftime and both teams scored 16 points in the fourth quarter, but the Normans fell victim to the host Guards' outside shooting in the third quarter in a nonleague game Dec. 12.

Beverly Hills was outscored 23-12 in the third quarter, as Rishonda Napier scored eight points, making two 3-point baskets, and Elizabeth Hawthorne and Shelley Gupilan five each, both making 3-point baskets, for Bellarmine-Jefferson (6-0, including a forfeit victory).

The Normans trailed 19-16 at the end of the first quarter, despite Miranda Abdul-Monsour seven points, including a 3-point basket, and the first of Payson's four

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*for Beverly Hills*



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# from the hills of beverly



## Nation Comes Together

But we still find ways to fight here

By Rudy Cole

Yes, as usual, this week there are issues in our village worth writing about, and I will, but somehow the divisive battles over school permits, delays in airing the city council debates and whether we should allow signage at bus stops, seem almost, but not quite, inconsequential

No matter your political loyalties, Tuesday had to be one of the most moving days in American history. An African American president! Not the end of our most wrenching domestic challenge, how to live together as one people, but a step so significant and hopeful it gives our nation confidence that President **Barack Obama** may actually revitalize our economy and make us once again leaders of the free world.

However, as I watched this incredible Obama family – the almost too perfect wife and children, become our first family, I thought of those not remembered during our long and hardly ended struggle for civil rights.

There was marvelous symbolism in the induction taking place one day after the **Martin Luther King** holiday, but there were other American heroes that should share the moment.

First, and what a tragedy that he will most be remembered for the failed policies of Vietnam that cost so many lives and so totally changed our society, was the civil rights legislation that President **Lyndon Johnson** pushed through the Congress. The most significant was the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Equally important was the United States Supreme Court decision, *Brown v Topeka Board of Education*, in 1952. Chief Justice **Earl Warren**'s court ordered an end to separation by race in American schools, but the genius of our former Governor was his ability to make the court findings unanimous.

(Now his grandson, Dr. **Willie Brien**, is a candidate for Beverly Hills City Council.)

There were others who were remembered Tuesday including **Rosa Parks**, who refused to be moved to the back of the bus. But the road to Obama should also recognize President **Harry Truman** who ended discrimination in the armed services, President **John Kennedy** and President **Dwight Eisenhower**, who did not flinch from using the Army to enforce court orders and, of course, **Robert Kennedy** whose passion for civil rights ignited a generation of humanist idealism.

Black History Month should have even more meaning this year and our own schools should make the names of **Frederick Douglass, Walter White, William E.B. Du Bois, Sojourner Truth, Nat Turner** and so many more American heroes a part of our young people's understanding of the American heritage.

Congratulations America for getting it right. Of course, we are not always going to agree with President Obama, but we need to give his administration time and understanding – the real vitality of America will be restored.

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So, what's going on here on the home front? Much of the same. Just different players. Some topics of discussion: A city council race with debates that have yet to be seen on our city controlled television station and the emotionally charged school permit program that has so bitterly divided our school board.

The first city council debate was held on January 15 before a packed audience in the council chambers at city hall. It was sponsored by the Southwest Beverly Hills Homeowner's Association which has held successful forums for many years.

However, even though the technology was available, the debates were not televised live and will not be aired until January 27. When community forums are held outside city hall, they are traditionally taped because the costs and logistics of live coverage are enormous, but what excuse is there for not doing them live when they are held in the same chamber as city council meetings? And why the long delay?

A city council committee of members not running in the election, followed some earlier traditions and recommended guidelines and rules for the forums. The city can NOT dictate conditions for the forums, but it does make the use of the city television channel conditioned on accepting their rules. Mostly, these rules are reasonable and even practical, but the idea of council involvement in a free speech issue does make me uncomfortable.

Yes, there have been terrible abuses in treatment of candidates by some of those participating in past forums, and not just during the q and a portion, but by debate sponsor leaders. This was nasty and unfor-

tunate, but that alone is not a justification for a prior censorship process. Viewers should be the judges and their good judgment allowed to decide the merit of the attacks and the fairness of the forums.

