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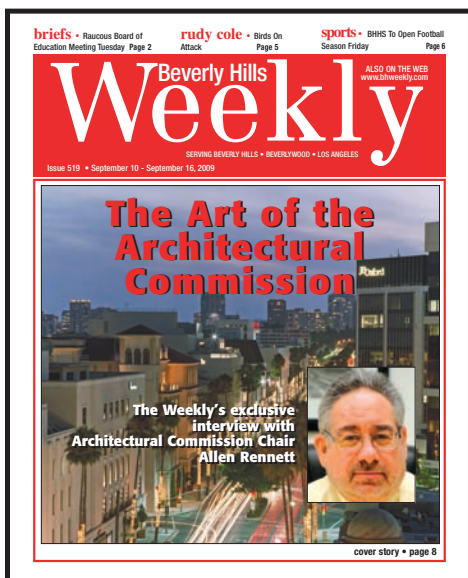
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Fresh Faces in the BHUSD

Newly hired teachers discuss what brought them to the BHUSD



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Pension Payments

The City of Beverly Hills has recently gifted a city employee, with 30 years of service, a \$40,000 pay increase on his last pay check, just prior to retirement. As a result, his pension, already at least \$150,000, is increased by \$36,000. CALPERS has indicated that it will not honor this increase. The city, in response, has set aside \$20,000 to fight CALPERS. Thus, the city has spent \$60,000 needlessly. It is not the responsibility of the city to fight CALPERS. This is the responsibility of the retiree if he so chooses.

*Paul Bernstein
Beverly Hills*

briefs

Meshkaty is a No-Show for BHEA Interview

Board of Education President Nooshin Meshkaty declined an interview with the Beverly Hills Education Association this week. Meshkaty, who is up for re-election Nov. 3, was the only candidate who didn't attend.

BHEA sent invitations last Tuesday via e-mail to the four school board candidates, and received responses within 24 hours from Lisa Korbatov, Jake Manaster and Craig Davis — all of whom accepted the interviews, said BHEA President Chris Bushee.

Bushee added that Meshkaty declined the offer several days later, citing fear of creating an "impression of impropriety."

"I received the e-mail late last week saying she cannot accept our endorsement because of her position as president of the school board," Bushee said. "The e-mail was short and didn't explain much. What I gather from the information and communication is that there was a conflict of interest that might color [contract] negotiations."

Previous incumbents have all agreed to be interviewed by BHEA.

"She's made her decision I don't know what else I can do from that," Bushee said. "Ms Meshkaty is certainly welcome

to speak with me or any of our other members if she wants to talk about her platform and what her campaign is."

Meshkaty did not return phone messages as of press time.

Beverly Vista Assistant Principal Moved Back to Classroom

Cherryne Lue-Sang, former assistant principal at Beverly Vista, is now teaching third grade at Horace Mann. Her administrative services credential expired at the beginning of this month, according to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and has not been renewed. Her teaching credentials, however, remain current.

"It's a possibility with an administrative credential that sometimes the job just isn't what they wanted it to be," said Marilyn Errett, an administrator from CCTC's office of governmental relations. "Maybe they prefer teaching. There are a lot of different scenarios."

Errett said a renewal application from Lue-Sang is currently not in their system. Lue-Sang was first hired in 2006 after Assistant Principal Erik Warren was promoted to principal.

Lue-Sang did not return phone messages from the Weekly as of press time.

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HONORING ROSE NORTH REXFORD DRIVE

Former Planning Commissioner Rose Norton (3rd from left) was honored by the city council for her philanthropic services to the community during the council meeting Tuesday. A Beverly Hills resident for five decades, Norton accepted her award with her son, Phil Savenick (2nd from left), for her instrumental dedication in developing and supporting the El Nido Family Centers.

(Mayor Nancy Krasne, left, Councilmember John Mirisch, right)

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Retired Art Teacher Sues BHUSD, Alleges Racism

Po Lau, a retired ceramics and art teacher at Beverly High, has filed a lawsuit against BHUSD claiming he was fired from his position because of his race and age. Also named in the lawsuit is former asst. Superintendent Sal Gumina.

In the July 2009 complaint, Lau alleges he became the target of "a continuing series of unlawful discriminatory, harassing and retaliatory adverse actions" based on his Chinese background. He states that his "continuing complaints" of these actions resulted in his termination.

Additionally, Lau claims BHUSD management forced his students to make false accusations and derogatory statements regarding his classroom performance. Lau also states he was placed on administrative leave of absence for unspecified reasons and without proper investigation.

Lau is seeking an unspecified damages including loss of wages and mental and emotional distress.

The case is currently undergoing depositions.

Biden Speaks At Boxer's Beverly Hills Fundraiser

Vice President Joseph Biden spent more than two hours at a luncheon and reception in Beverly Hills Saturday that raised several hundred thousand dollars for Sen. Barbara Boxer's re-election campaign.

Biden lavished praise on his former Senate colleague during a half-hour speech at the mansion of Ron Burkle, the founder and chairman of the Los Angeles-based holding company, The Yucaipa Companies.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I know up close and personal just what a fighter for her state and for this country Barbara Boxer is," Biden told the crowd of an estimated 180 donors gathered among hedges and rose bushes near a large swimming pool behind the Mediterranean-style mansion.

Biden described Boxer as "one of the best known progressives" in Congress who doesn't mind being a "skunk at the family picnic" in pressuring fellow liberals to compromise when necessary.

Boxer is not just "a beautiful version of a 1960s and '70s progressive hippie person who is love, peace" but "one hard-baked senator who knows what the hell she's talking about," Biden said.

There was no immediate response to a

request for a reaction to Biden's comments from the National Republican Senatorial Committee, which seeks to elect more Republicans to the Senate.

Tickets to the luncheon were \$5,000 per person, while tickets for a reception were \$1,000, according to Rose Kapolczynski, Boxer's campaign manager.

Several hundred thousand dollars were raised at the joint event of Boxer's re-election campaign and the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee, Kapolczynski said, declining to be more specific.

The crowd included Basketball Hall of Fame member Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Los Angeles Lakers guard Derek Fisher and Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca.

Carole King sang three songs from her 1971 "Tapestry" album - "Where You Lead," "You've Got a Friend" and "I Feel the Earth Move."

Biden began his first visit to Southern California since taking office in January by speaking at Saturday's public memorial service at Dodger Stadium for two firefighters killed fighting the Station Fire.

Boxer is expected to face her toughest re-election challenge since initially being elected in 1992.

Former Hewlett-Packard Co. Chief Executive Officer Carly Fiorina and Assemblyman Chuck DeVore, R-Irvine, are expected to seek the Republican nomination to face Boxer next year.

Fiorina drew criticism from various Democrats after published reports of Hewlett-Packard selling hundreds of millions of dollars worth of printers and other products in Iran while she headed the company, sidestepping a U.S. ban on trade with the country.

Fiorina spokeswoman Beth Miller told the San Jose Mercury News that to Fiorina's "knowledge, during her tenure, HP never did business in Iran and fully complied with all U.S. sanctions and laws." Another possible challenge for Fiorina is her spotty voting record, having voted in five of 18 elections from 2000-08, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

"Carly acknowledges that she didn't vote some of the time - and she readily acknowledges that it's never good not to vote," Fiorina's chief of staff, Deborah Bowker told the Chronicle.

