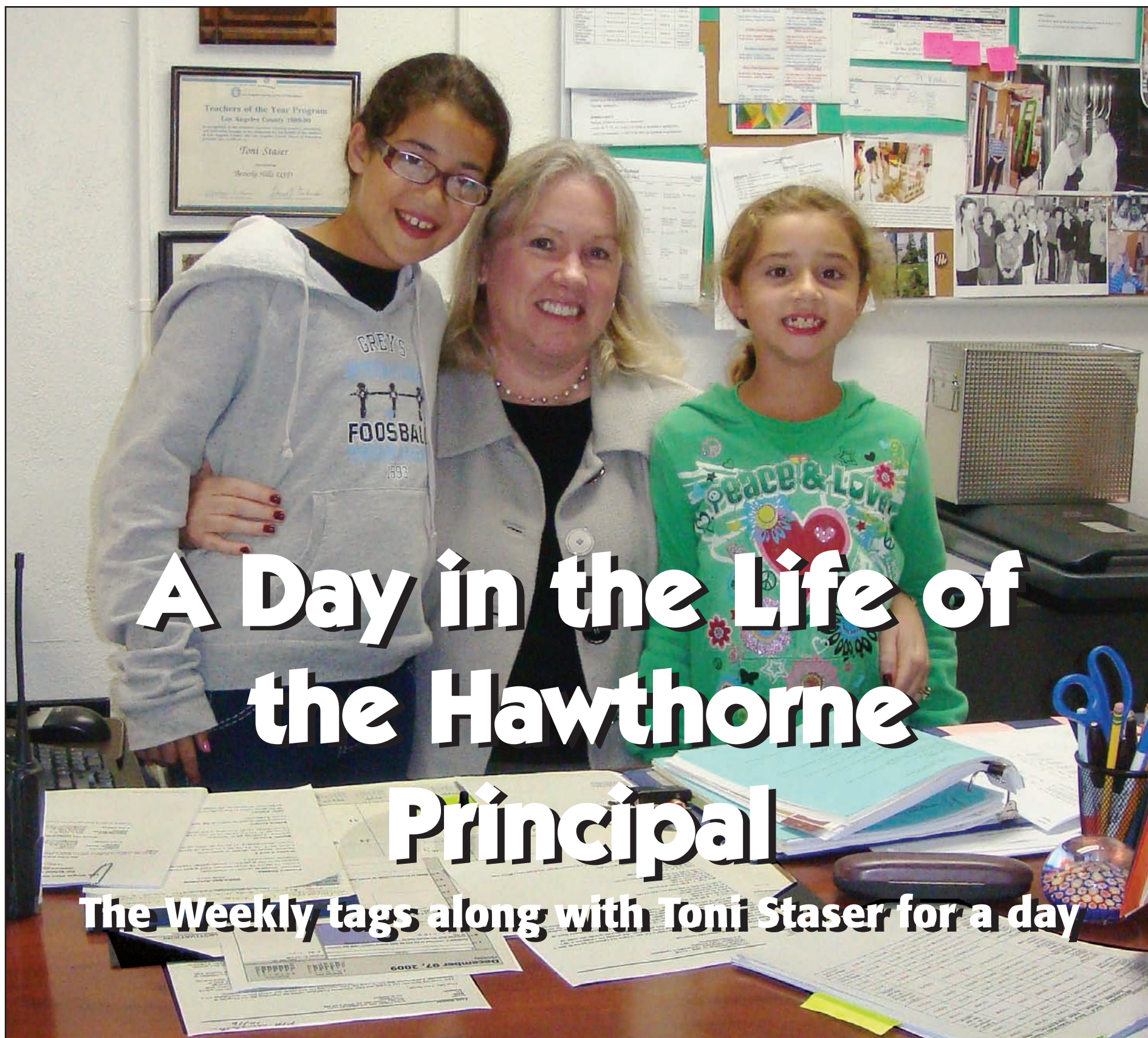


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“Fenton for School Board President” [Issue 531]

Your editorial recommending Steven Fenton for School Board President was hurtful and made incorrect/contradictory statements. It undermines the ideal that our new board will work together for the benefit of our schools by marginalizing and isolating one of its members.

