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"Let's get our schools back on track"



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letters & email

Board of Education Election Nov. 3

Once again, the City of Beverly Hills finds itself in the middle of a crucial and, unfortunately, contentious race for the school board. And once again, polarizing and vitriolic accusations are being used by the press and by individuals to try to intimidate and suppress those voices that would champion a new direction for our stagnating school system. Quite remarkably, these same entities have been relentless in their attacks on BHEA, the sole organization that represents the teachers and support staff of the district, for its participation in the democratic process when it chose to endorse two highly qualified candidates for our school board: Jake Manaster and Lisa Korbatov.

The teachers and support staff understand the issues which have the greatest impact on the education of our students. During these years of continuous changes in district administration, the dedication and hard work of the teachers and support staff have managed to hold our district together. Therefore, it is incomprehensible for anyone to suggest that these educators should not be involved in this political campaign. Fortunately, BHEA has been resolute in its determination to keep the community informed of matters involving the health of our school district and to provide a guiding light in the darkness of distraction that

attempts to permeate this election.

BHEA remains dedicated to its commitment of providing an expert educational experience to all our students. Our organization of professionals is convinced that this will be facilitated with the election of Lisa Korbatov and Jake Manaster to the school board on November 3. We are proud of the fact that we have maintained our focus on the issues and have refused to be dragged down by the accusations and distractions that do not serve the needs of our district nor the greater community. This community knows that the purpose behind these negative attacks to besmirch the fine reputations of the true Beverly Hills educators is a vain attempt to distract from the issues which would enable our board to restore our district to its former stellar reputation.

The teachers and support staff of the Beverly Hills Unified School District encourage you to vote on November 3 and to consider their choice for school board: Lisa Korbatov and Jake Manaster.

Mark Frenn
BHEA Vice-President

I STRONGLY URGE BHUSD voters to vote in the Board of Education election on Nov. 3. It is imperative that voters speak out and reject the obstructionist majority of the current board which consistently has voted to oppose Steven Fenton and Brian Goldberg during the last two years. Dr. Demeter is not running in this election and will be replaced. I want to remind voters that Demeter and Meshkaty were not elected to the Board four years ago. These two board members walked on to the board, at that time, since there was

no opponent to challenge either candidate.

Ms. Meshkaty has demonstrated a clear voting record that repeatedly has IGNORED teachers, students and parents on issues critical to BHUSD resulting in multiple detrimental decisions negatively affecting our schools. She openly supported former Superintendent [Jeff] Hubbard's termination of Irene Stern, even stating "she would support her superintendent even though it was not the popular thing to do." This statement demonstrates an independent willingness to ignore the desires of parents and voters.

In addition, the current majority has voted to approve and award contracts to former BHUSD employee Christiansen and her firm, resulting in lawsuits being filed against BHUSD, causing taxpayer money to be spent on lawyers rather than educating our children. Finally, Ms. Meshkaty has failed to state her position on the issue of out-of-district permits. This failure to openly state a position on such a critical issue affecting BHUSD unequivocally confirms this board member will vote her own agenda regardless of what is best for our students and teachers.

I encourage voters to examine the record of the past four years for this board. We cannot afford four more years of the same. I am voting for Lisa Korbatov, a parent and businesswoman who will work to build a consensus to move BHUSD forward as our schools seek to correct the past detrimental decisions of the current board majority.

Tom Hayostek
Beverly Hills

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IT TAKES TWO
SOUTH ROXBURY DRIVE

Lulu Chavez (left) and Bernice Kaufman-Lubin geared up in costume at the Annual Halloween Dance Party Sunday, Oct. 25 at Roxbury Park. The event was sponsored by the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club.

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Linda Briskman

Gov. Schwarzenegger Appoints Linda Briskman to Parks and Recreation Commission

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced Tuesday the appointment of Linda Briskman to the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Prior to her retirement, Briskman served on the Beverly Hill City Council from 2001 to 2009 and was mayor in 2005. While on the city council, she served on the Westside Cities Council of Governments as chair from 2007 to 2008 and as co-chair of the Transportation Committee from 2006 to 2009.

"Linda's been a dedicated public servant for many years," said Dan Walsh, president and CEO of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce. "She has a lot of experience. She'll bring her normal level of energy and drive to the appointment, and I think it's a great appointment."

Steve Miller, director of Beverly Hills Community Services, said Briskman's well-built foundation with government at the local level enables her to command a strong understanding of state and political situations. Miller was referred to the Weekly by the governor's press office.

"She walked the walk," Miller said. "She certainly has gravitated early on to recreation and parks even though she had been a planning commissioner. She actively participated in a variety of events, [and] was very supportive but would not hesitate to let us know if she thought we were going down the wrong path."

Council Approves Ordinance for Lobbyist Badge Program

The city council approved an ordinance Tuesday in a 4-1 vote requiring paid legislative advocates to wear identification badges.

Currently, lobbyists register by submitting a form to the city clerk's office. The forms are then distributed to city council members. There are 38 lobbyists presently registered with the city.

The new ordinance will require the city to install signage, provide lobbyists with identifications once forms are submitted, and develop outreach and enforcement programs.

The ordinance does not apply to individuals participating in campaign activities or individuals who spend less than 20 percent of their time engaging in legislative advocacy.

The penalty for lobbyists failing to register and wear identification badges will be \$500 per violation.

Councilmember Willie Brien, the only member to vote against the ordinance, said the decisions should be based on the merits of what best represents the interests of the community.

"The politically correct thing to do would be to support this because there's clear support for it," Brien said. [But] my decisions have always been based on the merits. I will

continue to make my decisions based on what I believe is best for the community regardless of who is paid or nonpaid, and to that end I don't believe I need people to wear badges for me to make the right decision one way or another."

Councilmember John Mirisch, who introduced the ordinance, said part of being able to judge on merits is knowing what the motivation is.

"It has to do with the credibility of people who are speaking, and it's important to know if they're a paid lobbyist," Mirisch said. "There has not been transparency, and there hasn't been a level playing field. And what we did was allow for somewhat more of a level playing field for the community at large, to know who is being paid to advocate for legislation."

Although 10 other states have implemented requirements for lobbyists to wear badges, Beverly Hills is the only city in California to approve such legislation.

"I'm really happy and pleased and proud that we were able to take the lead on this, and I think that yet again Beverly Hills, thanks to my fellow councilmembers, is taking a lead on an important ethics issue and on something that will pave the way for local governments."

The ordinance is up for a second reading at the Nov. 5 city council meeting, and, if approved, will be effective 30 days after.

Meshkaty, Korbato Sound Off at Board Candidate Forum

The Board of Education Candidate Forum last Thursday at City Hall began with various questions ranging from permit plans to a permanent BHUSD superintendent — and ended with a near standoff between candidates Nooshin Meshkaty and Lisa Korbato.

In response to prewritten questions directed by moderator Ken Goldman — president of the Southwest Homeowners Association — Meshkaty, Korbato and candidate Jake Manaster said they all favored the phasing out of opportunity permits within two years, while candidate Craig Davis offered no specific plan for opportunity permits. All four candidates supported the continuation of legacy permits.

The four candidates agreed on putting a halt to the revolving door of superintendents BHUSD has seen in the last decade by looking outside the box at different search firms, with Korbato suggesting visiting potential candidates in their working environment.