Potential problems for Boxer include her asking Army Brig. Gen. Michael Walsh during a June committee hearing to



Latest Outdoor Sculpture Installed on Santa Monica Blvd.

The City of Beverly Hills has installed its newest sculpture, Erratic, by internationally acclaimed artist Roxy Paine. The sculpture, located on Santa Monica Blvd. between Crescent and Rexford Drives, was purchased through the city's Public Art Fund, secured from developers' fees for the acquisition, installation, maintenance and display of art for the public.

Erratic is a stainless steel boulder measuring 7 feet tall by 15 feet wide. As a prominent artist from New York City, Paine specializes in the sculpture medium.

call her "senator instead of ma'am," the customary military way of addressing a woman.

-- Steven Herbert

Parking Restrictions Approved Near Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church

Three amendments were approved during the city council meeting Tuesday,

restricting parking on the 1200, 1300 and 1400 blocks of Park Way. The changes stem from residents' complaints that the area was conducive to rowdy and potentially dangerous teenagers who loiter around the park area.

The resolution was met with outrage

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from dozens of residents who attend the nearby Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.

"This is not a parking problem," said Councilmember John Mirisch. "It's a behavioral problem. We should increase patrols to stop the 'youthful hoodlums,' not restrict parking."

In back-to-back 3-2 votes, the council passed one resolution restricting parking on the north side of Park Way and between 8:00 pm and 2:30 am along meters on the south side, with the exception of "YY" permit holders. The second resolution provides Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church with preferential parking permits to use on both sides of Park Way.

In the final unanimous vote, a new ordinance will prohibit the parking of vehicles that exceed 21 feet in length, such as limousines, tow trucks and large delivery vehicles, in any residential area in the city.

Horace Mann Celebrates its 80th Year

Horace Mann is celebrating its 80th year as an educational institution. The fourth and last elementary school to be built in Beverly Hills, Horace Mann School opened its doors for the first time in December of 1929 with approximately 300 students, 11 teachers, and one principal, Mr. Thomas Mock, who served the district for 34 years.

The Horace Mann PTA is hosting a carnival Sunday, October 11 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm to celebrate the school's

anniversary. The event will take place at Horace Mann, and will feature food, rides, and games.

"We've had a special place in the community for a long time, and we just want to celebrate that," PTA President Monique Gibbons. "We welcome everyone to celebrate with us."

Those interested in sponsoring or volunteering at the event should call (310) 288-2151.



David L. Rimoin, M.D., Ph.D.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Offering Genetic Screening for Persian Jewish Community

The Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Medical Genetics Institute and Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine will be the first to offer genetic screenings for four common inherited disorders within the Persian-Jewish population.

Screening tests can detect the presence of genetic mutations connected to the four diseases — which include anesthesia sensitivity, a salt-losing disorder, multiple-hormone deficiency, and hereditary muscle disorder — through a saliva sample. The first 1,000 tests will be administered free of charge as part of a pilot program.

"Everyone of Persian Jewish descent should consider being tested," said David L. Rimoin, M.D., Ph.D., director of the

Cedars-Sinai Medical Genetics Institute. "There is nothing to be fearful of in testing positive for being a carrier. The only negative is in not knowing."

For more information, please contact Sue Lief at (310) 423-4461.

Hawthorne School Class of 1979 Celebrates 30 Year Reunion

Hawthorne School class of 1979 celebrated its 30-year reunion on Saturday at Chaya Brasserie in Los Angeles.

Beverly Hills Offers Free Classes on Smart Irrigation

The Beverly Hills City Council recently declared a Stage B Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance, mandating a 10 percent reduction in water use across the city. In order to meet the required reduction, the City of Beverly Hills is offering free classes for residents and gardeners to help save water and money.

All classes will be held at 345 Foothill Road in Beverly Hills. To make a reservation log-on to: www.beverlyhills.org/irrigationclasses or call 310-285-2467.

Hearst Castle Exhibition to Support Greystone Greenhouse Restoration

Friends of Greystone are offering a lecture and luncheon Thursday, September 24 with San Simeon historian Victoria Kastner at Greystone Mansion from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Kastner will provide a behind-the-scenes look into Hearst Castle, a national landmark, and its construction history. Admission for the event ranges from \$55 to \$65, and all proceeds will go

toward the restoration of the Greystone Greenhouse.

New Legislation to Protect Disaster Service Workers

California Senate Bill 29 — recently passed by the State legislature and co-sponsored by the City of Beverly Hills — will modify state law to protect Disaster Service Workers from liability in the locations they serve.

Beverly Hills is leading the efforts of several communities around the state to protect these workers. The bill, drafted by State Senator John Benoit, mirrors recent amendments made to the Good Samaritan law through its companion legislation, AB 83. Spearheaded by Assemblymember Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles) and approved by the California State Assembly, AB 83 will allow citizens statewide to assist in emergencies by offering them immunity from civil liability.

Beverly Hills Forum Welcomes Dr. Waheguru Pal Singh Sidhu of the EastWest Institute

Dr. Waheguru Pal Singh Sidhu, vice president of programs for the EastWest Institute — an international, non-partisan and non-profit policy organization focused on confronting critical challenges that endanger peace — has been invited by the Beverly Hills Forum to speak at City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Dr., Monday, September 14 at 7:30 pm. The program is free, and no reservations are necessary.



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AYYOUB,BASHAR SULEIMAN JERIES, 31, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/13/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

SMITH,JUSTIN JUNIOR, 23, of Lancaster, arrested on 9/13/2009 for disorderly conduct/intoxication.

MALE JUVENILE, 17, of Downey, arrested on 9/13/2009 for driving without a license.

SINDHI,WASIF, 28, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/13/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

ULANSEY,MITCHEL LYLE, 46, of Malibu, arrested on 9/12/2009 for bench warrant, misdemeanor.

BERNSTEIN,JONATHON, 25, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/12/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

CRUZ,HORACIO, 24, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/12/2009 for driving without a license.

KEVORKOVA,INGA, 36, of Glendale, arrested on 9/12/2009 for grand theft: money, labor and property.

CHAMBERS,TYRONE EDWARD, 28, of Woodland Hill, arrested on 9/12/2009 for outside warrant/felony.

GLICKMAN,LEONARD GERALD, 60, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/12/2009 for obstructing/resisting a peace officer.

NASSEF,PAUL VINCENT, 40, of North Hollywood, arrested on 9/12/2009 for trespassing on private property.

HAKOPIAN,VARTA, 26, of Glendale, arrested on 9/12/2009 for grand theft: money, labor and property.

DAVIS,DAMIEN, 41, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/12/2009 for second degree robbery.

WORTHHAM,WILLIE LEE, 58, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/12/2009 for contempt of court/disobeying court order.

VIRAMONTES,JOSE JUAN, 47, of Monterey Park, arrested on 9/12/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

O'BRIEN,JENNIFER LYNNE, 36, of West Hollywood, arrested on 9/12/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

BROWNEN,NADINE N, 46, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/12/2009 for bench warrant/misdemeanor.

REMENY,JAMES LOUIS, 38, of Roswell, arrested on 9/11/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

HILTON,SHAWN TODD, 30, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/11/2009 for bench warrant/felony.