For the record, I endorsed Myra Lurie, Steven Fenton, Nooshin Meshkaty and Jake Manaster in each of their runs for school board...and I have either worked with or met and have admiration for both Brian Goldberg and Lisa Korbatov. My vote wasn't to “rebuke” anyone's agenda, but rather to support the people who I thought would work best together to accomplish the business of guiding our

Corrections

The article “Councilmembers Clash Over Transparency Levels of Lobbyist Badge Program” [Issue 531] should have clarified that the ordinance was indeed approved by the city council at the first reading, but was rejected at the second reading during the subsequent city council meeting.

schools. Each of those people was elected and has the support of a significant part of the community.

It is both insulting and wrong to blame the person who served as board president in a particular year for a “mass exodus” of administrators...especially when other board members publicly chastised and belittled those employees...making their job intolerable. You are contradictory when you complain that administrators left but also place blame for hiring these poor choices. You are incorrect in placing blame on one person for these choices unless they were all hired on a 3-2 vote. That is not my recollection.

But mostly, you undermine the effectiveness of our new school board by marginalizing and isolating one of its mem-

bers. The best board isn't made from five people with a single mind or opinion but rather from five bright independent thinkers who are working together to do the best for our schools. If Lurie is “wrong on the issues”, she will be outvoted and they will move to the next issue. Myra Lurie has worked too hard and done too much for this community and our schools to be “passed over” and disregarded by her colleagues on the school board, or maligned by your editorial.

What our community really wants is a school board that takes action as a group. Each member of that group, including Steve Fenton, deserve the same blame and credit for the results of the last two years

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Hawthorne's Class of 2001 held a reunion at Trader Vic's in the Beverly Hilton.
(left to right: Michelle Yang, Melody Shakibkhoo, Melody Mahtaban and Stacy Shakibkhoo)

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Steven Fenton

Fenton Elected New Board President; Outlines Agenda for Next Year

Steven Fenton was unanimously elected as the new Board of Education president during Monday night's installation ceremony. Newly-elected member Lisa Korbatov was chosen for the board's vice-president position.

Fenton was sworn in by Health and Safety Commissioner Stacia Kopeikin as his father, former Board President Frank Fenton, stood by. Fenton gave a speech that was received with a standing ovation from many audience members.

"I'm here to send another message to all 500 employees of our district: if you don't bleed Beverly, then please leave now," Fenton said. "We will no longer allow ourselves to be a stepping stone district."

The appointments of Fenton and Korbatov mark a break from traditional succession policy, which would have placed Board Vice-President Myra Lurie as the new board president. Prior to the election of board president, the policy was suspended in a 4-1 vote.

Lurie was only board member to oppose the policy's suspension, though she said the issue was of transparency and not of the board president position.

"I am perfectly OK with not being board president," Lurie said.

During the ceremony, Fenton stressed the need to return BHUSD to its glory days, and suggested appointing each board member to chair committees mirrored by their passions.

Korbatov was selected to oversee the "cleaning up" of BHUSD, which not only includes the appearance of buildings but also the appearance of all students. Fenton said the dress code is "vital to this endeavor."

"I have a message to the students of our district," Fenton said. "I love you all, but if you dress like a punk, you're going to get treated like a punk, and you'll be sent home, courtesy of Lisa Korbatov."

Newly-elected board member Jake Manaster will run all things related to the \$334 million bond, as well as real-estate holdings. He will also serve as the board liaison to the facilities advisory committee and the citizens oversight committee.

Board member Brian Goldberg will lead employee relations, such as negotiation efforts with the teachers union and the district office. Board member Myra Lurie was chosen to head the district's green initiative, and Fenton will chair business development.

City Council Cuts Homeless Some Slack

The city council unanimously approved the creation of a "parking ticket forgive-

ness program" during its meeting last week for the homeless, formerly homeless or people who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Program eligibility, however, requires the completion of a 90-day rehabilitation program aimed at getting individuals off drugs, teaching life skills and dealing with mental illness.

"If you have a backlog of parking tickets, and you're homeless, and you're doing everything you can to get back on your feet...this gives a means of doing that," Mayor Nancy Krasne said. "[The program is] not for somebody who's making a living but doesn't feel like paying a parking ticket."

The Los Angeles County Homeless Court would administer the citation forgiveness program for Beverly Hills, where roughly 42 homeless individuals currently reside.



Harold Hecht

Hecht, Lieberman to be Inducted into Sports Jewish Hall of Fame

Two Beverly High graduates will be inducted into the Southern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame at the Skirball Museum Jan. 30.

Harold Hecht, a 1981 Beverly High graduate, is a two-time Emmy Award-winning producer for his NBC coverage of the 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens Olympic games. He also produced elements of the 2008 Beijing Olympics.