All candidates also agreed that it is never appropriate to issue no-bid contracts. Although Meshkaty said she has "learned from experience," Korbato replied that it is "not about getting experience. It should have never happened."

Meshkaty was the first to be questioned specifically about illegal permits, to which she recommended changing current half-time investigators to full-time in order to "catch all those illegally registered residents."

While Korbato said BHUSD should increase the number of investigators verifying permit residents, Manaster said the district should "put the burden on the people to show us they are legally entitled to go to BHUSD."

The ping-pong match between Meshkaty and Korbato took off during the forum's public input when Goldman asked the candidates how they will encourage uninvolved community members to participate in the



Maple Counseling Center Celebrates 2009 Crystal Ball

Donna Goldstein (center) attended the ball last Wednesday at the Beverly Hilton with daughter Judie Fenton (left) and Former Board of Education member Frank Fenton (right) to accept The Maple Leaf Award. Other honorees included Paula Kent Meehan, who was awarded for community spirit, and Brooke Knapp and Drew Mandile, both of whom received the Crystal Award for Community Excellence.

schools.

Meshkaty used this opportunity to take a jab at the Weekly. She offered the idea of putting "more public notices in our valid, local paper, the Beverly Hills Courier."

Korbato responded, "There are two papers in town I think most would agree are valid."

The question that followed regarding the transparency of the budget process only fueled the debate.

Korbato asked Meshkaty why the BHUSD budget has not been available online.

"Just for your information, everything is posted if you knew where to look," Meshkaty said. "You need to spend time to look for it, and you need to spend time to educate yourself."

Korbato quickly fired back.

"If I have to look and look and look for it, that's not very helpful," Korbato said. "If I want to find the budget, I should be able to find it relatively quickly."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REGARDING FINANCING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, at its adjourned regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on November 5, 2009, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, City of Beverly Hills, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills (the "City") will hold a public hearing at which it will hear and consider information concerning the approval by the City of (i) a lease financing by the City and the City of Beverly Hills Public Financing Authority (the "Authority") for certain public capital improvements to be used by the City of Beverly Hills (the "City") and the significant public benefit of such financing by the Authority in accordance with the criteria specified in Section 6586 of the California Government Code and (ii) the adoption of a resolution by the City Council of the City approving the execution and delivery of two leases to be entered into with the Authority in connection with such lease financing.

The proposed lease financing will provide funds for the acquisition, construction and installation of water tanks for the city's water enterprise. In connection with the lease financing, the City will lease certain real property to the Authority, and the Authority will lease such property back to the City.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed lease financing may either appear in person at the public hearing or submit written comments which must be received by the City Council prior to the public hearing. Written comments should be sent to the City Clerk, City of Beverly Hills, 455 North Rexford Drive, Room 290, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

BYRON POPE, CMC
City Clerk

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After attending Thursday night's School Board Forum, I am convinced more than ever, that Lisa Korbato and Jake Manaster will bring to our schools a long-awaited change, a great change for the better.

Ms. Korbato and Mr. Manaster demonstrated with opening statements (and answers), their determination to get our schools back to the days when they shined like beacons and living in Beverly Hills was well worth any financial challenges a family may have had to endure. The "opportunity" will be a cherished reward of a brilliant education. We will beckon new families to move here, once our district's reputation is restored to its old history of being a shining star. It is apparent why the BHEA, so readily endorsed this formidable pair.

In addition [to] Korbato and Manaster on our school board, we are adding parents of school age children, currently matriculating in the very schools that they will help govern. They have a vested and valued interest in getting it right. I know their hearts and commitment for our children's future, is not mired in aspirations of power, or for using his or her seat as a trampoline over to city council, but instead is based for the betterment of all our children, and residents. In short, for our town.

Red Richmond
Beverly Hills

One Last Round of Bill vs. Lee on Permits

Mr. Lewis is once again misanalyzing the facts and misquoting me as well. For instance, I never agreed "that the funds we receive from the State of California do not cover the cost of educating any students in BHUSD." Yes, his numbers are correct; it is the way he uses them that is profoundly misleading.

I did not say in my previous letter that opportunity permit students cost less than resident students. The point I was making was that, because many district expenditures don't fluctuate as much as others based on enrollment, bringing in new students does not cost anywhere near \$12,000. In fact, up to a point additional students do not even cost as much as the \$6512 they bring in under an ADA model. We were talking about permit students, but the same thing is true of new resident students. In his previous letter, Mr. Lewis asked me for specific numbers. I gave them to him, and he ignored them. Instead he chose to repeat some of his earlier, already refuted argumentation.

Mr. Lewis is also wrong about my alleged use of scare tactics. My point, as a careful reading of my previous letter would surely confirm, is not that we would face fiscal problems of this kind under basic aid, but that we would have faced such problems if we had cut back on permit students before, and that permit students in fact averted sizable cuts because of the revenues their presence generated. At the risk of repeating the obvious, the thrust of my argument before was that the additional revenues generated by permit students in the past should be enough to compensate BHUSD for allowing them to finish their education once we enter basic aid. Yet Mr. Lewis ignores this entire argument in his presentation of the "facts."

Also, even though Mr. Lewis asked for evidence of cuts related to permit students, he also chooses to ignore the empirical evidence of budget cuts stemming directly from declining enrollment from the 1980s on — some of which could have been averted by increasing the number of permit students. Again, I am not arguing that such a thing could happen under basic aid. However, these cuts provide further support for my argument that, in recent

years, when we had more permit students, they made the district's financial situation better, not worse, and therefore benefited resident students as well as benefiting themselves. So much for Mr. Lewis' claim that "the expansion of opportunity permits over the last eight years has not brought the promised benefits to our district."

Mr. Lewis also claims that that the permit policy "has resulted in a steady decline in support for neighborhood schools." Nonsense! Support for neighborhood schools started declining in the early 1980s, long before the increase in permits and for reasons totally unconnected with it. Finally, Mr. Lewis claims that the permit policy has "decreased the incentive for young families to move into Beverly Hills." Yet the number of young families moving into Beverly Hills also started long before permits became an issue.

I agree with one of Mr. Lewis' implication that the district has had many problems in the last eight years, but he utterly fails to demonstrate the connection between these problems and permit students. Correlation does not equal causation. Problems like administrative turnover, decline in teacher morale, lack of participatory decision-making in a number of instances, have nothing to do with permit students. One might as well blame them for global warming.

I am pleased that Mr. Lewis affirms the value of treating all students, permit and resident alike, equally. I am curious to know how he plans to achieve such equality in an atmosphere in which permit students are kept in a constant state of anxiety over their future.

Bill Hiatt
BHHS English teacher

Lee Lewis responds:

I appreciate the opportunity to continue the dialogue with Mr. Hiatt.

Fact 1: We had many options, none of which were explored by this board majority or previous board majorities, to address declining student enrollment, A. Reconfiguration B. Natural attrition of teachers and administrators C. Develop a zero-based budgeting process D. Figure out why we are losing students to private schools and develop policies that attract and retain Beverly Hills residents, none of which was done until Steven Fenton and Brian Goldberg were elected

Fact 2: The return of cut programs and services in the beginning of the decade had everything to do with a growing state budget and very little to do with expanding the number of opportunity permits (just look at what is happening now that our State budget is contracting)

Fact 3: Reducing the number of opportunity permit students will free up limited resources that can be reallocated to the remaining students in our district. We spend roughly 12K to educate each and every child.