JULIAN,ANIBAL, 30, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/11/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

FERISHATEH,MOHAMMAD, 44, of West Hollywood, arrested on 9/11/2009 for driving with suspended license.

RAYBORN,JEFFERY EARL, 30, of West Hollywood, arrested on 9/10/2009 for theft: personal property.

ORTEGA,JORGE ALBERTO, 27, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/9/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

HOOD,RAYMOND LIONELL, 28, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/9/2009 for bench warrant/felony.

TOMCAVAGE,EDWARD ANTHONY, 31, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/8/2009 for possession of controlled substance.

ABSELET,KAMRAN, 52, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/8/2009 for driving with a suspended license.

WORTHHAM,WILLIE LEE, 58, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/8/2009 for contempt of court/disobeying court order.

REKRUT,DAVID ALLEN, 59, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/7/2009 for possession of marijuana (28.5 grams or less).

ADAMS,JEFFERY LAQUINN, 25, of West Hollywood, arrested on 9/7/2009 for bench warrant/felony.

SAFAVI,REZA ABBASSI, 38, of Santa Monica, arrested on 9/7/2009 for bench warrant/misdemeanor.

MAGANA,EPIFANIO, 61, of Huntington Park, arrested on 9/6/2009 for deportation proceedings.

PETTERSSON,ANNA CHARLOTTA, 29, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/6/2009 for

guestcolumn



Four torpedoes that sank BHUSD (and the fifth on the way)

By Mel Spitz

In this election season Beverly Hills residents should be aware of the factors that brought our school district down from academic preeminence to mediocrity. Ironically, the four torpedoes that sank BHUSD and the fifth on the way were all launched by the very trustees we elected to maintain and enhance the educational program — our Boards of Education over the past 15 years.

Torpedo 1: The hiring of superintendents

The most important single responsibility a Board of Education can have is to select the superintendent. Over the past 10 years, our district has seated eight superintendents, including four hastily-hired interims. The four who were hired on a permanent basis remained on the job for an average of two years. Their tenures were detrimental due to organizational instability, loss of continuity and rank incompetence. The school board members who were responsible for those imprudent hirings include the current board majority, Nooshin Meshkaty, Myra Lurie and Myra Demeter, and for three of the four hirings, Nooshin Meshkaty's reelection campaign chairman, Barry Brucker.

Torpedo 2: The adoption of the district's current mission statement.

In 1994 the Board of Education adopted a revised mission statement that omits academic excellence as an objective and substitutes "feel good" platitudes such as humaneness, a nurturing environment and respect for diversity. The mission statement is critically important because the core responsibility of the superintendent is to achieve the goals and objectives stated in it. As this terrible mission statement reads, district objectives can be met even if the academic program flounders and further declines.

Torpedo 3: The adoption of "student-centered learning" as a prime focus of the educational program.

The mission statement adopted in 1994 specifies "student-centered learning" as a characteristic of the educational system. This progressive approach to education emphasizes learning by discovery while teachers act primarily as facilitators. It has proven particularly damaging in mathematics, reading, writing and science courses. Its proponents claim that it leads to high self-esteem, creativity, and celebration of equality and diversity. In stark contrast to BHUSD, "student-centered learning" is judiciously restricted in

the highest-achieving school districts throughout Southern California, as reported by their superintendents.

Torpedo 4: Disregard for conflicts of interest within the district's organization.

During the past three years, the current board majority, Nooshin Meshkaty, Myra Lurie and Myra Demeter, consistently praised and empowered Karen Christiansen, the district's recently fired consultant for bond Measure E, despite obvious and egregious conflicts of interest. They ignored express warnings by concerned residents and newspaper editorials during the Measure E campaign last year, and subsequently allowed the district to make unwarranted payments of millions of dollars to Ms. Christiansen.

The fifth torpedo is on the way.

As BHUSD enters "basic aid" status wherein its revenue is based on local property taxes rather than per-student imbursement by the state, out of district opportunity-permitted students are no longer revenue-productive for the district. The current board majority, Nooshin Meshkaty, Myra Lurie and Myra Demeter, have refused to adopt a compassionate and reasonable plan to provide one-year advance notification to the families of such students, enabling them to either relocate into Beverly Hills or to plan for placement of their children into other schools. The position taken by this ill-advised board majority will torpedo achievable reductions in class sizes and district operating costs in the 2010-11 school year and beyond.

A simple plan for recovery and renewal.

Do not vote for school board candidates on the basis of popularity or endorsements generated by local "machine" campaigns. By and large, those candidates have turned out to be incompetent school board members. Do not judge the candidates on the basis of platitudes in the bullet points of slick campaign literature. Take a hard look at the record of the incumbent candidate. Attend a coffee hour for each of them and at least one debate event, and judge them by the specificity of their proposals and commitments to restore the quality of public education in Beverly Hills.

Mel Spitz served on the Beverly Hills Board of Education from 1971 to 1979.

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from the hills of beverly



Board Battles

And the kids lose

By Rudy Cole

"Have you ever seen an angrier and more divided board of education?" a community leader asked me last Sunday at one of the school board candidate's forums.

Well, actually, I have, but this one comes very close to winning the award for the school board with the most divisive behavior.

This board continues to fight over out of district permits, the civil lawsuits involving a board member, legal actions by and against a construction management company, and how to pick the next superintendent.

In other school districts, the battles are usually about sex education and the modern disputes over the teaching of evolution. Those wars sound like more fun.

Aside from what you may have read in our newspapers or watched on the school's television station, the real reasons for these conflicts are complex and issue driven, not just attacks on character or political posturing.

For almost two years, this board has been on the brink of a meltdown. The lines became very sharply drawn when an incumbent lost a reelection bid and another decided not to seek a second term in 2007. This meant two new board members who had some very sharp differences with the returning board majority on a plethora of issues.

The school board battles even had a name: The "Boys Versus the Girls," although none of the real problems had much to do with gender. It was easy to give it a name because on many of the most emotion packed issues facing the board had new members **Steven Fenton** and **Dr. Brian David Goldberg** on one side, and in the minority, with **Dr. Myra Demeter**, **Myra Lurie** and **Nooshin Meshkaty** on the other.

Fenton and Goldberg had a very popular mandate: End out of district permits. From almost the first days of their terms, they moved to abort a program that had

first been installed to avoid serious cuts in school funding.

On the outside chance that school funding is a mystery to you, and it is to many even sophisticated residents, most of the money the district receives comes from the state and not local taxes. It helps that our schools have an historic and unprecedented joint power agreement with the city that helps fund our schools, and that private donations through the Beverly Hills Education Foundation also help, but the real money for our schools is from the state and based on "average daily attendance." Simply, the more students in our schools, the more money we receive. (Of course, more students could increase some costs, but not others such as number of administrators. Basically, the permit program maintained class size norms.)

The permit program was adopted to meet the crisis in enrollment. A declining school population, competition from private schools, including those affiliated with religious institutions, offset partially by larger Persian families, created the need for the permits. At the time, the permit program clearly helped maintain smaller classrooms and avoided major cuts in programs.

Now, it is highly likely we will soon become a "basic aid" district. Simplistic

meaning: Because our property values and taxes have reached a level that makes it possible not to rely on state funding, our district will no longer need "opportunity permits." Other kinds of permits, including those for some city employees and our own teachers, will not be affected by the change.