However, the Southwest forums are almost always balanced and even handed. Long time president **Ken Goldman** knows how to control the speakers, keeping them in time limits, and monitoring audience participants. One year he deftly controlled a speaker who wanted to use the forums to address a purely personal and legal problem he was having with the city. Goldman knows how to be and is fair in his treatment of the candidates and the questioners. There was simply no excuse not to broadcast the Southwest Forum live.

Equally important, people attending the forums are discussing what happened with friends and neighbors, and from their own perspectives, and there was some press coverage. Delaying the broadcasts gives word of mouth more credence than actually seeing the event.

Forums are not the only or even the most important factor in an election, but they do provide insights we need as early as possible since voters are being asked to endorse and participate in the various campaigns. Delaying the first for two weeks is not in the public interest. At the very least, the city should begin now giving the dates the various forums will be aired on Ch. 10.

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The school permit issue simply won't go away and is so complicated and divisive that it has dominated board discussions for weeks.

I am not even going to attempt to examine all the various arguments in this column, but I would welcome your thoughts.

Basically, the only unity on the board is agreement that the permit program needs to be changed. Some permits will be allowed for diversity and possibly legacy – grandchildren of grandparents who still live here and have lived here for at least 10 years and of parents who attended our schools for at least four years; and for some teachers and city employees.

At issue are permits approved for parents who live near Beverly Hills, often in expensive homes, but have no legal or professional ties to the city. These are the opportunity permits. Incidentally, this is not about illegal enrollments, a very separate issue.

On the one hand, there is the argument that we are not part of a regional school system, that we are totally independent and that parents who move here for our schools do make sacrifices to make that happen. Giving the same rights to non-residents is a fair concern.

On the other hand, and here the arguments become very murky, is the fiscal impact of non-resident enrollment. It is hard to judge whether the additional students help bring more money to our schools from the state or whether this is a near wash.

There is agreement that it would be too

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upsetting to not permit students now in the high school to graduate. The disagreement is on when elementary and middle school children should not be allowed to continue. There have been compromises, including one by board member Dr. **Brian David Goldberg**, but the board majority has opted not to expel any students now in the system.

The majority also argues that, even if the district wanted to remove them, the county agency that helps set rules on attendance, would not allow it.

Very understandably, the parents of permit children are furious at the board for even considering changes in the program. I understand their angst. It could be very wrenching to remove a child from a school they consider their own, it would certainly be hard to explain to the very young kids why this is happening and even give them the feeling that they had been doing something wrong.

By the same token, the lack of balance shown by the permit parents attacks on some members of the board has not helped. Neither side on this issue is heartless or insensitive to the human issues, but it is ingenuous of non-residents to make this so political. The real questions are fiscal realities, changes that least impact the young people and eventually restoring a district to local, people who actually live here.

What is also distressing is the possible costs of lawsuits the out of district parents are considering bringing. This is hardly a way to build support for their concerns, many of which I do share.

In case you haven't been following this too closely, board members **Steven Fenton** and **Goldberg** support, in slightly different variations, an end now to the opportunity permits. Although not always solid in their views, President **Nooshin Meshkaty**, vice president **Myra Lurie** and board member **Myra Demeter** want to allow those in the system to complete their studies.

Fenton and Goldberg also argue that this was an issue in their elections and that they are acting on the wishes of the voters. However, Lurie was elected in the same election, did not share their views and did run well ahead of Goldberg. True, Fenton easily led the contest but that could clearly be because of his highly recognized politically active family name.

I don't think anyone on the board is acting out of anything except concern for the

school district. Again, the personal attacks on Goldberg and Fenton are counterproductive as are the political threats against the other board members.

What is totally lacking in the process is an unbiased analysis by our acting School Supt. **Jerry Gross**. Gross came to our district with some very impressive credentials and he has worked in districts with far more contentious issues, and yet he has been strangely silent here. Gross has to show some leadership and provide some guidance, now.