Fact 4: Looking at incremental costs means assigning a different cost per student in the classroom, in the case of opportunity permits. In order to demonstrate we "make" money on these students you would have to assign all the overhead costs to our residents and none to the opportunity permit students. How is that fair, or treating all students alike?

Fact 5: Our Opportunity Permit Policy was and remains bad public policy because our policy encourages White Flight from Los

Angeles Unified School District.

Fact 6: There is no proof to support the claim that opportunity permit students are better students or more involved than resident students. If there is, show it, but the logical conclusion is that our ten year downward academic trend would have been even worse had we not brought in academic ringers. I'm unsure which is worse: the claim that these students are more valuable and smarter than our own students, or the claim that our academic performance would have been even worse? It is time to turn over a new leaf and get a fresh start with our board of education and our district.

"Letters and E-mail" [Issue 525]

I want to applaud Councilmember [John] Mirisch's efforts to ban declawing of cats in Beverly Hills. I would like to address some of the common misconceptions people often have about banning declawing.

The risk of cats being relinquished to pounds if the owner cannot declaw the animal is grossly overestimated by the veterinary profession. In a survey of owners of cats that had been declawed and their veterinarians, reported by Gary Landsberg in Veterinary Forum, September 1994, only 4% of the owners said they would have relinquished their pet had it not been declawed. In contrast, the veterinarians in the survey speculated that 50% of the owners would have relinquished their pets. Quite a disconnect! We could reasonably expect that if owners knew the risks and alternatives to declawing and if veterinarians took a more active role in offering and assisting with the humane alternatives, the 4% figure would be further reduced. As veterinarian Nicholas Dodman, board-certified animal behaviorist and Professor at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, has said, "There are very few people (who would euthanize a cat if it could not be declawed) who could not be reeducated by an enthusiastic and well-informed veterinarian as to the inhumanity of this approach."

If a vet is following the AVMA guidelines, declawing would be extremely rare. I think that there is ample opportunity for a veterinarian to make money from nail clipping clinics. I believe that veterinarians can learn better medicine as a way to supplement their incomes. They could also learn to recognize and modify behavior problems as a way to supplement their incomes. Animal cruelty is not a good way for them to earn a paycheck.

Declawing is illegal or considered inhumane and unethical in much of the rest of the world. The people in those countries, no matter their age or status of their immune system, have found that they can co-exist with cats with claws. Veterinarians in those countries have found a way to survive and prosper without the income from declawing. The Paw Project has received letters from veterinarians in the USA who say that when they gave up declawing, they actually increased their income because the public saw them as more humane.

I believe that the people of Beverly Hills support a ban on declawing. They are in good company. Santa Monica, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Berkeley are all considering such a ban too.

Jennifer Conrad, DVM
The Paw Project

Elect Craig Davis

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Permits: A Few, Some, Too Many

What if BHUSD only had:
...a few Opportunity permit families at each school, would there be an issue? Probably not
...just one Opportunity student per homeroom class, would there be an issue? Maybe not
...too many — because past Boards voted to admit literally hundreds of Opportunity permit students during the past several years, the issue has been brought to the fore, particularly by Goldberg/Fenton, who point out that many districts similar to ours have few, if any, Opportunity type permits.

Here are three options as we consider a policy for Opportunity permits: 1) **continue** to renew Opportunity permits through 12th grade even though BHUSD will no longer receive funds from a releasing district: 2) **renew** the discussion of a *tenure* or *natural break* plan where Opportunity students could complete their education through (for example) 5th, 8th & 12th grades based on current grade level; 3) **discontinue** the Opportunity permits in June 2010 or 2011.

I favor the discussion around options 2 & 3. I am interested in what you think!

ElectCraigDavis.com 310-273-5664

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Beverly High, Districtwide Enrollment Down from Last Year

Beverly High saw a 100-student decrease in total enrollment this year, while districtwide enrollment was down by roughly 270 students.

BHUSD Director of Human Resources Dr. Alex Cherniss said the drop in enrollment was due to a large graduating senior class and a smaller incoming freshmen class.

"The reason why is because we no longer take in the number of permits we [usually] take," Cherniss said.

He added that BHUSD can expect the trend to continue for the next few years.

Superintendent Jerry Gross said the enrollment decrease was "not a dramatic change," though "it didn't quite meet [BHUSD's] expectations."

BookEnds' Youth Leadership Board Hosts Fundraiser Scrabble Event

BookEnds' Youth Leadership Board is organizing a fundraising Scrabble event for students between second and 12th grade Sun., Nov. 8 from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Beverly Hills Public Library.

The YLB Scrabble Event — Spellebrate — will cost \$40 per student. Funds will be used for leadership training and upcoming community service projects YLB has planned, including the creation of a library at the Jeffrey Foundation — a community outreach program in Culver City for the children and families of mentally and physically disabled children.

YLB is comprised of Los Angeles-area stu-

dents ages 10 to 17 who organize book drives and other community service events.

For more information, contact (818) 716-1198 or info@bookends.org.

BHUSD Schools Celebrate Red Ribbon Week

Beverly Vista, El Rodeo, Hawthorne and Horace Mann began celebrating Red Ribbon Week Monday, Oct. 26 to support a drug-free and safe environment.

Students participated in various activities such as wearing red clothing, making drug-free posters and taking part in K-5 anti-drug lessons taught by the school resource officer. Events will conclude tomorrow with students attending Halloween parties dressed in costume.

Hawthorne Organizes Halloween Candy Collection

The Hawthorne Parent Teacher Association will be organizing a Halloween Candy Collection Wednesday, Nov. 4 through Friday, Nov. 6. Candy will be donated to OneVoice, which helps head-start programs that oversee 8,000 poverty-level families in the Los Angeles area.

Donations can be dropped off at the Hawthorne office or on the south field of the campus.

LA Metro to Hold Information Meeting on Potential Beverly Hills Subway Stations

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will hold a community meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4 to discuss



Athletic Alumni Association Inducts Hall of Fame Recipients

The Beverly Hills Athletic Alumni Association honored inductees (left to right) Brad Turell, Chris Williams, Stacy Margolin Potter, Robert Countryman and Tony Behrstock in its 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Dinner last Saturday, Oct. 24 at the SLS Hotel. Beverly High Assistant Principal Carter Paysinger received the McCarthy Lifetime Achievement award for his longtime commitment to Beverly High athletics.

two potential subway stations in Beverly Hills.

The stations up for discussion are Wilshire Blvd. at La Cienega Blvd. and Wilshire Blvd. at Beverly Drive.

The meeting will be held at Beverly Hills City Hall in the Municipal Gallery from 6 pm to 8 pm, and will include an opportunity for residents to review and discuss station locations and entrances, connections to and from

the stations and other issues.

The Beverly Hills meeting is one of five community meetings scheduled in October and November to discuss potential subway stations for the Westside Subway Extension project, also known as the "Subway to the Sea."

For more information, call (310) 285-6840.

Endorse a future of excellence for our kids.



Lisa and her daughters Elizabeth (2nd grade El Rodeo), Anna Bella (Junior BHHS) and Lauren (BHHS class of '07)

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Lisa's Pledge to the Voters

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I will work for a new mission statement that ensures academic excellence.