Louise Lieberman

Hecht produced more than 60 Grand Slam tennis TV events between 1994 and 2008, including the 1996-2002 U.S. Open for the USA Network; 1998-2008 Australian Open for ESPN; 2004-08 French Open for ESPN; 2003-08 Wimbledon for ESPN; and 1991 Wimbledon for HBO.

Hecht is also a recipient of three Tennis Magazine's "Best Tennis Coverage" awards. He was the fourth-ranked Southern California 18 and under player, and in the 1980s, he was a world-ranked ATP player.

Class of 1995 graduate Louise Lieberman was a Beverly High midfielder in soccer from 1990 to 1991 and girls varsity "Rookie of the Year" and "Most Valuable Player," an All-League honoree and won ALL-CIF honors. Between 2001 and 2003, she served as the Beverly High varsity head coach of girls soccer.

Prior to returning to her alma mater, Lieberman was UCLA's midfielder from 1995 to 1998, making second team All-PAC 10 in 1995, and voted to Soccer

America's Top 11 Recruits list. She played one match with the U.S. Women's National Team.

In 1997-98, the Bruins, who made it to the NCAA playoffs throughout Lieberman's college years, named her the "Most Inspirational" player.

Lieberman played the Women's United Soccer Association's inaugural season with the Washington Freedom in 2001. She also played semi-pro with several teams, including the Women's Premier Soccer League's Los Angeles Rampage in 2008, where she is the director of coaching.



Elinor Ostrom

Nobel Prize Winner Credits Beverly High for Success

Elinor Ostrom, who will be the first woman awarded a Nobel Prize in Economics today, credits Beverly Hills High School

for her success.

"I would not have gone to college without being in that environment," Ostrom told the Indianapolis Star. "My mom had no more than high school, and my dad had no more than high school. Neither saw colleges as being important. But I went

because all my friends were going. It was a high school where everyone went to college."

The 76-year-old Indiana University professor, who grew up in a low-income family, said her mother changed her life after making an appeal to local school officials to get a permit for Ostrom to attend Beverly Hills schools.

"It was a little hard to be the poor kid in the rich kids' school," Ostrom said. "I didn't know that you bought clothes in any place but Goodwill."

But Ostrom was a perfect academic fit in Beverly High's rigorous curriculum, which differed greatly from other public schools at that time. Students at Beverly studied not only the basics, which were the focus of most schools, but also foreign languages, advanced history and business courses.

Ostrom graduated Beverly High in 1951 and delivered one of the speeches during commencement. She went on to attend UCLA before finding her way to Indiana, where she began her groundbreaking research into the management of common resources by the people who use them.

In addition to her Nobel Prize, Ostrom will be awarded \$1.4 million today in Sweden, which she will split with co-winner Oliver Williamson.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, will hold public hearing to consider adoption of:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES & CHARGES TO ADJUST THE PARKING FACILITY RATES AFTER THE FREE PARKING PERIOD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010.

At the request of the City Council, staff is returning with rate proposals for off-street parking fees after the 1 and 2 hour free parking periods. Rate proposals will include the hourly rate and time increment after the free parking periods, the after 6 pm flat rate, and a pay-as-you-go parking and validation program at the Civic Center and Bedford parking facilities. The proposed resolution will amend the Comprehensive Schedule of Taxes, Fees & Charges to adjust the parking facility rates as detailed in Resolution No. 09-R-12669.

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests to the rate adjustments. If the City Council adopts the resolution, adjustments to the parking facility rates will become effective immediately.

Copies of the proposed resolution are available for review or purchase in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 290, and the Finance Department, 9357 West Third Street, Beverly Hills, California. Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard. Written comments may also be submitted and should be addressed to the City Clerk, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210. The comments should be received prior to the hearing date.

Please remember, if you challenge the Council's action in regard to this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

BYRON POPE, CMC
City Clerk



Left to right: Event organizers Ronie Ravan, Sara Sarshar, Debbie Farnoush, Miriam Rav-Noy and her husband Rabbi Michy Rav-Noy

30 Years After, LEV Foundation Hanukkah Mixer

Last Thursday, 30 Years After and The LEV Foundation hosted their first-ever Hanukkah Mixer and Toy Drive at Cow Jumped Over the Moon at Rodeo Collection. Over 600 young professionals attended and collected more than 800 gifts. The community, as well as local businesses, helped raise several thousand dollars for Friendship Circle and Chai Lifeline.