Will the County overrule any changes in permit enrollment and can students be removed without individual due process?

Will we have significant financial losses if the permit program ends?

These and other questions need a hands-on school superintendent and Gross should not remain aloof from this and other school issues. But this does raise again the issue of hiring a superintendent from within the system or someone who knows our community.

My own feeling: Don't permit irresponsible planning and behavior by the parents to make their children's lives more complicated. However, we will give this more attention again and, really, I would very much welcome reader's opinions.

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One of the most respected cultural support groups in Los Angeles, The Blue Ribbon of the Music Center, is co-hosting what promises to be an outstanding entertainment event next month: "The Writer, The Singer and the Song."

The program will feature six songwriters who will tell the story of the songs they wrote and then perform the song. **Paul Williams** will mc the performance at the **Mark Taper** Forum followed by dinner in the "Grand Hall" of the **Dorothy Chandler**. Performance only: One Hundred Fifty. With dinner, donations begin at Two Hundred Fifty. For more information: 213.972.3347 **Donanne Kasikci** and **Suzanne Kayne** co-chair.

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the Board of Equalization, Rosalind Gold of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, and LA Police Commission President Anthony Pacheco. It will be held from 2:15 until 3:15 p.m.

The conference as a whole will be held on Sunday, Jan. 25, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Davidson Conference Center on the USC Campus. To register, visit:

[https://www.jewishla.org/Event\\_Detail.cfm?EventID=356640](https://www.jewishla.org/Event_Detail.cfm?EventID=356640).

### 73-year-old resident training for marathon

Jay Foonberg did not start training for marathons until he was 56. Foonberg, now 73, has completed 35 marathons, 30 half marathons, and is still going strong. Having completed races on all seven continents, Foonberg has been able to compete in places such as Berlin, London, Paris, Rome, Singapore, Kenya, and Antarctica. While running mile 24 in London, Foonberg recalls how "In my mind, I was steaming and then I noticed that others were walking faster than I was 'running'." Another proud memory is beating Al Gore in the Marine Corps Marathon. Besides the Surf City USA Marathon, he is training for a 5K on Iwo Jima where he will be racing to the top of Mt. Suribachi and back. Foonberg considers himself a "Dancing Bear" since he says, "the wonder of a dancing bear is not that the bear dances well, but rather that

the bear dances at all."

### BHUSD opens early registration for residents

The BHUSD will open early registration for Beverly Hills resident children who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten through 12th grade on Feb. 2.

Children may pre-enroll at the school within their zone. All schools locations and hours of operation are listed below.

Beverly Vista School  
200 South Elm Drive  
9:00 am – 11:00 am  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

El Rodeo School  
605 North Whittier Drive  
9:00 am – 11:00 am  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Hawthorne School  
624 North Rexford Drive  
9:00 am – 11:00 am  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Horace Mann School  
8701 Charleville Blvd  
9:00 am – 11:00 am  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Beverly Hills High School  
241 South Moreno Drive  
8:00 am – 10:00 am

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# coverstory

# WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE PRE-SCHOOL?

Committee to reveal plan for joint venture between City, BHUSD

By Jacquelyn Ryan

A five-member committee put together by the BHUSD Board of Education will present the long-anticipated results of a nine-month investigation into the possibility of a joint venture preschool program between the city and school district at the Board meeting on Tuesday.

The investigation was the result of at least two years of interest by residents and school officials. Attention heightened after the Weekly's 2007 investigation into why the BHUSD doesn't have its own preschool program [Issue 380]. Bringing a preschool to the BHUSD became a key platform issue for Steven Fenton in the 2007 Board of Education election.

Each appointed by a Board member, the team of five — chair former Board of Education member John Millan, former Mayor Steve Webb, PTA co-president Franny Rennie, attorney Jacob Manaster and parent Jillian Neal — have been exploring options available to the district to incorporate a preschool into the kindergarten through 12th grade class range since April 2008.