MEASURE 'E'

I will seek unanimous support to hire a small team of independent fiduciary experts with no conflict of interest to work with our Citizen's Oversight Committee to ensure accountability and transparency.

OPPORTUNITY PERMITS

I support phasing out opportunity permits in a fair manner as we become a basic aid district.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT

I believe we must mount a nationwide search for the most exceptionally qualified candidate available to achieve the goals of the new mission statement.

COMMUNICATION & CIVILITY

I will strongly support quarterly Community Summits to bring together parents, students, board members, faculty and administrative leaders. We must establish a new dynamic of openness and end the acrimony.

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I will launch a new facilities inspection and repair program with a publicly posted letter grading system such as that used for our restaurants.

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Lisa Korbato

for Beverly Hills School Board



Lisa is endorsed by: Municipal League of Beverly Hills & Beverly Hills Education Association (Teachers)

Contact Lisa directly at: 310.413.3223 or email lisa@lisakorbatov.com

Paid for by Lisa (Fisch) Korbato for School Board 2009 Committee ID# 1320424

from the hills of beverly



My Choices For Board

Vote Tuesday, for our kids

By Rudy Cole

Only one candidate for school board in Tuesday's election has what the district needs most: experience. So, despite some serious differences on many issues, my first choice is **Nooshin Meshkaty**.

Meshkaty, unlike any of the other candidates, has paid her education dues. She is the only candidate who has a solid record of service to our schools which began with volunteering for the PTA and then being elected a PTA president. That record has earned her the support of one of the critical elements in our education process: the rank and file, and leadership, of the Parent Teacher Associations. (The association itself does not make endorsements.)

Should endorsements mean that much? Yes. We do look to the people who know the candidates best, and who really place a priority on public education for some guidance in making choices for school board. On the other hand, I would not oppose a contender simply because they had endorsers with whom I disagree or do not trust.

Many of the people I most respect and who have, by their services to the city, earned our admiration, are among Meshkaty's strongest supporters. This impressive list includes former mayor and former school board president **Vicki Reynolds** and a large number of other former mayors; two city icons, **Fred Hayman** and **Richard Rosenzweig**, **Lya Cordova-Latta**, who has had a lifetime of dedication to education and cultural resources and whose late husband, **Dr. Reuben Cordova**, was once assistant superintendent of schools, and **Joel Pressman** who had made our music programs the envy of the nation and who has been a strong teacher's union advocate.

However, most important of all the endorsements is that of the Bosse family, among our most generous supporters of pub-

lic education. They have no hidden agendas, no personal ambitions or history of past battles, only a desire to do what is best for our schools. Their support of Meshkaty should resonate with all of us.

Of the other three candidates, the second choice was not that easy. Two, **Jake Manaster** and **Lisa Korbatov** are both qualified, but for different reasons. Manaster has worked within the education system and Korbatov in the community and with solid credentials in the business sector. The fourth candidate, **Craig Davis**, although very likeable, is a former school teacher who has been fairly aloof from both school and community involvement since his retirement and has not really explained why he is a candidate.

But my support goes to Manaster. A lawyer, who also has enormous business acumen and hands on experience, he has shown, in the campaign, a willingness to be open and to avoid the often highly divisive battles that continue to drain the energy of the board and the education community.

If he demonstrates as a board member what he has shown in the campaign: a desire to unite rather than further divide, he could well be the catalyst to end the conflicts that have plagued our board for too many years. He too has been active in support of public education, long before he became a candidate for school board.

What has absolutely no relevance in a school board race, and are only distractions, are positions on purely city government matters, although all four of the candidates probably have similar views on recent development/growth issues.

As for campaign managers, I've managed many and after a bruising election, managers and candidates are usually not even talking to each other by election night. Who manages is also not really relevant. For the

record, I have no horse in this race.

That other widely distributed but seldom read newspaper did make much of Korbatov's backers, calling them too negative. I found that strange. Yes, some of her key supporters, but far from a majority, did oppose Measure E, but so did that paper, and, for that matter, my own. Unlike many of her backers, Korbatov did back E. However, and this is also critical, her campaign did go negative and that is no way to bring the education community back together. In this, she was not alone.

So, why is experience more important than any other qualification in this election and at this time?

In the last two years, we will have replaced three board members. **Brian David Goldberg** and **Steven Fenton** have been on the board for only two years, Meshkaty for four and **Myra Lurie** for six. Add to that the likely departure of Fenton in less than two years when he makes an expected run for city council, and Lurie's clear intention not to seek a third term, and you see why Meshkaty's experience really matters.

If, on the other hand, we had a stable administrative staff and a more or less permanent school superintendent, this experience issue would not be that critical. But we don't. We have had eight supers in 10 years, we have lost almost every key administrator in every major job in the district and we have even had difficulty in making choices in the selection of school principals,

This turnover of administrators is going to make it very hard to convince really qualified educators to come to our district. Are this and past boards responsible for this constant leadership drain? In part, they are. But unfortunately turnovers in supers is endemic in the education community.

Our loss of superintendents and other key administrators is not unique to our district. It's just not acceptable or good for our schools.

It used to be that working here was a star on a resume. Not now. That simply has to end, and it won't until we bring the education community back together and end the horrendous personality battles of recent years.

Teachers, parents, administrators and, yes, our school board, all need to remember their shared goals and values.

Meshkaty was by far the least contentious and divisive member of the present board. Under her leadership, the district did move quickly to deal with the Strategic Concepts problem. The fact that she tried to find compromises on the out-of-district permit issues angered both sides of this emotionally driven dispute, but it is simply not her style to be too combative.

(She and my publisher, who was once her most ardent supporter, both stepped out of character in their personal responses to their split. I do not condone her or her supporters' retaliation efforts, but more on this after the election. Those are simply not problems that changed my mind on what is best for the

district.)

What board critics won't acknowledge is the significant improvement in test scores, especially at the high school. Unlike most other districts, we have not had to make drastic cuts in programs or teacher's pay and benefits. There have been no layoffs, and no cutting of school days. This board, despite its disruptive battles and, yes, because of Meshkaty's experience and leadership, deserve considerable credit for this record of achievements.

Consider it a personal failing, but I can not treat people with whom I disagree as pariahs or demons, even the Dynamic Duo. Just being involved and concerned, should earn some brownie points, and for me it does. So, those who are attacking a councilmember for endorsing Meshkaty are really engaging in a red herring. This cross-over of support by members of the school board and city council for each other is hardly new. Council and school board members have been doing it for many, many years.

But I do totally respect Mayor **Nancy Krasne** and Boardmember Goldberg for opting to remain neutral. As for the critics of endorsements, it is all too obvious that their claims of foul are based more on who the councilmember, in this case, Barry Brucker, supported, than his right to do so.

Although Goldberg has strong feelings about the candidates and despite this has decided not to endorse, that is not true of his colleagues, Myra Lurie and Steven Fenton. Fenton has taken a very strong position of opposition to Meshkaty and Lurie just the opposite: She supports Meshkaty.

That is more or less consistent with their board lineups. While I feel Fenton is an important resource for our community and his interest in government service is commendable, I did not approve of his bullying of Meshkaty when he persisted in demanding she take a less conciliatory position on student permits, during a board meeting. That he too has been a target of personal attacks is also not acceptable. I consider them my friends, and I hope that once this election is over they can both use their considerable talents in helping heal the education community.