30 Years After to Launch 'Our Legacy Project' at Nessah

30 Years After will launch "Our Legacy Project" with an Oral History Videotaping Day at Nessah Synagogue Sunday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The communitywide project will attempt to preserve and share the Iranian-Jewish community's history through videotaped stories and interviews conducted by the community's youth about what it was like to be Jewish in Iran, to be in Iran during the revolution and to flee from Iran to the U.S.

Iranian-Jewish community members can visit ourlegacyproject.org to upload about five minutes of video to share their story.

Refreshments will be served at the event. To RSVP for a 15-minute slot between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., contact ourlegacyproject@30yearsafter.org.

El Rodeo Book Tribute Program

El Rodeo PTA has organized a Book Tribute Program to help raise money for the school and put more books on library shelves.

Parents can choose from a list of books and pay \$20 to have their child's name on a bookplate on the inside cover of the donated book. The book will be placed on a Book Tribute Program rack in the front of the library for several weeks before being shelved with the library collection for all

students.

For more information, contact El Rodeo at (310) 229-3670.

Paley Center for Media to Host Santa and Mrs. Claus

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at The Paley Center for Media Dec. 12-13 and Dec. 19-20 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Admission is free, though a guided tour of the city on the Beverly Hills Trolley will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years of age and under, and will include holiday stories, hot chocolate and cookies. After the tour, holiday TV classics — such as Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Frosty the Snowman, Happy Holidays: The Best of the Andy Williams Christmas Shows and Lamb Chop's Special Chanukah — will be shown at the media center's theater.

For more information, contact (310) 786-1042.

ORT Celebration to Honor Bunni and Murray Fischer

TV personality Jerry Springer will act as master of ceremonies at Los Angeles ORT's 29th Annual Chanukah Brunch honoring Bunni and Murray Fischer for their 25 years of activism on behalf of ORT and other local organizations.

The event, open to the public, will take place Dec. 13 at the Beverly Hilton.



Sherri Lewis and Chantalle Noormand

Beverly High Students Raise Money for World AIDS Day

Beverly High students celebrated World AIDS Day on the school's football field Dec. 1 to raise awareness and funds for the Until There's a Cure Foundation.

Led by senior Chantalle Noormand, the student-run event was hosted by the service-learning class and offered 2,500 handmade bracelets for sale to support the fight against AIDS. All proceeds were donated to UTAC. The LEV Foundation donated 2,000 bottles of water for the event.

Students and teachers, all dressed in red, walked around the track to support the cause, and beat last year's 722 miles walked by roughly 79 miles. Other students cycled around the track. Guest speaker Sherri Lewis educated the student body about HIV and AIDS.

Murray Fischer is one of the founders of the Los Angeles ORT America Chapter and currently services as the vice-chair of the Los Angeles ORT College. He is past president of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation, Rotary and the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Bunni Fischer has served on the board of the Maple Counseling Center and as a Beverly Hills commissioner. She has also served as vice president of the Beverly Hills Law Guild.

For more information, contact (323) 966-0092 or western@ortamerica.org.

Beverly Hills Offers Camp Opportunities

The City of Beverly Hills is offering a series of activity-packed camps for kids aged five to 14 during winter break. Children can participate in a variety of activities from sports to games, including martial art lessons. Camps will take place at Roxbury Park and La Cienega Park between Dec. 21 and Dec. 24 and Dec. 28 through Jan. 3.

The camps include Camp Beverly Hills for ages five to 10, BevWood All Stars Basketball Camp for ages five to 14, BritWest Soccer Camp for ages five to 14 and Hero Action Camp for ages five to 10.

For more information, contact (310) 285-6810.

City Warns Non-Profits to Follow Regulations

Beverly Hills announced in a recent press

release that the Solicitations Advisory Commission reserves the right to fine organizations that hold fundraising events in the city that either do not have a permit or fail to file their paperwork on time.

Non-profit organizations could pay \$100 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation within a 12-month period and \$500 for each additional violation within a 12-month period. The same fines may also be imposed on organizations that miss the 30-day deadline for filing reports after the fundraising event.

Solicitation permits are free and can be submitted online at the city's Web site.

BHPD to Conduct DUI Saturation Patrol

The Beverly Hills Police Department Traffic Bureau will be conducting a DUI Saturation Patrol Friday, Dec. 11 by putting extra officers and patrol cars to specifically search for impaired drivers.