Some questions people have asked and my answers:

"Why couldn't Myra Lurie have made her comments about Dr. Goldberg in closed session?"

Response: Not legal; would be a violation of the Brown (Open) government act.

"Did Myra Lurie have the right to go to the court hearing and especially on the week that school opened?"

Yes, she did. This gets complicated and tricky, but the board has no oversight, except by itself. Just as when a member of congress or any legislative body does something that could be considered misconduct, even if that has nothing to do with his or her job, the responsibility for investigation rests with his or her colleagues. However, the board has no authority or ability to remove a colleague, only that of making problems public. Removal rests with the voters at the next election or by recall.

However, Lurie made no motion of censure, did not suggest or organize a recall; she did what she felt was her clear responsibility: to inform the community about a serious legal, and in her view as a lawyer, ethical problem involving a fellow board member. As for going to the court, the

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DUI alcohol/drugs.

MILLER,CALVIN ANTHONY, 50, of Compton, arrested on 9/6/2009 for outside warrant/misdemeanor.

STEVENS,MARCUS EUGENE, 25, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/5/2009 for car-jacking.

SIAM,SAM, 21, of Thousand Oaks, arrested on 9/5/2009 for reckless driving on highway.

GARCIA,RICHARD, 53, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/5/2009 for urinating in public.

LUNA,JOSEPH TENO, 19, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/5/2009 for bench warrant/felony.

MOHABER,JAMSHID, 42, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/4/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

PASHMAN,ROBERT SCOTT, 52, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/4/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

VILLALOBOS,JOSE HENRY, 40, of Anaheim, arrested on 9/4/2009 for driving with suspended license.

PADILLA,MAXIMILIAN JASON, 38, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/4/2009 for

DUI alcohol/drugs.

TUCKER,SAMUEL, 56, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/4/2009 for outside warrant/felony.

SATIR,EMINE, 23, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/4/2009 for driving with suspended license.

TAAVAR,MEHRAN RON, 45, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/4/2009 for theft: personal property.

GREGORY,JOLIE DAWN, 39, of Redondo Beach, arrested on 9/4/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

RAMLOW,ANDREW M, 41, of West Hollywood, arrested on 9/4/2009 for use/under influence of controlled substance.

CHANG,BRIAN, 41, of Redondo Beach, arrested on 9/3/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

DA SILVA,FELIPE SOUZA MAIA, 32, of Sao Paulo, arrested on 9/3/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

POURMORADI,DIANA, 19, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/3/2009 for theft: personal property.

COOKE,CHRISTOPHER ANDREW, 45, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/3/2009 for stalking.

AZAD,NATALIE PARVIZI, 19, of

Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/3/2009 for theft: personal property.

JAGOSZ,MICHAEL THEODORE, 43, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/3/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

JONES,CARL RAY, 54, of Sun Valley, arrested on 9/2/2009 for outside warrant/misdemeanor.

MCCURDY,TAMARA SUE, 37, of West Hollywood, arrested on 9/2/2009 for bench warrant/felony.

RIBLET,MICHAEL BRUCE, 53, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 9/2/2009 for indecent exposure.

GAGE,LORI STRAKOSCH, 50, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/2/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

MUNOZ,ERIKA MARLYN, 22, of Los Angeles, arrested on 9/2/2009 for driving without a license.

GUILLEN,JOSE HERMAN, 37, of Los Angeles, arrested on 8/31/2009 for driving without a license.

SMITH,MARSHALL LOVELL, 39, of Los Angeles, arrested on 8/31/2009 for obstructing/resisting public officer.

LYDECKER,STEPHANIE, 37, of West Hollywood, arrested on 8/31/2009 for driving without a license.

MALE JUVENILE, 17, of Los Angeles, arrested on 8/31/2009 for driving without a license.

KIM,KI TAE, 33, of Los Angeles, arrested on 8/30/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

JONES,DYLAN COWAN, 18, of Hollywood, arrested on 8/30/2009 for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

FORSYTH,JOSHUA THOMAS, 32, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 8/30/2009 for miscellaneous BHMC violation.

BERRY,REGINALD SAJ MUHAMMED, 29, of Carson, arrested on 8/29/2009 for possession of narcotics/controlled substance.

BRENNER,JASON RYAN, 31, OF LOS ANGELES, ARRESTED ON 08/29/2009

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RIBLET,MICHAEL BRUCE, 53, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 8/29/2009 for outside warrant/infraction.

SCHRENKO,MARK ANDREW, 26, of Santa Monica, arrested on 8/29/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

RAMIREZ,ELIAS NICHOLAS, 44, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 8/29/2009 for

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record of a trial is not nearly as relevant as what happens in court. That she was attacked for going during the first week of school, was a red herring and without merit. Board members are not school administrators with first school week responsibilities.

“Does Goldberg’s law suit raise questions as to his ability to serve?”

Response: First, his legal problems occurred before he ran for board and were not made public during his campaign. Second, although he too was named in the law suit, most of the issues have to do with his father, even though serious charges and findings were made against Goldberg. But remember, this is a civil law suit, not a criminal prosecution, and the court decisions will probably be appealed. Goldberg is entitled to full due process and a withholding of judgment, by the community.

Conclusion: Lurie had a right, even an obligation, to pursue the issues in the civil law suit, but this has no relevance to Goldberg’s ability to serve. There has not been even the most remote suggestion that he has acted improperly as a member of the board.

What is outrageous are the personal attacks made on him, and on Lurie too, by people on opposite sides of the permit issue. The permit parent cause was not helped by their vindictive attacks on Goldberg, and the anti-permit crowd was way off base by raising the issue that one of Lurie’s children attended a private school. That too was hurtful and completely irrelevant.

What about the opportunity permits? You have to understand how parents who have made enormous sacrifices to live in our community feel about students who live in other districts. They paid more for houses and probably even smaller homes to be here. Or they are paying higher

rents. But we should not punish the kids because we no longer need the revenue permits brought. The board was right to end opportunity permits. The compromise, which will not please anyone, I suppose, is to let those in elementary school, no matter what grade they are in, stay until the end of the eighth grade. They should not be permitted to enter high school. Those now in high school should be permitted to graduate.

To do anything less would be mean spirited and a punishment of kids who have done nothing wrong and who will not understand why they must be separated from their classmates. However, and this may seem harsh: The permit students must adhere to school rules, scrupulously. Personally, I will have no sympathy for any permit parent who could not accept this compromise and I do not want to see even one more email attacking any board member, and especially by people who do not even live, work or vote here.

The rift caused by the disclosures of Goldberg’s legal problems were not the first or only examples of divisions on the board. There have been intemperate attacks on both Nooshin Meskaty and Steven Fenton, but for different reasons and on conflicting issues. Attempts to place blame on Fenton for Goldberg’s issues are not fair, but equally distressing are Goldberg’s recent attacks on his colleagues for something they have not yet suggested: that he be removed as a board member. Tuesday’s email to the community from Goldberg was very disappointing. Up to now, I had admired his restraint.