One very positive factor in all of this is the decision to bring **Dr. Jerry Gross** in as interim superintendent and then to keep him on the job while the district recruits a new school leader. Meshkaty and the whole board share credit for this.

The new board needs to take this even further. Hopefully, Dr. Gross can be convinced to remain and participate in the selection process, however long this takes and there should be no rush. If they ask nicely and give some economic incentives, Dr. Gross might be convinced to accept a two-year contract. We need that kind of stability, now more than ever.

In the interim, some thoughts on goals the new board should adopt:

Improve communication with the community. Under former superintendent **Ken Peters**, the district had a full-time public relations professional and outreach dramatically helped unite the community in support of our schools. The budget may not permit

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having a PR person on staff, but Dr. Gross should be given the chore of talking to the community through civic organizations and more effective use of school television and our media.

We need to develop an education culture that promotes from within and that requires two things: Smart initial choices and realistic opportunities for advancement.

There has to be more respect for the teaching staff, and the teachers' union needs to become, not only more involved in positive steps at healing, but more directly invested in the community. Strident attacks on their school board, no matter the justification in their minds, do not bring credibility to the union. But they do have a right to endorse, and it is ingenuous to deny them something their critics do with impunity. A task for teachers and parents: Spend more effort and time in coming together on shared objectives.

A final thought: There is one obvious reason our schools are among the finest anywhere and why teachers want to work here; and too often we overlook this truism: It is the quality of the kids in our school system. They are among the brightest, most eager students to be found in any district. They do have parents who care about public education and many of them have made the sacrifices necessary to place them in our schools.

What this is really all about then should be the children of Beverly Hills.

For them and for a more united education community, I would urge you to vote for

Nooshin Meshkaty and Jake Manaster, but equally important, make sure you vote.

Quick note: This Sunday plan to attend the Chamber's excellent Health and Safety Affair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. next to the Farmer's Market on Civic Center Drive. (Park in city's garage off Rexford Drive.)

Thanks to Health and Safety Commissioner **Dr. Sandra Aronberg** for reminding us that you can also bring your pet for a low-cost microchipping, a good tool in recovering a lost pet including in case of a major disaster or emergency. Humans will also have help with health screenings by Cedars-Sinai.

An appreciation: Freedom of the press is an abstraction, not a total reality. Why? Because it is the owner of a newspaper who has that right, and not always the writers they publish. So, and although I have no idea what **Josh** is doing about the board election, I know he does not share my views, not at all. His willingness to allow me total freedom is unique, and I doubt very much it would be found on that other publication

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Left to right: Pierre Rainero, Angie Harmon, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and Camilla Belle.

Photo: Alex J. Berliner at Berliner Studio/BEImages

Grace Kelly and Cartier Receive Rodeo Drive Walk of Style Award

The Rodeo Drive Committee and the City of Beverly Hills honored Princess Grace Kelly of Monaco and the renowned French jeweler Cartier with the Rodeo Drive Walk of Style Award last Thursday, Oct. 22.

His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco accepted the award, presented by Debra Messing, on behalf of the Princely family. Pierre Rainero, director of image, style and heritage at Cartier International, accepted the award, presented by Demi Moore, on behalf of Cartier. Both Kelly and Cartier were honored for their contributions to the worlds of fashion and entertainment.

The event raised more than \$150,000, which will go toward the Princess Grace Foundation-USA and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.

Beverly Hills representatives who attended the event include Mayor Nancy Krasne, Rodeo Drive Walk of Style Co-Chairs Peri Ellen Berne and Susan Mosely, Selections Committee Chair Wanda McDaniel and Selections Committee Member Deborah Landis. Other attendees included Angie Harmon, Camilla Belle, Gabrielle Union, Lisa Edelstein and Jenna Elfman.

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- Rabbi Laura Geller, Temple Emanuel

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- Hon. Steven Fenton, Beverly Hills School Board Member

"Jake Manaster won the support of teachers through his depth of knowledge on educational issues and a commitment to team-building."

- Chris Bushee, President, Beverly Hills Teachers Association

"Jake will bring respect, dignity and decorum to our School District. I enthusiastically support Jake's candidacy."

- Hon. Willie Brien, M.D., Beverly Hills City Council Member & Former School Board President

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election editorial

KORBATOV/MANASTER

“Let’s get our schools back on track”

Tuesday’s election provides us the perfect opportunity to help get our schools back on track. As we transition into basic aid funding, good times are thankfully ahead for public school. With the right leadership, we might even re-establish the pre-eminence our schools once had.

But this will not happen without strong resident involvement and participation. One of many issues our district faces is whether we are going to continue to allow out-of-district forces to take over our schools, co-opt Board members, and change the residency rules that have been in place for over 70 years.

Today we’re evaluating the candidates on the ballot on Tuesday, specifically Lisa Korbатов, Jake Manaster and Nooshin Meshkaty, two of whom will win. Our old friend Craig Davis, a retired Hawthorne teacher of many years, brought some interesting ideas to the race. But one person does not a campaign make.

I. “DISTRICT OF CHOICE” – PUTTING RESIDENTS LAST

Two years ago this week, in our 2007 Board of Education election editorial, we wrote “Read our lips: NO NEW PERMITS” (see issue #422). We wish the Board had heeded our advice. Instead, even with clear signs that we would be approaching basic aid funding, Board member Nooshin Meshkaty introduced a measure to increase permits to 20 percent of total enrollment. Is this insanity, or what?

We repeat once again that **Beverly Hills schools are for Beverly Hills kids**, and a small handful of worthy exceptions, such as children of faculty, staff and city employees. We also support a limited amount of diversity permits for qualified applicants, although nowadays schools are not allowed to admit students based on their ethnicity, so the purpose of this particular permit may have run its course.

We do not support the concept of permanently opening up our public schools to residents of Bel Air and Westwood, as Board members Myra Demeter and Myra Lurie have suggested with their asinine “District of Choice” legislation. Don’t be fooled – if “District of Choice” passes in the BHUSD, it will be the death of Beverly Hills public schools as we now know them. We all know what happened to Fairfax High, which used to be a great neighborhood school in the 1950s and 1960s. Out-of-town interests have no business manipulating decisions and personnel in our local schools. Enough is enough. Yet of all the candidates, only Lisa Korbатов had the temerity to say this in specific terms.



Brucker: no integrity left

II. REMEMBER WHEN BARRY BRUCKER HAD INTEGRITY?

Whether his candidate wins or loses on Tuesday, Councilmember Barry Brucker’s behavior in twisting arms and cajoling everyone and everything in town to support Nooshin Meshkaty is surely starting to backfire. His win-at-any-cost mentality is starting to irritate even some of his most longtime supporters.

There’s no end to what Barry is willing to do for

his political supporters. Brucker rigged the debates sponsored by the city, so that there would only be one debate, very late in the campaign season. Why? Because he was terrified of what might happen if Meshkaty was subjected to multiple debates, as in years past. Brucker has attempted to steer city leases to real estate clients of Yar Meshkaty (Nooshin’s husband). Like his mentor Tom Levyn, Brucker believes what’s good for his political cronies is good for Beverly Hills.