The patrol, which will begin at 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. the next day, aims to support the Office of Traffic Safety and Mothers Against Drunk Driving in their efforts to reduce incidents of alcohol-related accidents and deaths.

Funding is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Those with questions regarding the program or any traffic safety issues can contact the Traffic Bureau at (310) 285-2190.

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as other members of this board. Each member's job is to build consensus and move a group to action. Steve Fenton doesn't need to be the team captain to lead a team to victory.

Steven, and each member of the board needs to recognize that whether they agree

with Myra on each issue or not, her experience and abilities are valuable assets to this board and that they need to support each other in order to be greater than their individual talents or ideas.

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BHHS Boys' Basketball Team Wins Opening Three Games

Norman girls' basketball team defeats Washington.
By Steven Herbert

The Beverly High boys' basketball team moved within one victory of equaling last season's total with a 69-57 victory over Santa Monica New Roads in a first-round game of the Sax Elliott Tournament Monday night at the Swim-Gym.

Senior forward Markus Silbiger led three Normans in double figures with 12 points, while sophomore guard Austin Mills added 11 and senior forward Bo Abrams 10 as Beverly Hills won its third game in three tries.

The Normans outscored the Jaguars 21-4 in the second quarter to take a 34-16 halftime lead as Mills scored nine points, including Beverly Hills' lone 3-point basket.

Both teams scored 15 points in the third quarter. The Normans were outscored, 26-20, in the fourth.

"We played well for the first 2 1/2 quarters and the last 1 1/2 quarters, we started looking at the scoreboard and got a little overconfident and let them back in the game," Norman coach Derek Boldon said after his team's lead was cut from 20 to nine.

"The guys are getting a little too confident at the wrong time and didn't finish off the game real well."

Kian Alam and Vincent Slatkovich each added nine for Beverly Hills, Michael Lanier eight, Alon Kashanian and Michael Pedram four each, Trevor Walters two.

Beverly Hills 74, Hart 64

The Normans opened their season with the victory in a nonleague game at the Swim-Gym Dec. 1, ending a 16-game losing streak dating back to last season.

Beverly Hills, which lost to Hart, 56-36, to open last season, took control of the game by outscoring the Indians, 18-9, in the third quarter as Alam scored nine of his 17 points and Mills all five of his, including a 3-point basket.

The Normans outscored Hart, 18-17, in the fourth quarter.

The first quarter ended in a 17-17 tie and the score was tied at halftime, 38-38, with Walters and Aurash Jamasbi both making 3-point baskets for Beverly Hills in the second quarter.

Greg Townsend added 15, Slatkovich 10, Jamasbi and Silbiger eight each, Walters seven, including a second-quarter 3-point basket and Kashanian four.

Beverly Hills 70, Valley Torah 51

Alam and Townsend both scored 17 in a nonleague game at the Swim-Gym Dec. 2.

The Normans led 35-29 at halftime, then

outscored the Wolfpack 20-12 in the third quarter and 15-12 in the fourth.

Walters added eight, Mills and Pedram seven each, Silbiger six, Jamasbi four and Lanier and Slatkovich two each.

Pedram made a 3-point basket in the second quarter.

What's Next?

The Normans played San Pedro in a Sax Elliott Tournament championship quarterfinal Wednesday that began after the Beverly Hills Weekly's deadline.

If Beverly Hills won, it would face the Encino Crespi-La Canada Flintridge Renaissance Academy winner Friday at 7:30 p.m. in a championship semifinal, while a loss would relegate it to a fifth-place semifinal at 8 p.m. tonight.

The Normans will conclude tournament play Saturday against an opponent to be determined.

Girls' Basketball Inglewood City of Champions Holiday Classic

Beverly Hills 54, Los Angeles Washington 51

The Normans overcame a four-point deficit entering the fourth quarter and the absence of starting shooting guard Lisa Kliman to record what coach John Braddell called "a very significant win," over the longtime Los Angeles City Section power in a championship quarterfinal Dec. 2 at St. Bernard High.

Miranda Abdul-Mansour scored seven of her 28 points in the fourth quarter, including a jump shot that put Beverly Hills ahead and a 3-point basket.

The Generals missed a 3-point shot as time expired.

In a matchup of two teams that both use few players, "our conditioning won out," Braddell said.

Debbie Reyhan started in place of Kliman, who was ill, Braddell said.