The real tragedy here is that this board could have been one of our best ever. Just consider their qualifications: Dr. Myra Demeter: best academic education training of any board member, ever. Myra Lurie, worked her way up to the board by years

of service to the PTA and as the only lawyer now serving on either the board or council, brings her legal training to board service. She has followed a tradition of public service set by her legendary mother-in-law, **Sooky Goldman**. Nooshin Meshkaty: probably the most knowledgeable person with information technology training to be elected to our board, plus her heavy experience in business management. Steven Fenton: Excellent ties to city and state government, and civic leaders. First rate communication skills, heritage of service: father Frank was an admired board president, city councilmember and city treasurer. Dr. Goldberg: Both professional and academic training in human relations, good communication skills and he is vigilant in his concern for the needs of an often neglected part of our education community: Horace Mann.

There are many other problems causing divisions on this board, aside from the permit program. The choice of a new superintendent, placing blame for the Strategic Concept lawsuit, contract negotiations with the unions, taking sides in the upcoming board election and much more.

It should also be noted that this board, despite their internecine conflicts has had some successes, many to be shared with our interim school chief, **Dr. Jerry Gross** (and how fortunate that amid all this chaos he keeps it together) but this district, unlike many others, has not had to cut programs. In fact, we have added many including a very exciting class on Mandarin Chinese. (See cover story)

Some months back, two of our schools most ardent supporters, **Lili** and **Jon Bosse** tried an intervention by a trained professional. Obviously, we need to try that again and this time because the whole board is listening to the community: End the in-fighting, now. Frankly, the people

of Beverly Hills no longer care who is right and who is wrong as much as they want the board to come together and serve their real clients: the children of Beverly Hills.

The community has entrusted the management of the mammoth reconstruction and remodeling program made possible by the passage of Measure E to this board. They now want the board to make that their priority and not personal vendettas and constant bickering.

Final thoughts: Judging by the kickoffs, this will be a spirited board campaign. I could not help but be impressed by the turnout for Meshkaty, hosted by **Sue** and **Barry Brucker**, and, considering their concerns about board battles, the endorsement she received from the Bosse family. Meshkaty had by far the largest turnout. I was also impressed by the balanced views expressed by Jake Manaster, who has also served the education community with distinction, and the very special talents **Lisa Korbatov** could bring to the board. She has solid business management experience, has been adamant about making the schools a safer, cleaner environment and would be a fresh, independent board member.

Whatever the merits of the lawsuit involving Goldberg, as a community we should show compassion for what this is doing to his family. Shooting the messenger, Lurie, also makes no sense.

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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violation of parole: felony.

ALI,HAIF MOHAMMED, 27, of Sherman Oaks, arrested on 8/29/2009 for burglary.

DUPONT,RENEE, 45, of Los Angeles, arrested on 8/29/2009 for bench warrant/misdemeanor.

CORTEZ,MARK ANTHONY, 38, of Los Angeles, arrested on 8/28/2009 for driving with suspended license.

ANTUNES,MURILO, 33, of Los Angeles, arrested on 8/28/2009 for possession of controlled substance.

Burglary: Occurred between 0845 on 9/8/2009 and 1115 on 9/8/2009 in the 200 block of North Almont Drive. Suspect: Male White, 40, 6’02”, 210 lbs., gray hair, green eyes. Suspect pried/broke apartment window, reached inside and unlocked front door. Suspect entered the apartment. Loss: \$3,895

Occurred between 1200 on 9/9/2009 and 1300 on 9/10/2009 in the 300 block of South Rexford Drive. No suspect informa-

tion. Unknown suspect entered basement laundry room and removed victim’s bike and fled undetected. Loss: \$300

Occurred between 1000 on 9/12/2009 and 1230 on 9/12/2009 in the 400 block of South Peck Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect gained entry to victim’s property by manipulating the rear gate lock. Suspect then gained entry to victim’s residence via rear door by unknown means. Suspect fled scene with victim’s property. Loss: \$110,000

Assault: Occurred between 1900 on 8/24/2009 and 1900 on 8/24/2009 in the 100 block of South Doheny Drive. Suspect: Male. Suspect squeezed victim’s breasts and buttocks.

Occurred between 1005 on 9/10/2009 and 2359 on 9/10/2009 in the 300 block of South Crescent Drive. Suspect: Female White, 54, 5’0”, 125 lbs., blonde/strawberry hair, blue eyes. Suspect pushed victim.

Identity Theft: Occurred between 0001 on 7/20/2009 and 1400 on 8/29/2009 in the 200 block of South Doheny Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect used

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BHHS Falls To Long Beach Jordan In Football Opener

Normans to play at Santa Barbara tonight.

By Steven Herbert

The 2009 season began about as poorly as it could for the Beverly High football team, allowing a 73-yard touchdown pass on the game's first play from scrimmage and losing quarterback Josh Newman and running back Kenny Bassett to injuries in a 34-7 loss to Long Beach Jordan in a nonleague game Friday night at Nickoll Field.

"We didn't play well at all," coach Donald Paysinger said, attributing that to "a lot of" players playing their first varsity game and that "Long Beach Jordan is a very good football team."

Paysinger, who was making his debut as the Normans' coach, also said "our offense wasn't moving," and "our special teams just didn't get it done," including fumbling on two kickoff returns.

"Our defense played well for the most part," Paysinger said.

Newman sprained his left ankle when he was tackled at the end of a 61-yard run in the first quarter that set up Beverly Hills' only touchdown. He will be sidelined two-to-three weeks, Paysinger said.

Bassett was initially diagnosed with a strained anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. He will miss at least tonight's game at Santa Barbara. Results of a MRI exam are expected to be released today, Paysinger said.

Bassett sustained the injury when he made a cut on a second-quarter run.

The absences of Bassett, who rushed for 1,414 yards and 14 touchdowns on 186 carries in 2008, and Newman, "hurt us a lot," Paysinger said.

Bassett gave the Normans a 7-6 lead on a 6-yard run with six minutes, 37 seconds left in the first quarter, one play after Newman's 61-yard run.

The Panthers scored the final 28 points, with quarterback John Timu, who has made a non-binding verbal commitment

to accept a scholarship offer from the University of Washington running 10, 26 and two yards for touchdowns.

Timu also threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to Joseph Lee on the first play from scrimmage.

The loss was Beverly Hills' third straight in a season opener.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play at Santa Barbara tonight at 7 p.m. in a non-league game between two teams that had one-sided losses under new coaches in their openers.

The Dons lost at Oxnard 28-0, trailing 7-0 at the end of the first quarter and 28-0 at halftime.

"We just weren't prepared," Santa Barbara coach Jaime Melgoza said.

The Dons "have a young team offensively" and utilize the spread offense, Melgoza said.

On defense, "we're pretty young and pretty thin," Melgoza said.

Santa Barbara has about 35 players on its roster, Melgoza said. Paysinger said he expects Beverly Hills to have 45-50 players in uniform each game, including some sophomores who play on the junior varsity team.

The Normans have a smaller roster than in past years, but Paysinger said before the season he was not concerned by that.

Paysinger attributed the smaller turnout for varsity football to students "having other interests."

"They get to high school [and] realize that [there's] more involved than what they are used to and they decide to do other things," Paysinger said.

A. J. Fortier, who began the season as a receiver, will start at quarterback for Beverly Hills, Paysinger said.

Paysinger said he expects to simplify

the game plan to accommodate Fortier, who did not have much chance to practice at quarterback before Newman's injury because of his receiving duties.