Brucker interjecting himself in the Board of Education race in such an audacious manner reminds us how much he has changed since he was first elected by write-in ballot in 1997. The irony is that Barry Brucker was originally elected on a platform of getting construction moving in the schools; 12 years later, his two handpicked successors Lurie and Meshkaty, with their hysterical and unwavering support of fired construction manager Karen Christiansen, have presided over one of the biggest construction scandals in BHUSD history.

“In 1997, Barry Brucker was elected to the Board of Education on a platform of getting construction moving in the schools. Twelve years later, his two handpicked successors [Myra] Lurie and [Nooshin] Meshkaty have presided over one of the biggest construction scandals in BHUSD history.”

III. NO ON NOOSHIN

Nooshin Meshkaty was automatically elected to the Board in 2005 when the election was cancelled due to a lack of candidates. We are always opposed to canceling elections, for whatever reason, because the community is denied the opportunity to scrutinize the candidates and their records. Clearly this was the case with Meshkaty who, as we learned first-hand this year, had a number of things on her resume that didn’t quite add up.

The Weekly stands behind its aggressive reporting on Meshkaty’s record, especially with regard to disclosures first reported in the Weekly that Meshkaty lied about her residence in order to fraudulently enroll her daughter at El Rodeo (see “Meshkaty Eviction Raises Residency Questions”, Issue #521).

The Meshkaty campaign team, many of whom are Brucker groupies (complete with their creepy yellow outfits), are supporting her out of personal loyalty, which is admirable but not the basis upon which candidates should be elected in a community as well-educated and involved as ours.

Meshkaty refuses to take a position on "District of Choice", which is disturbing, especially given the implications for the BHUSD if it passes.

Clearly Meshkaty has a lot of school experience. But judging from the decisions she's made, it isn't the right kind of experience. Her defiant, unresponsive attitude towards the press would make even her fellow Republican Sarah Palin blush. It's true she suffers from chronic foot-in-mouth syndrome, although even that is forgivable if a candidate is straightforward and honest. We understand why she doesn't want to answer the Weekly's questions about her record, because if you were her, would you? Our Board of Education can do much better than Nooshin Meshkaty.



IV. LISA KORBATOV: BRAVE AND OUTSPOKEN

Lisa Korbатов, barely known at the start of the campaign, ended up being the star of this year's Board of Education race. Brave, outspoken, and a candidate who ran on actual issues. She's the Straight Talk Express, blunt at times but certainly not shy, a Republican reincarnation of Bella Abzug.

She has stood up to the insider's club at El Rodeo (where pushy permit families are running wild, even starting to make some resident families feel unwelcome). Korbатов

doesn't have a PTA background, although maybe that's not such a bad thing? Though they are well-intentioned, we've learned from the last four examples that former PTA presidents often make lousy and stubborn Board members.

We applaud Korbатов's brash and direct campaign on the issues. She is a rising star and she deserves a seat on the Board.



V. JAKE MANASTER: CAUTIOUS BUT UNIQUELY QUALIFIED

We were disappointed with the unenergetic campaign Jake Manaster ran, especially his vague positions on the key issues. He had timely and hard-hitting issues to run on this year, any one of which would be enough to elect a challenger, given the mismanagement we've seen from the BHUSD in recent years.

Manaster's background as the CEO of a carpet company will be especially helpful on a Board

which, at least in recent years, has not shown adequate financial discipline, especially with regard to construction contracts. He served on BHEF and the facilities advisory committee, among many other school-related activities.

So while we have some reservations, we're hopeful Jake will prove us wrong and instead be an outspoken voice for resident families and neighborhood schools.



Beverly Hills Weekly recommends a vote for Lisa Korbатов and Jake Manaster. Vote Tuesday, November 3rd. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm. For polling place information, call (562) 462-2748.

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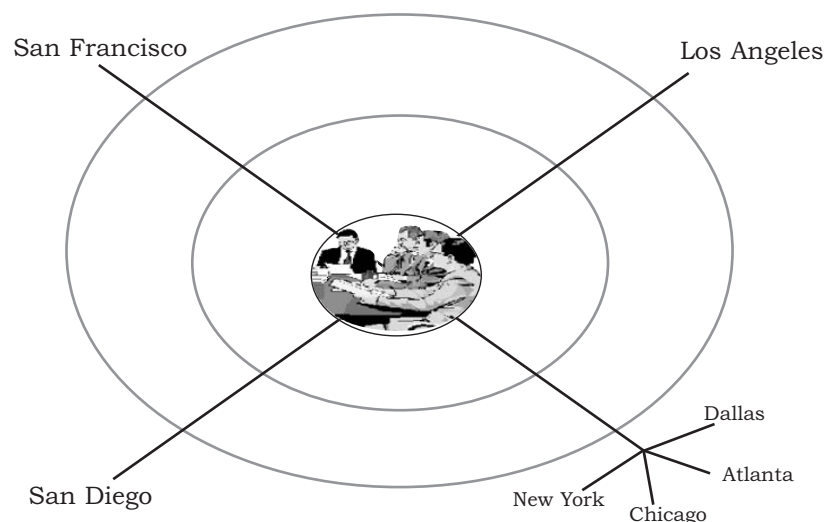
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Normans Lose To Santa Monica On Last-Minute Touchdown

BHHS to host Inglewood Friday night.

By Steven Herbert

The decisive points in Beverly High's 28-27 loss to Santa Monica in an Ocean League football game Friday night at Nickoll Field were scored with 32.8 seconds to play on Garrett Saffron's 22-yard touchdown pass to Chris Featherstone on a fourth-down and 21 yards to go play and Jake Schmidt's extra point kick.

But to coach Donald Paysinger, that play was not the reason the Normans lost.

Instead, Paysinger cited a blocked punt returned for a touchdown in the third quarter and a blocked extra point in the fourth.

"On both sides of the ball, our team played great," Paysinger said. "[It was] the best we played all year."

Beverly Hills (4-3, 1-1 in league play) had taken a 27-21 lead on Josh Newman's 10-yard touchdown pass to Cameron Countryman midway through the fourth quarter.

The Normans opened the scoring on A.J. Fortier's five-yard first quarter touchdown run.

After the Vikings (3-4, 2-0) tied the score in the first quarter, Beverly Hills regained the lead on Jeremy Bruce's five-yard run in the second quarter. Bruce ran seven yards in the third quarter for a second score, increasing

the Normans' advantage to 21-7.

Santa Monica re-tied the score on Jeered Inouye's 40-yard return of the blocked punt and Brandon Taylor's 24-yard touchdown run.

Before the game, Paysinger said Beverly Hills had to stop the Vikings' running game, "which we did," and "play error-free football," which it failed to do.

"The blocked punt and extra point is what put us in position for that last play," Paysinger said.

The game marked the return to action for Newman, who had not played since spraining his left ankle in the team's season-opening 34-7 loss to Long Beach Jordan Sept. 11. Countryman started at quarterback, but was replaced by Newman, who played most of the rest of the game.

Newman "struggled at the beginning, but he came around," Paysinger said.

"He played well for a player who's been out six weeks," Paysinger said.

Frank Brown drew praise from Paysinger for running "the ball well." The Normans' offensive line "played probably the best they played all year," said Paysinger, who also praised the play of his team's defense.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Inglewood (4-3, 1-1) Friday night in an Ocean League game at Nickoll Field beginning at 7 p.m.

"We have to stop their passing game," Paysinger said. "We've got to get them to throw the ball sooner than when they want to throw the ball."