As part of the investigation, “we asked kindergarten and first grade parents about their experience with preschool,” said Millan in an interview last week. “[One of the] hopes among us was to find a way to capture people who chose to go to private school so they could help us [learn how to] capture more of these kids.”

While the committee won't reveal their conclusions until the meeting, reports indicate they will likely recommend the district become more closely involved with the City of Beverly Hills-run preschool program as well as recommend the two entities conspire to hire an educational director to oversee the program and work to align the preschool curriculum with the kindergarten curriculum at the BHUSD.

The Weekly's investigation in 2007 found that the district was reluctant to pursue a preschool program due to perceived competition with the city. Several other Southern Californian public school districts operate their own preschools, which act as natural feeders for the elementary programs. Few, if any, other cities run a school program.

The city of Beverly Hills preschool program, managed under the Recreation and Parks Department, has six sites in the city, currently enrolls 134 students and provides at least three teachers for each classroom. Currently, the city's program is held at La Cienega, Roxbury and Coldwater Canyon parks as well as Beverly Vista and Hawthorne schools.

“We're a preschool based in recreation,” said preschool manager Lisa Casteneda, who holds a degree in child development but does not hold an administrative credential, which would be required of a public education school principal. Casteneda also runs the Beverly Hills Tennis Center.

The city's preschool program, originally a day-care program, is centered on socializing the students and equipping them with the inter- and intra-personal skills to become well-adjusted and well-behaved pupils in elementary school and beyond, according to Casteneda.

Parents who enroll their children in the city's program believe that socialization should be the number one goal of a preschool program. Not all parents feel that way however.

“We found some parents were looking for a greater emphasis on academics,” said Webb. “A preschool at Roxbury Park could connote a less than academic interest.”



City of Beverly Hills Preschool teacher Linda Dingler and student Karen Kiyokava at the newly opened Hawthorne School location

It is likely that the committee's recommendations will include increasing the academic focus in the city's preschool program by moving more classes onto district campuses as well as through the dedicated educational director position.

Currently, the Beverly Hills curriculum has no name and is developed by the individual teachers on a class-by-class basis. Most teachers focus on improving students' bodily motor skills, as well as introducing the students to the ABCs, numbers 1 through 20 and how to write their own names, according to Casteneda.

“Our philosophy is that kids learn through play, and so our toys, and the games we play, and the art projects we do have a tendency of engaging them thinking, sharing, manners, life skills and more,” reads the Beverly Hills preschool welcome letter to new parents. “We are not an academic school, but do have a letter of the week (which we learn in sign language as well), a theme each week, do the calendar daily (so they know/learn their numbers, the days of the week, and months of the year).”

In contrast, nearby Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) utilizes the High/Scope Preschool curriculum, in which the education content “is built around 58

‘key developmental indicators’ (KDIs) in five curriculum content areas. The KDIs are early childhood milestones that guide teachers as they plan and assess learning experiences and interact with children to support learning,” according to the Web site.

Director of Early Childhood Education at SMMUSD Judy Abdo said that her staff implements a California Department of Education-created ‘desired results development profile’ test two to three times a year to gauge how children are learning and developing in the program.

Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) uses the Houghton-Mifflin preschool and elementary curriculum to ensure alignment of the coursework used throughout all classes in the district.

It's been successful, according to NMUSD's director of early education Lorie Hoggard.

“We wanted to align the two because the Houghton Mifflin preschool curriculum prepares the students for what they'll be doing in kindergarten,” said Hoggard.

The Houghton Mifflin curriculum was developed by building on research about how the brains of 3 and 4 year olds learn and digest information, according to Hoggard.

Since the preschool program started at NMUSD in 1999, Hoggard says that the kindergarten teachers have noticed that the students “come in more prepared than ever before. They know what it's like to work in small groups, what to do in a classroom, the school types of experiences.”

Indeed, the BHUSD kindergartens use the Houghton-Mifflin curriculum for reading and math lessons. However, the city preschool does not use the Houghton-Mifflin curriculum.