Abe Kim, Frank Brown and Jeremy Bruce will share time at running back in place of Bassett, Paysinger said.

"We've got to play mistake-free football," Paysinger said. "The good news is they're not as solid up front as Long Beach Jordan was."

The two teams have met each of the last two seasons, with the home team winning both times.

The Normans won 37-28 last season as Bassett ran for 128 yards to help Beverly Hills overcome a 14-0 first-quarter deficit.

Santa Barbara won 30-20 in 2007.

Boys' Water Polo

Beverly Hills 22, Palm Desert 11

Tracy Ainslie scored six goals, Austin Shaheri five and Justin Brezhnev four as the Normans opened the season with a victory Friday in a nonleague game at the Swim-Gym.

Beverly Hills led 5-3 at the end of the first quarter and 8-5 at halftime, then broke the game open by outscoring the Aztecs, 9-2, in the third quarter, with Ainslie scoring four goals. "We've been working on counterattacks and trying to push the pace so I think that really paid off for us," Normans coach Rob Bowie said. "We've been trying to get the whole team to push. I think we just kind of wore them down."

Max Trevino added two goals and Kyle Charmit, Sho Emerson, Justin Ezor, Chris Kim and Kevin Youssefzadeh one each for Beverly Hills.

Norman goalkeeper Ben Haber made nine saves and Gianni Cantu three.

Beverly Hills has a team that's "a little deeper" than in recent years, Bowie said.

"Usually I have one, maybe two subs that I throw in there," Bowie said. "This year I have four or five guys I can put in there and I feel I don't lose a ton."

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play in the Western Tournament Friday and Saturday at various sites in Orange County and play host to Redondo in a nonleague game at the Swim-Gym Tuesday beginning at 3 p.m.

Girls' Tennis

Corona Del Mar 14, Beverly Hills 4

Brianna Morgan was a 6-1, 6-3, 6-1 winner for the Normans in their season-opening nonleague match Tuesday at Beverly Hills.

Beverly Hills' No. 1 doubles team of Victoria Mamatova and Hillary Munroy got its other point, defeating the Sea Queens' No. 3 team of Mackenzie Ludlow and Emily Altieri, 6-4, in the second round.

The Normans return just three players - Morgan, Megan Margolin and Munroy - from last year's team that reached the Southern Section Division II final and was 19-6.

"This will be a brand new situation," coach Mike Margolin said. "I've been lucky. I've never had this, boys or girls. We've lost players, but it's just never been that many."

"I don't know if we can go straight down the ladder and just plug in [players.] We're going to see who is a better doubles player than singles player and just try to put them in spots where they're going to help the team."

Corona Del Mar was the 2008 Division I runner-up with a 19-1 record, including an 11-7 victory over Beverly Hills.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play at Santa Barbara Wednesday in a nonleague match beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Girls' Volleyball

Beverly High is scheduled to play at Los Angeles Windward Tuesday in a non-league match beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Girls' Golf

Beverly High is scheduled to begin its season Tuesday by playing host to Torrance in an Ocean League match at Rancho Park Golf Course beginning at 2 p.m.

College Football

Linebacker Spencer Paysinger, a 2006 Beverly High graduate, made eight tackles and recovered a fumble for Oregon in its season-opening 19-8 loss to Boise State Sept. 3 in a nonconference game at Boise, Id.

Paysinger, a son of Norman coach Donald Paysinger, was a preseason second-team All-Pacific-10 Conference selection by Lindy's Sports and a third-team selection in Phil Steele's conference preview.

Steven Herbert has covered Beverly High sports for the Beverly Hills Weekly since 1999. He welcomes feedback and suggestions. He can be reached by e-mail at StvHerbert@aol.com, by telephone at (310) 275-7943 or by fax at (310) 273-4519.

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victim's Wells Fargo ATM card number to purchase various items.

Occurred between 1425 on 9/8/2009 and 1425 on 9/8/2009 in the 800 block of North Rexford Drive. Suspect: Female. Suspect opened bank account using victim's social security number without authorization.

Robbery: Occurred between 001 on

9/12/2009 and 001 on 9/12/2009 in the 300 block of South Rexford Drive. Suspect: Male Black, 28, 6'00", 200 lbs., black hair. Suspect followed victim into parking garage and waited for victim to exit her vehicle. Suspect then confronted victim, shoved her to the ground, took purse and fled location. Loss: \$3,400.

Theft/Grand: Occurred between 2330 on 9/6/2009 and 0200 on 9/7/2009 in the 200 block of South Swall Drive. No suspect

information. Unknown suspect(s) entered unsecured front yard driveway, removed two bicycles from unsecured cycle rack, fled with same. No surveillance cameras. Loss: \$900.

Occurred between 1700 on 8/23/2009 and 1700 on 9/6/2009 in the 700 block on North Hillcrest Road. No suspect information. Unknown suspect removed jewelry from two open jewelry boxes in a bathroom of a residence. During the time frame of the

crime, there were approximately eight workers at the location that had access to the items. Loss: \$4,800.

Occurred between 1200 on 9/22/2008 and 1200 on 8/27/2009 in the 200 block of North Rodeo Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) accessed secure store merchandise by unknown means and removed merchandise from the store by unknown means over a period of 11 months. Loss: \$167,600

coverstory

FRESH FACES IN THE BHUSD

Newly hired teachers discuss what brought them to the BHUSD

By Kimberly Cheng



Simon Ho

Simon Ho
Beverly High, Mandarin Chinese

Mandarin Chinese Teacher Simon Ho plans to not only incorporate the language into his curriculum, but also the culture behind it.

Ho's ultimate goal is to make the course interesting, to say the least. His layout includes a Chinese New Year event, celebration of Chinese

festivals and a field trip to a Chinese restaurant, where they will order their food in Chinese.

"I want to make the program useful and get parents involved," Ho said. "[At the Chinese New Year event], there will be red envelopes, music, and they can put on Chinese clothes if they have it and want to. I just want to let them know how Chinese people celebrate."

Ho teaches one period at Beverly High four days a week, and another Mandarin Chinese course at Los Altos High School in Hacienda Heights, about 10 miles from where he and his family live in Diamond Bar. Prior to his high school career, Ho taught a special education class at Peary Middle School in Gardena.

"Everything is so different [in Beverly Hills]," Ho said. "I feel that this is a very special school, and the students here are very polite, and they are very interested in learni

Ho said the 26 students in his class come from diverse backgrounds, ranging from African-American and Ethiopian to Persians and Caucasians, though he admits there aren't very many Asians. A few have visited China before, and are familiar with the language, prompting Ho to divide students into two groups — those with some knowledge of Chinese and those with none. He admits that teaching high school students Mandarin can be difficult.

"I try to go slow in the beginning," Ho said. "I plan to give different assignments and instructions so they can choose one or more of the assignments, those that are more interesting for them and more interesting for them to learn."

Ho graduated from the National Taiwan University with a degree in foreign language. He earned his teaching credentials from California State University, Los Angeles.

Ho was born in Hong Kong and moved to Taiwan when he was 20 years-old. He learned English through college and his relocation to Los Angeles 13 years ago. Though Ho also speaks Cantonese from his upbringing in Hong Kong, Mandarin is the more prevalent and useful dialect in Southern California.