Newman will start at quarterback, while Countryman will also see time at the position, Paysinger said.

The two teams have one common opponent, winless Hawthorne. The Sentinels defeated the Cougars, 56-0, Friday night, seven days after Beverly Hills' 35-13 victory over Hawthorne.

The Normans have won 16 of their last 17 games against Inglewood, including a 28-27 victory last season, when they overcame a 20-point third-quarter deficit.

Beverly Hills had a 14-game winning streak against Inglewood from 1985 to 2005 which ended with a 20-0 loss in 2006 when injuries forced it to play their third-string quarterback for much of the game.

Girls' Tennis

Beverly Hills 14, Marlborough 4

Norman singles players Brianna Morgan, Amanda Zalameda and Megan Margolin all won all three of their sets as did Beverly Hills' No. 2 doubles team of Allison Lee and Hillary Monroy in a nonleague match at Beverly Hills Oct. 19

Morgan was a 6-0, 6-0, 6-1 winner at No. 1 singles; Zalameda a 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 winner at No. 2 singles; and Margolin a 6-0, 6-1, 6-2 winner at No. 3 singles.

The Lee-Monroy team won 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

Beverly Hills got its other points from its No. 1 doubles team of Allison Isaacman and Victoria Mamatova which won in the first and third rounds, but lost to the Mustangs' No. 3 doubles team of Lucinda Loane and Sofi Shield, 6-2, in the second round.

Harvard-Westlake 11, Beverly Hills 7

Morgan was a 6-3, 6-0, 6-0 winner and Zalameda and Margolin both won two of their three sets for the Normans (4-9) in a non-league match at the Studio City Golf & Tennis Club Oct. 21.

The Wolverines were ranked eighth in Southern Section Division I released

Oct. 12, while Beverly Hills was ranked fourth in Division II.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Inglewood Morningside today, play at Culver

City Monday and play host to Culver City Tuesday in Ocean League matches beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Honors

Longtime Beverly High football coach and athletic director Carter Paysinger received the Beverly Hills High School Athletic Alumni Association's McCarthy Lifetime Achievement Award Saturday at the group's Hall of Fame Dinner Saturday night at the SLS Hotel.

Paysinger, a 1974 Beverly High graduate, was named as the school's football coach in 1990 and athletic director in 1997, remaining in both posts until being named as an assistant principal earlier this year.

The award is named for Justin McCarthy, the former executive director of the school's alumni association.

Girls' Volleyball

Beverly Hills def.

Hawthorne, 25-5, 25-12, 25-9

Michelle Wolff had five blocks and Tamara Skootsky four for the Normans in their Ocean League opener at Hawthorne Oct. 7.

"We didn't know much about Hawthorne," Beverly Hills coach Marla Weiss said. "We knew that if we played well we would win and that's kind of the way it went."

Beverly Hills def.

Santa Monica, 25-14, 25-23, 25-14

Senior middle blocker Tamara Skootsky had 11 kills with no errors and six blocks in what Weiss described as "the match of her life," Mallory Smith eight kills, Emily Rosen 15 digs and Julia Ayeroff 13 digs for the Normans in an Ocean League match at the Swim-Gym Oct. 9.

"We did very, very well," Weiss said. "I was very pleased with our volleyball. I felt it was the first time all season that we really put a complete match together. Our middle attack did beautifully."

Weiss credited the victory over the defending league champions to minimizing unforced errors.

"We have realized this season that if we minimize unforced errors we will win and when we have a lot of unforced errors we don't win," Weiss said. "So that was the big difference there."

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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LA150637 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 10/22, 29, 11/5, 12, 2009

FILE NO. 20091566043

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: CELESTE COIN LAUNDRY, 5220 SANTA MONICA BLVD # A, B & C, LOS ANGELES, CA 90029 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: BLANCO ENTERPRISE INC., 1961 S. HAGEN, LA HABRA, CA 90631 (CA). 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/ BLANCO ENTERPRISE INC., BY: DONG JUN SHIM, PRESIDENT / SECRETARY

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/15/09 indicated by file stamp above.

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LA150668 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 10/22, 29, 11/5, 12, 2009

FILE NO. 20091567265

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MEGA COIN LAUNDRY, 4362 S. FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: HEE OK PARK AND KYUNG HO PARK, 5377 BARRETT CIR, BUENA PARK, CA 90621. This Business is being conducted by a/an: HUSBAND AND WIFE. 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/ HEE OK PARK AND KYUNG HO PARK, SOLE PROPRIETOR
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LA150656 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 10/22, 29, 11/5, 12, 2009

FILE NO. 20091567266

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MEGA COIN LAUNDRY, 1411 ECHO PARK AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90026 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: HEE OK PARK AND KYUNG HO PARK, 5377 BARRETT CIR, BUENA PARK, CA 90621. This Business is being conducted by a/an: HUSBAND AND WIFE. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

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LA150657 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 10/22, 29, 11/5, 12, 2009

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)
(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)

Escrow No. 09-32344-SH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the seller(s)/licensee(s) are: ZACK PARK MATSUMOTO AND MASAMI SUGAMURA, 8917 W. SUNSET BLVD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069-1811

Doing business as: EZO

All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: COCOMO ISLAND INC, 2574 NEWPORT BLVD, COSTA MESA, CA 92627
The assets being sold are generally described as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE AND ABC LICENSE and is/are located at: 8917 W. SUNSET BLVD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069-1811

The type of license to be transferred is/are: Type: ON-SALE BEER AND WINE EATING PLACE License No. 41-479030 now issued for the premises located at: SAME

The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW, 17300 REDHILL AVE, STE 110, IRVINE, CA 92614 and the anticipated sale date is NOVEMBER 18, 2009

The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$25,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$N/A, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH THRU ESCROW \$25,000.00 ALLOCATION TOTAL \$25,000.00

It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s)/transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

ZACK PARK MATSUMOTO AND MASAMI SUGAMURA, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)

COCOMO ISLAND INC, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)
PCTS LA150704 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 10/22/09

FILE NO. 20091559357

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: WOODLAKE PHARMACY, 7320 WOODLAKE AVE, STE 100, WEST HILLS, CA 91307 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SKYLINE RX INC., (CALIFORNIA) 7320 WOODLAKE AVE STE 100, WEST HILLS, CA 91307. 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/ SKYLINE RX INC., BY: SENG K. TAING, C.E.O. / SECRETARY / C.F.O

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LA150601 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 10/22,29,11/5,12,2009

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**for the
2009-2010 STREET RESURFACING - VARIOUS
LOCATIONS**

**within the City of
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA
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BIDS - Sealed proposals for the 2009-2010 STREET RESURFACING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS within the City of Beverly Hills, California, will be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday December 1, 2009 at the office of the City Clerk of said City, located in Room 290 at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on the above-mentioned date in the office of the City Clerk of said City Hall and award of the contract will be made during a subsequent meeting of the City Council.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS - Bids must be submitted on the Proposal Form prepared for this project and shall be delivered at the office of the City Clerk within a sealed envelope and marked on the outside as follows: "2009-2010 STREET RESURFACING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS".

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form may be inspected and obtained at the office of the City Engineer, 345 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. There is no charge or deposit required for this material; therefore, they are not to be returned to the City for refund. Each bidder shall furnish the City, the name, address, and telephone number of the firm requesting Specifications.