Beverly Hills preschool teacher Mary Grey, head teacher at La Cienega Park, said she understands parents' concern to prepare children for kindergarten. She meets with some BHUSD kindergarten teachers a few times a year to learn what qualities and skills the teachers would like incoming kindergartens to have and said she tries to plan her curriculum accordingly. Beverly Vista kindergarten teacher Natalie Rocchio said that she believes students from the Beverly Hills preschool are adequately prepared for kindergarten.

Preschools play another role in kindergartens and elementary schools as well.

Preschools encompassed within a school that offers elementary classes act like feeders for the day school classes, according to the education directors at several such schools. A large number of preschoolers at NMUSD, SMMUSD and The Center all go on to attend the school's elementary classes. At NMUSD, 32.5 percent (517 students) of its 2008-2009 kindergarten class attended the preschool program.

Recreation and Parks director Teri Angel said that 31 of the 41 preschool graduates in 2007 attended the BHUSD for kindergarten. There are 61 preschoolers graduating this year with Angel anticipating 54 moving onto the BHUSD.

While those numbers are respectable, the committee will also likely advise moving preschools onto the BHUSD campuses to provide more incentive to the families to stay on for elementary school.

“I know several people who would chose to send their kids to a Beverly Hills preschool if there were one [at their zoned school],” said BHUSD parent Nathalie Kunin, who runs tutoring company Team Tutors, in response to adding



preschools to the district campuses. Kunin sent her children to The Center for preschool while she was a fourth-grade teacher there. But Kunin says that had circumstances been different, she would have strongly considered a Beverly Hills preschool.

Kunin also explained that location is only one of several factors a parent uses to select a preschool.

In addition to location, one criterion parents use to pick a preschool is the length of the school day, Kunin and other parents said. Some families are able to work within a half-day preschool schedule, which typically runs somewhere between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Other families, particularly families in which parents work full days, say they need preschools that offer at least 6 to 8 hours of care.

The Beverly Hills preschool runs between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. A preschool on a school campus could offer a "full day" of supervision that would parallel the hours provided to elementary school students, like the program at SMMUSD, which in some cases can offer 10.5 hours of supervision to enrolled students.

For some schools, extended supervision is a matter of having sufficient teachers, staff and resources. In addition to some tuition, SMMUSD receives federal and state monies for several of its programs.

SMMUSD only requires its preschool teachers to hold the state-mandated preschool permit, which requires 12 Early Education credits and an extensive background search but does not require a bachelor's degree or elementary teaching credential. NMUSD holds the same requirements thought currently 13 of its 18 preschool classrooms are lead by a teacher with a bachelor's degree.

The Beverly Hills teachers hold state-mandated licenses to teach preschool. While not a requirement, a handful of the teachers, specifically head teachers, hold bachelor's degrees, according to the Casteneda. She did not know specifics about the other employees but added that all teachers have at least 15 units of Early Childhood Education. Head teachers hold at least 24 units.

By contrast, The Center for Early Childhood Education preschool, a private school in West Hollywood, requires that all its preschool teachers hold a bachelors degree and elementary teaching credential in addition to the state-mandated early education permit.

"Whenever you go on to get your bachelors and credential, you are given the opportunity to have much more experience. It's not just the theory but it's the practice as well," said Nancy Adams, director of early childhood education [preschool through first grade] at The Center.

Adams said that several accreditation companies and national associations, including the National Association for Education of Young Children, are moving toward requiring that all preschool teachers hold elementary teaching credentials as early as the year 2010.

Nonetheless, the Beverly Hills program is still popular with young resident parents. Currently, it has a waiting list of 147 families, according to Casteneda. The committee found that of the qualified children on the preschool wait-

ing list, between 75 to 100 children were turned away simply based on available space. Only about 70 kids will graduate from the preschool program this year, leaving an equal amount of openings for new students.

"The school district could contribute by providing space to help the fill the need," said Webb.