"Right now [my students] are very curious with what Chinese can do for them," Ho said. "I want to let the students know that although it is a totally different language, it's possible that they can pick it up, and it's useful. They can use it even in their daily lives because there's so many Chinese in [Los Angeles]."

Ho even brings teaching into his home. He suggested both his son, who attends the University of Southern California, and daughter to take Chinese classes in high school. When Ho isn't teaching, he likes to watch TV — in Mandarin and English.



Helen Hixon

Helen Hixon
Horace Mann, Sixth and Seventh Grade Science

Helen Hixon is no stranger to Los Angeles. She's lived in the city for 20 years, about 15 of which were spent working as a genetic counselor both at Loma Linda Medical Center and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Now, Hixon teaches two sixth-grade earth science classes and three seventh-grade life science classes at Horace Mann.

"Teaching has always been a component of my work," Hixon said. "Even when I was a stay-at-home mom, I taught food and nutrition for our 4-H Program."

As a genetic counselor at Loma Linda and Cedars-Sinai, Hixon taught medical, nursing and dental students. She was also a guest lecturer at a Los Angeles private school before spending three years at Horace Mann as a special education aide.

Hixon said her first day of classes was nothing short of exciting.

"I think that this is such a wonderful age," she said. "I love science, and I love working with kids, so I hope I can pass on some of my enthusiasm to [them]. I hope I open their eyes to the natural phenomena on their earth."

Hixon added that her students will be participating in several hands-on activities and labs. The students are currently researching ideas for a suitable classroom pet, such as a guinea pig or gecko. For now, the classroom houses several plants, rocks, branches, feathers and a lava lamp "to show heat convection."

"I want to help students be inquisitive about science and the natural world, and to have the tools to be able to explore it," Hixon said in regards to her main goal this school year. "When you're learning science, a big part of it is learning the vocabulary. It's almost like learning another language."

Hixon knows a thing or two about second languages. Because her family is originally from Holland, Hixon speaks Dutch. She grew up in Altadena and Long Beach, and has a daughter who is a junior at Beverly High. Her 19-year-old son recently returned from a two-month trip to Germany where he was working on a film. Her husband manages a post-production facility.

Hixon graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and psychology. She earned her master's in genetic counseling from the University of California, Berkeley.

Aside from teaching, Hixon is currently working toward a master's in education from the University of Phoenix, while her students are working on studying science terms on flash cards. They also engage in daily discussion questions related to the curriculum.

In her spare time, Hixon plays for the Silver Lady Kings Ice Hockey Team in El Segundo. She is also enrolled in a wood-working class at the Beverly Hills Adult School.

"There's a lot to organize and stay on top of [for my classes], but the woodworking is a good release," Hixon said.



Katina Vallens

Katina Vallens
Beverly Vista, Instrumental Music

Katina Vallens has been dancing longer than she has been playing instruments, but music has always been a part of her life. And teaching is in her blood.

Vallens graduated from the University of the Pacific last May with a bachelor's degree in music education, and her

first job after college is following in her mother's footsteps.

"My mom is the fifth grade teacher," Vallens said. "She didn't want to push me [to be a teacher] if I didn't want to be there, but I have a passion for music, so I couldn't imagine being in a better place, getting to teach music."

The instrumental music position opened up when Bill Bradbury took over the instrumental music position at Beverly High this summer

For six years throughout high school and college, Vallens taught music summer school and served as an assistant director for a music program in Modesto. Although she is trained in and can play, to some extent, all instruments she teaches, she most skillfully plays the saxophone and clarinet, the latter since fifth grade.

Vallens was the director of the pep band at her college, and played in the wind instrument ensemble for all four years. She scheduled and planned a northwest tour with her band last January, performing roughly 10 concerts as far north as Seattle. Vallens was also in her high school's marching band, which won several awards, and its full orchestra.

Though Vallens is classically trained, she participated in the University of the Pacific's jazz program. Her exposure to jazz doesn't end there. Vallens, who was raised in Irvine, has been trained as a jazz, contemporary and ballet dancer. She has been dancing since she was four years-old.

"That's kind of the other half of my life," said Vallens, who taught and choreographed for a performing arts dance team at a school in Stockton while she was a college student.

Vallens admits that teaching dance in Beverly Hills would be something she would love to do in the future.

"But music is my priority right now," Vallens said.

Vallens said she would like to teach her students other aspects of music, such as theory and history, in order to help them appreciate and understand music and its concepts.

"I want to push [the students] beyond where they are now and where they think they can go now," Vallens said. "A couple of them have mentioned, 'Oh, I don't think we can do it with the eighth graders gone. We're not as good.' But I can see their growth."

She added that her students are starting to understand her expectations, while she is learning how the students work day-to-day.

"I'm not trying to come in and drastically change what they already know because I know their prior program was already strong," Vallens said. "So I just want to come in and make changes as necessary."

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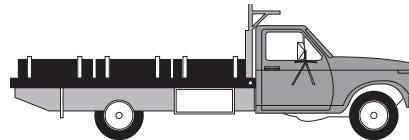
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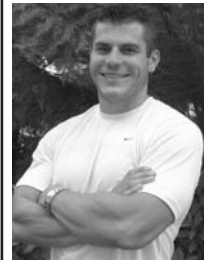
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091239385 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RTMS LLC 21736 Grace Ave Unit B Carson, CA 90745 RTMS LLC 21736 Grace Ave Unit B Carson, CA 90745. The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: Ricardo Moreno, owner. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 08/12/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, 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 in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 8/27/09, 9/3/09, 9/10/09, 9/17/09- 1001

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091238008 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BEST BET CAMERA 11741 Gilmore St #133 N Hollywood, CA 91606 RICARDO MORENO 11741 Gilmore St #133 N Hollywood, CA 91606. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: Ricardo Moreno, owner. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 08/12/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, 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 in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 8/27/09, 9/3/09, 9/10/09, 9/17/09- 1002

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091239332 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GESERCOM 11659 Sherman Way N Hollywood, CA 91605; 28001 Aumond Ave Canyon County, C A 91351 CESAR SOLARI 28001 Aumond Ave Canyon County, CA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091279392
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GEMS BOND JEWELRY NETWORK, GEMS BOND TV, 611 WILSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 1200, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017. GMS BND INC, 611 WILSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 1200 LOS ANGELES CA 90017. The business is conducted by: a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed here in. Signed NOORUL H AKBAR, PRESIDENT. The registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 8/19/2009. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, 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 in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 9/17/2009, 9/24/2009, 10/1/2009, 10/8/2009 1665 9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091279569
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: D'NEZA ICE CREAM, 900 S WESTMORELAND AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. GHANDI U. LOPEZ GUERRERO, 250 S CARONDELET ST LOS ANGELES CA 90006. The business is conducted by: an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed here in. Signed GHANDI U. LOPEZ GUERRERO. The registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 8/19/2009. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, 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 in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 9/17/2009, 9/24/2009, 10/1/2009, 10/8/2009 1666 0