DBE PROGRAM: Bidders are advised that, the City has established a overall DBE goal. The City of Beverly Hills DBE Contract goal is 13 percent with a participation of 8% for Race Conscious and 5% for Race Neutral

SCOPE OF THE WORK - The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements and supplies necessary for, or appurtenant to, the construction and completion of the project indicated above in accordance with Standard Drawings and the Specifications prepared for this project.

In general terms, the contract work for this project shall consist of the following items of work:

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY
1	Mobilization	LS	1
2	Engineered traffic plan/traffic control/message boards	LS	1
3	Full width cold Mill Existing AC Pavement 2" (Uniform Depth) per cold Mill Detail "A"	SF	720,000
4	Cold Mill Existing AC Pavement per cold Mill Detail "B" Improvement Plan (6'wide)	LF	83,388
5	Cold-In-Place Recycling (CIPR) 3" depth	SY	133,555
6	Emulsified Recycled Agent (CIPR)	TON	905
7	Additive (CIPR)	TON	98
8	AC overlay 2" Class D2 PG 64-10	TON	15,142
9	Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix overlay 2" (average) AHRM	TON	10,893
10	Type I Rubberized Emulsion Aggregate Slurry (REAS) or Equal	SF	812,557
11	Crack seal	LS	1
12	Pavement spot repairs - full depth, root removal & 6" AC pavement on 8" CMB	TON	400
13	Pavement spot repairs - full depth, root removal & 6" PCC pavement on 8" CMB	SF	1,500
14	Remove and Replace 6" curb w/ 18" gutter	LF	6,000
15	Remove and Replace Longitudinal Gutter in Alleysways	LF	2,500
16	Sidewalk spot repairs - full depth, root removal	SF	2,000
17	Remove and Replace Water Meter Box	EA	200
18	Adjust Valve Cover to Grade	EA	296
19	Adjust Manhole frames to Grade	EA	44
20	Double Adjust Valve Cover to Grade for CIPR Sections	EA	103
21	Double Adjust Manhole frames to Grade for CIPR Sections	EA	36
22	Remove and Reconstruct PCC accessible ADA Curb Ramps	EA	25
23	Remove and Reconstruct PCC Driveways	EA	10
24	Remove and Reconstruct PCC Alley approach	EA	6
25	Traffic loops - standard round	EA	37
26	Traffic loops - rectangular	EA	29
27	Striping & markings	LS	1

References in the project specifications to specific sections of the Standard Specifications refer to the book of "Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction", 2006 Edition, written by a Joint Cooperative Committee of the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association and Southern California district of the Associated General Contractors of California. Contractors wishing to obtain this book may purchase copies directly from the publisher, Building News, Inc., 1612 South Clementine Street, Anaheim, CA, 92802. There is no charge or deposit for the other items listed above.

AMENDMENTS - The second paragraph of Section 3-2.2.1 "Contract Unit Prices", of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction is deleted.

The fourth paragraph of Section 3-2.2.1 "Contract Unit Prices", of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction is deleted and replaced by the following: "Should any Contract

item be deleted in its entirety, no payment will be made to Contractor for that Bid Item."

The following is in addition to the provisions of Section 2-9.1 of the Greenbook:

The Contractor is required to locate and tie out survey monuments in the project area prior to construction involving street and highways, and to file with the County Surveyor a Corner Record of any such work. Prior to the issuance of a completion certificate, the Contractor is required to file a Corner Record for survey monumentation that is replaced. All such survey work shall be performed under the supervision of a California licensed Land Surveyor or a Civil Engineer authorized to perform such work.

The Contractor shall provide the City a copy of the office calculations and documents submitted to the County for filing in connection with the aforementioned work.

The payment for surveying, related professional services, office calculation, and furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, tools and incidentals, and for doing work involved shall be considered as included in the various items of work, and no additional compensation will be allowed therefore.

Section 3-3.2.2 shall be changed as follows:

(a) Labor. The costs of labor will be the actual cost for wages of workers performing the extra work at the time the extra work is done, plus the employer payments of payroll taxes, health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship funds, and other direct costs, resulting from Federal, State, or local laws, as well as assessments or benefits required by collective bargaining agreements.

The following will revise Section 3-3.2.3 of the Greenbook:

(a) Work by Contractor. An allowance for overhead and profit shall be added to the Contractor's cost as determined under 3-3.2.2 and shall constitute the full and complete markup for all overhead and profit on extra work performed by the Contractor. The Contractor shall be compensated for the actual increase in the Contractor's bond premium caused by the extra work. For costs determined under each subsection in 3-3.2.2, the markup shall be:

- a) Labor 20%
- b) Materials 15%
- c) Tools & Equipment Rental 15%
- d) Other Items 15%

(b) Work by Subcontractor. When any of the extra work is performed by a Subcontractor, the markup established in 3-3.2.3(a) shall be applied to the Subcontractor's costs as determined under 3-3.2.2. An allowance for the Contractor's overhead and profit shall be added to the sum of the Subcontractor's costs and markup and shall constitute the full and complete markup for all overhead and profit for the Contractor on work by the Subcontractor. For Contractor markup of Subcontractor's costs, the allowance shall be 10% on the first \$2,000 or portion thereof, and 5% on costs in excess of \$2,000.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES - There will be a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) assessment for each calendar day that work remains incomplete.

PREVAILING WAGES - In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 et seq., of the Labor Code, the Director of the Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done. The Contractor will be required to pay to all workers employed on the project sums not less than the sums set forth in the documents entitled "General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, 1773.1".

A copy of said documents is on file and may be inspected in the office of the City Engineer, located in 345 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

Attention is directed to the provisions of Sections 1777.5 and 1777.6 of the Labor Code concerning the employment of apprentices by the Contractor or any subcontractor under him. The Contractor and any subcontractor under him shall comply with the requirements of said sections in the

employment of apprentices.

Information relative to apprenticeship standards and administration of the apprenticeship program may be obtained from the Director of Industrial Relations, San Francisco, California, or from the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and its branch offices.

PAYROLL RECORDS - The Contractor's attention is directed to Section 1776 of the Labor Code, relating to accurate payroll records, which imposes responsibility upon the Contractor for the maintenance, certification, and availability for inspection of such records for all persons employed by the Contractor or by the Subcontractors in connection with the project. The Contractor shall agree through the Contract to comply with this section and the remaining provisions of the Labor Code.

INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS - The Contractor shall provide insurance in accordance with Section 3-13 of the City of Beverly Hills, Public Works Department, Standard Contractual Requirements, included as part of these Specifications. In addition, the Contractor shall guarantee all work against defective workmanship and materials furnished by the Contractor for a period of one (1) year from the date the work was accepted in accordance with Section 2-11 of the Standard Contractual Requirements. The Contractor's sureties for the "Performance Bond" shall be liable for any work that the Contractor fails to replace within a specified time.

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID OR ALL THE BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY OR IRREGULARITY IN ANY BID, BUT IF THE BIDS ARE ACCEPTED, THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT WILL BE LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE.

City of Beverly Hills

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WALTER B. STONE
Case No. BP119045

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WALTER B. STONE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Ira Kirshbaum in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Ira Kirshbaum be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. Copies of the lost 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 Nov. 20, 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.

Attorney for petitioner:
ANGELA F PROFFITT ESQ

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