Some wonder if the waiting list at Beverly Hills is due in part to the reduced tuition rate in comparison with other local preschools [see adjoining chart]. The prices for preschools across the city vary greatly but the Beverly Hills program is one of the least expensive in the area.

But, Webb explained, one of the reasons for the low cost at the Beverly Hills preschools is due in part to the city's ability to subsidize much of the overhead, like facilities, for the preschool.

Costs are school-run programs are also subsidized their districts. While districts are required to offer preschool to special needs students for free, they are allowed to charge for non-mandated programs much like the BHUSD does with its Adult School. However, it is unclear if the committee may have looked into whether the district could make any profit from incorporating the preschool.

Board members say they are anxious to receive the results of the committee's labor.

After they review the report, Board members, Council members, City Manager Rod Wood and Recreation and Parks head Steve Miller would likely meet to discuss the plausibility of such a plan.

While the majority of parents with children in the city preschool told the committee they are pleased with the program, skeptics wonder if the recommendations of the five-member committee will go far enough to remedy what they see as deficiencies in the city preschool program.

To that extent, the Board and city may be able to look to other successful preschools programs for guidance.

# The City of Beverly Hills Preschool's Daily Schedule

## Preschool Daily Schedule

<b>9:00-9:10</b>	<b>Drop Off at Front Gate</b> <b>(After 9:10 you must enter through the office! WE WILL WAIT UNTIL 9:15 ON WEDNESDAYS)</b>
<b>9:10-10:00</b>	<b>Inside Structured Play (Snack Provided, Art Time, too!)</b>
<b>10:00-10:40</b>	<b>Integration With Other Class</b>
<b>10:40-10:45</b>	<b>Clean Up Time</b>
<b>10:45-11:15</b>	<b>Good Morning Circle</b> <b>(Sing Songs, reading stories, movement)</b>
<b>11:15-11:50</b>	<b>Outside Free Play</b>
<b>11:50-12:00</b>	<b>Bathroom Time For Everyone</b>
<b>12:00-12:30</b>	<b>Lunch Time</b>
<b>12:35-12:50</b>	<b>Quiet Time (Private Time: Reading books)</b>
<b>12:50-1:00</b>	<b>Clean Up Books, Put Away Books and Lunches</b>
<b>1:00-1:30</b>	<b>Free Play and Centers</b>
<b>1:35-1:40</b>	<b>Clean Up Time</b>
<b>1:40-1:50</b>	<b>Goodbye Circle</b>
<b>1:55-2:00</b>	<b>Pick Up Time At Front Gate</b> <b>(Our schedule may vary day to day as we have different activities and sometimes specialists on certain days)</b>

Source: City of Beverly Hills Preschool welcome packet 2009

"What I'm glad we did was to meet with the parents and studied their needs and desires. We talked with families to find out what parents needed and wanted we before we would want to open a preschool that doesn't meet the needs of the families. If they needed a full-day preschool, and we opened a half-day preschool, we wouldn't meet their needs and they'd probably look to private schools," said Hoggard.

Preschool	Tuition	#Students	#Teachers	Curriculum
City of Beverly Hills	\$7,000-\$9,500	134	18	Self-made
Sunshine	\$8,400-\$16,020	115	15	Self-made
The Center for Early Education	\$13,750-\$16,495	118	15	Self-made
Newport-Mesa USD	\$2,040-\$5,100	680	34	Houghton-Mifflin
Wilshire Blvd Temple	\$9,150-\$14,250	250	35	Montessori/HighScope/Reggio Emilia
Santa Monica-Malibu USD	\$0-\$5,400	530	30	HighScope

Source: BHWeekly interviews with school directors, Jan. 8 - Jan. 20, 2009.

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3-point baskets.

The scored was tied 30-30 at halftime as Beverly Hills outscored the Guards, 14-11, with Young scoring six points and Payson making two 3-point baskets for her six points.

Young scored 18 points, Payson 16, Mason nine, Miranda Abdul-Monsour seven, Austin six and Ren two.