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091332072
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SIN JUNG RESTAURANT, 3450 W. 6TH ST # 101, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020. HYE RYUN PARK, 307 S. RENO ST. # 207 LOS ANGELES CA 90057. The business is conducted by: an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed here in. Signed HYE RYUN PARK. The registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 8/31/2009. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, 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 in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 9/17/2009, 9/24/2009, 10/1/2009, 10/8/2009 1672 5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091334633
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: MODERN CENTURY NAILS & SPA, 579 N. AZUSA AVE., COVINA, CA 91722. HANH THI LUONG, 3134 ADELIA AVE. EL MONTE CA 91733. The business is conducted by: an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed here in. Signed HANH THI LUONG. The registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 8/31/2009. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, 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 in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 9/17/2009, 9/24/2009, 10/1/2009, 10/8/2009 1672 3

FILE NO. 20091360556
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: D. TEHRANFAR CONSULTING SERVICES, 123 N. ELM DR, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DIANA TEHRANFAR, 123 N. ELM DR, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210. 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/ DIANA TEHRANFAR, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/4/09 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
LA150051 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 9/17,24,10/1,8,2009

FILE NO. 20091394031
FILED: 9/11/09
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
Fictitious Business Name(s): ALESSIO, 9725 RESEDA BLVD, NORTHRIDGE, CA 91325
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 2/24/2005 in the county of LOS ANGELES. Original file number, 05 0425739.
The full name of registrant: GIOVANI COUCHI INC., (CALIFORNIA) 9725 RESEDA BLVD, NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324
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/ GIOVANI COUCHI INC., BY: MEHRAN-NICO AMINI, PRESIDENT
LA150142 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 9/17,24,10/1,8,2009

FILE NO. 20091394030
FILED: 9/11/09
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
Fictitious Business Name(s): (1.) PORT OF ATHENS, (2.) JG GRAPHICS, 12430 RIVERSIDE DR, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91607
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 4/17/2008 in the county of LOS ANGELES. Original file number, 20080677015.
The full name of registrant: E & J AIRCRAFT LOGISTICS CORP, (CALIFORNIA) 6827 LASAINE AVE, VAN NUYS, CA 91406
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/ E & J AIRCRAFT LOGISTICS CORP, JOSEPH GABRIEL, VICE-PRESIDENT
LA150099 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 9/17,24,10/1,8,2009

FILE NO. 20091398275
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ACCENT ON HEALTH, 18559 DEVONSHIRE ST, NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: GRACE HEALTH FOOD INC., (CALIFORNIA) 18559 DEVONSHIRE ST, NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324. 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/ GRACE HEALTH FOOD INC., BY: PAUL KIM, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/14/09 indicated by file stamp above.
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LA150158 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 9/17,24,10/1,8,2009

FILE NO. 20091356906
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LIQUOR LICENSE CONSULTANTS, 1237 WESTERN AVE, GLENDALE, CA 91201 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: FRANCES MERON, 1237 WESTERN AVE, GLENDALE, CA 91201. This Business is being conducted by a/an: INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: SEPTEMBER 3, 2009.

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/ FRANCES MERON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/3/09 indicated by file stamp above.
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LA150043 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 9/10, 17, 24, 10/1, 2009

FILE NO. 20091290098
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: KOREATOWN VIDEO, 928 S. WESTERN AVE #103, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006 (L.A.). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ASHLEY JUNG, 411 N. OAKHURST DR #210, LOS ANGELES, CA 90210. 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/ ASHLEY JUNG, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/21/09 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).
LA149850 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 8/27,9/3,10,17,2009

FILE NO. 20091299689
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: WINE BARREL LIQUOR, 4250 S. HOOVER ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JOHN CHUNG HUN LEE, 3244 RICHELE CRT, CHINO HILLS, CA 91709. 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/ JOHN CHUNG HUN LEE, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/24/09 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).
LA149876 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 8/27,9/3,10,17,2009

FILE NO. 20091299691
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: GARDENA TOBACCO, 15900 CRENSHAW BLVD, #F, GARDENA, CA 90249 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ESTHER KIM, 15900 CRENSHAW BLVD, #F, 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/ ESTHER KIM, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/24/09 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).
LA149871 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 8/27,9/3,10,17,2009Q
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FILE NO. 20091262009
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: KAFFEE HAUS, 700 S. WESTERN AVE, STE #102, LOS ANGELES, CA 90005 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: HYUN JOO KANG, 333 WESTMINSTER AVE, #101, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020. This Business is being conducted by a/an: INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: AUGUST 15, 2009.
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/ HYUN JOO KANG, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/17/09 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).
LA149764 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 8/20,27,9/3,10,2009

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ALTOWISE GORE DAVIS
CASE NO. BP116194
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors,

and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ALTOVISE GORE DAVIS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANTHONY MICHAEL FRANCIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANTHONY MICHAEL FRANCIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE 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 PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (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 in this court as follows: 10/02/09 at 8:00AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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 decedent, 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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RINA P. KLEIN aka RINA PAKULA KLEIN, RINA JOY KLEIN and RINA JOY PAKULA-KLEIN
Case No. BP118404

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RINA P. KLEIN aka RINA PAKULA KLEIN, RINA JOY KLEIN and RINA JOY PAKULA-KLEIN
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Gary M. Klein in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Gary M. Klein be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE 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 PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (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 Oct. 26, 2009 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ROBERT J. NEWSTAT
CASE NO: POS0900002 R

Under a writ of Execution issued on 03/04/09. Out of the SUPERIOR COURT, of the County of SAN BERNARDINO, State of California, on a judgment entered on 01/05/09.

In favor of STAR INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, INC. and against LEDERMAN, RONALD showing a net balance of \$ 406,217.75 actually due on said judgment. (Amount subject to revision)

I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of said judgment debtor(s) in the property in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows: LOT 15 OF BLOCK 106 OF BEVERLY HILLS, IN THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 85, PAGES 86 TO 92 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY

Commonly known as: 528 N. HILLCREST ROAD, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

Public notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States all the right, title and interest of the debtor(s) in the above described property or so much as will be sufficient to satisfy said writ or warrant with interest and all costs on THURSDAY, 10/22/09, 10:00 AM at the following location.

STANLEY MOSK COUNTY COURTHOUSE
111 N. HILL STREET, ROOM 125B
LOS ANGELES, CA90012

(X) This sale is subject to a minimum bid in the amount of \$ 0.00. (Subject to revision)

Prospective bidders should refer to sections 701.510 to 701.680, inclusive, of the Code of Civil Procedure for provisions governing the terms, conditions and effect of the sale and the liability of defaulting bidders.

Creditor's Attorney
KLARY PUCCI, ESQ.,
LAW OFFICES OF KLARY PUCCI
6310 SAN VICENTE BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90048
Dated: 09/10/09
Branch: Los Angeles
LEROY D. BACA, Sheriff
By: ELLEN M. CASTILLO, Deputy
Operator ID: E014397

Para obtener esta informacion-traduccion en Espanol llame a este numero: (213) 974-6613

NOTE: IT IS A MISDEMEANOR TO TAKE DOWN OR DEFACE A POSTED NOTICE BEFORE THE DATE OF SALE. (Penal Code section 616)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARGARET MCKENZIE
CASE NO. BP118539

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARGARET MCKENZIE. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KENNETH W DONNELLY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KENNETH W DONNELLY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE 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 PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (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 in this court as follows: 10/15/09 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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 decedent, 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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