Margeaux Gupilan and Shelley Gupilan each scored 16 points and Napier 12 for Bellarmine-Jefferson, which made 10 3-point baskets to five for the Normans.

#### What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to conclude the first half of Ocean League play by playing at Inglewood Morningside Friday and playing host to Culver City Wednesday at the Swim-Gym. Both games are set to start at 6 p.m.

Beverly Hills defeated Morningside, 64-47 and 64-32, last season, while it lost to Culver City, 56-53 and 40-39.

#### Boys' Basketball

##### Sea Hawk Beach Classic Basketball Tournament

Playa Del Rey St. Bernard 81, Beverly Hills 58

Norman sophomore Greg Townsend scored 12 of his 15 points in the first half in a first-round game Dec. 26.

Beverly Hills trailed 22-12 at the end of the first quarter, 45-24 at halftime and 72-41 entering the fourth quarter.

Farzan Azinkhan added 12, including six in the fourth quarter when the Normans outscored the Vikings, 17-9, freshman Austin Mills 11, including a 3-point basket during an eight-point third quarter, Markus Silbiger 10, six in the fourth quarter, Kion Alam eight, Ariel Rofeim two.

##### Redondo 42, Beverly Hills 39

The Normans missed a potentially game-tying 3-point shot as time expired in a consolation quarterfinal game Dec.

27.

The two teams combined for 10 points in the fourth quarter – six by Redondo on two baskets by Brandon Boyd and one by Mwelu Mataya — and four by Beverly Hills on a basket by Torrey Lubkin and Silbiger's two free throws.

"Nobody could put the ball in the basket," Norman coach Derek Boldon said. "It was poor execution on the offensive end. We played decent defense. They did too."

Beverly Hills led 18-15 at the end of the first quarter as Mills made two 3-point baskets and scored seven points, while Silbiger also scored seven points.

The score was tied 27-27 at halftime as the Normans were outscored 12-9 in the second quarter, despite Azinkhan's five points, including a 3-point basket.

Beverly Hills was outscored, 9-8, in the third quarter, where Mills made his third 3-point basket of the game.

Mills led the Normans with 10 points. Silbiger added nine, Azinkhan and Aurash Jamasbi five each, Michael Pedram and Alon Kashanian four each and Lubkin two.

##### Montebello Cantwell-Sacred Heart 64, Beverly Hills 50

The Normans were outscored 23-8 in what proved to be a decisive second quarter in a 13th-place semifinal Dec. 29.

Beverly Hills was outscored, 13-9, in the first quarter and 19-17 in the third quarter and outscored the Cardinals, 16-9, in the fourth quarter.

"We should have beat them," Boldon said. "They were kind a small team. The kids looked down on the other end of the floor and see a bunch of little guys and start thinking they're going to score 40 points and underestimating them. They played with more energy than we did."

Silbiger scored 14 points, Trevor Walters 10, Pedram eight, Kashanian six, Lubkin four, Mills three on a first-quarter 3-point basket, Alam and Chris Lee two each and Jamasbi one.

##### Los Angeles Verbum Dei 75, Beverly Hills 54

The Normans allowed six first-half 3-point baskets and were unable to make any and trailed 43-26 at halftime of the 15th-place game Dec. 30.

Beverly Hills (4-10) was outscored, 24-10, in the first quarter as Lyle Edwards scored seven points, including a 3-point basket and Darryl Williams added five points on a 3-point basket and two free throws for the Eagles.

The Normans were outscored, 19-16, in the second quarter as four Verbum Dei players all made 3-point baskets.

Beverly Hills outscored the Eagles, 14-9, in the third quarter, as Kashanian and Lubkin both scored four points, cutting the deficit to 52-40 entering the fourth quarter.

The Normans were outscored, 23-14, in the fourth quarter as Edwards scored 10 points, making all four of his free throws.

Silbiger scored 13 points, Walters 11, Pedram and Rofeim seven each, Kashanian six, Lee and Lubkin four each and Azinkhan two.

Boldon said his team was 0-4 in the tournament because of "poor defense and underestimating opponents."

The tournament was played at Redondo Union High School.

#### What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to conclude the first half of Ocean League play by playing at Inglewood Morningside Friday and playing host to Culver City Wednesday at the Swim-Gym. Both games are set to start at 7:30 p.m.

Beverly Hills split two games with both Morningside and Culver City last season, losing to Morningside, 62-52, and Culver City 83-80, in the first round of league play, then defeating Morningside, 62-57, and Culver City, 70-68, in the final week of the regular season.

#### Girls' Water Polo

##### O.C. Shootout

##### Murietta Vista Murietta 18, Beverly Hills 7

Alli Friedman scored twice for the Normans and Young In Lee and Patty Salgado once each in a pool play game Jan. 8 at Katella High School in Anaheim.

Beverly Hills goaltender Agnes Rapala made three saves.

##### Beverly Hills 11, Orange 8

Friedman and Michelle Margolin both scored four goals Jan. 8 at Katella High School in Anaheim.

Ava Rezai, Salgado and Rebecca Yukelson scored once each for the Normans.

Rapala made two saves.

##### Anaheim Katella 7, Beverly Hills 2

Margolin and Salgado scored for the Normans in a consolation bracket game Jan. 9.

Rapala made three saves.

##### Beverly Hills 13,

##### Burbank Burroughs 3

Margolin scored five goals and Friedman and Salgado three each in a consolation bracket game Jan. 10.

Amanda Berkowitz and Lee both scored once for the Normans (3-7).

Rapala made seven saves.

#### What's Next?

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

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# police blotter & arrest summary

Tiffany Marie Carrari, 24, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/18/2009 for driving under influence of alcohol/drugs.

Efrain Gonzalo Garcia-Lopez, 28, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/18/2009 for driving under the influence alcohol/drugs and causing bodily injury.

Maximillian Castillo, 51, of Santa Monica, arrested on 01/18/2009 for disorderly conduct:intoxication.

Male juvenile, 17, of Grand Junction, arrested on 01/17/2009 for fugitive from justice: arrest without warrant.

Carlos Enrique Campos, 37, of Inglewood, arrested on 01/16/2009 for obstruct/resist/etc a public/peace officer.

Nicole Maria Nero, 23, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 01/16/2009 for disorderly conduct:intoxication.

Mark Allen Shevers, 54, of Venice, arrested on 01/16/2009 for possession of marijuana (1 oz or less) while driving.

Hany Farahat Hanna, 33, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/16/2009 for burglary.

Reynaldo Castro, 52, of Los Angeles,

arrested on 01/15/2009 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Carlos Garcia Gutierrez, 42, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/15/2009 for driving without license.

Carlos Alberto Lopez, 24, Los Angeles, arrested on 01/15/2009 for driving without a license.

Edilio Galdamez, 47, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/15/2009 for drive while license was suspended.

Michael Louis Richardson, 52, of Long Beach, arrested on 01/15/2009 for obstruct/resist/etc public/peace officer.

Yvette Barreto, 35, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 01/15/2009 for inflicting corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant.

Jennifer Ann Sherwood, 26, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/15/2009 for burglary.

Jane Delson, 58, of Studio City, arrested on 01/15/2009 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Richard Raul Araluce, 48, of Seattle, arrested on 01/14/2009 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Jamshid Aryeh, 60, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 01/14/2009 for inflicting corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant.

Tareq Ibrahim, 22, of Los Angeles, arrested on 01/13/2009 for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Susana Belen Lavalley, 25, of Culver City, arrested on 01/13/2009 for driving while license suspended for dui.

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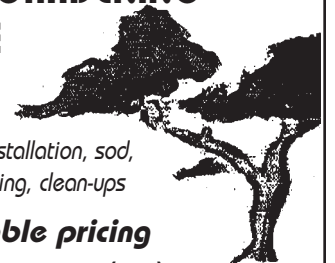
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