Kliman's absence "did hurt," Braddell said.

"They played us in a zone and the skip passes for 3s and the open opportunities on that side of the floor, we didn't have," Braddell said. "Offensively, we kind of struggled."

Debbie's a good defender, but she doesn't shoot as well as Lisa does, so we were kind of playing four on five on offense."

Reyhan "played extremely well on defense, so I have to give her a lot of credit on that," Braddell said.

The Normans led 15-9 at the end of the

first quarter as Jaina Abdul-Mansour, Miranda Abdul-Mansour's twin sister, six of her 15, Chelsea Austin scored six of her 10 points, and Miranda Abdul-Mansour made the first of her four 3-point baskets.

Beverly Hills was outscored 24-13 in the second quarter and trailed 33-28 at halftime.

Miranda Abdul-Mansour scored 13 points in the third quarter, including making two 3-point baskets, as the Normans outscored Washington 15-14, cutting the deficit to 47-43 entering the fourth quarter.

Serena Shlomof scored two points in the fourth quarter for Beverly Hills.

Long Beach Poly 72, Beverly Hills 38

The Normans were routed by the four-time defending state Division I champions in a championship semifinal Friday night at Inglewood High, despite Miranda Abdul-Mansour's 24 points, 22 over the final three quarters, and two 3-point baskets.

Austin added five, Jaina Abdul-Mansour four, Natalie Moy three on a third-quarter 3-point basket and Shlomof two.

Beverly Hills was outscored 15-5 in the first quarter and 14-9 in the second and trailed 29-14 at halftime.

The Jackrabbits increased their lead to 57-25 entering the fourth quarter by outscoring the Normans, 28-11, in the third quarter.

"We had some opportunities at the start of the second half to cut it to 10," Braddell said. "We missed a layup and after that the game was pretty much over."

Beverly Hills was outscored, 15-13, in the fourth quarter.

"We played at their speed," Braddell said. "When you play at their speed your shots go up quicker, you don't relax and shoot your turn the ball over and that's exactly what we did."

The Normans "did everything we possibly could" to slow down the game, Braddell said.

Beverly Hills made eight of 48 shots, 16.7

percent, and committed 29 turnovers.

"The score" and "how we played" were disappointments, Braddell said.

"I thought we could have played better," Braddell said. "I didn't know if we could win. I thought we could compete and at times we did."

The Normans were also hurt by their lack of depth, Braddell said.

"We only go six deep and they're going 10, 12 deep," Braddell said. "We just got worn out. By mid-third quarter, we were pretty much out of gas. That's their game plan. They are going to run you to death."

Long Beach Poly won the tournament by defeating Inglewood, 65-44, in Saturday's final at Inglewood High School.

Mira Costa 62, Beverly Hills 50

The Normans squandered an 11-point third-quarter lead Saturday night at Morningside High.

Beverly Hills went ahead 33-22 with six minutes, 55 seconds left in the third quarter on Miranda Abdul-Mansour's fast break layup, but momentum shifted when Austin, the Normans' center, was called for her third foul, sending her to the bench.

The Mustangs (3-2) went on a 13-2 run, tying the score, 35-35, with 2:28 left in the quarter.

Beverly Hills (3-2) regained the lead on a 10-foot shot by Jaina Abdul-Mansour, Miranda Abdul-Mansour's twin sister.

Mira Costa took the lead for good by scoring six unanswered points on back-to-back baskets by Jordyn Priestley and another basket by Jasmine Rutledge for a 41-37 lead with 26 seconds left in the quarter.

Miranda Abdul-Mansour made a layup as time expired in the quarter.

The Mustangs scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter, pulling ahead 48-39

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Kids and Politicians

And a new City Manager

By Rudy Cole

It had an almost eerie, surreal feel, but to prove that electronic glitches are not respective of political squabbles, just as the new school board was about to hold its first meeting, television viewers heard, but did not see, the voice of outgoing board member **Myra Demeter** reviewing her term in office.

What happened was obvious: Just prior to going live to the Monday board meeting, there was a replay of the last session. Although the video was interrupted, the Demeter farewell speech audio was not.

Watching at home, the camera was on the arrangement of seating by the new and one departing member, **Nooshin Meshkaty**. Demeter had said she would not attend, made her speech last month, and then because someone didn't push the right button, a small segment of her remarks were being broadcast.

Oblivious to what the home audience was experiencing, the board began their own organizational meeting in a freezing high school auditorium. Unfortunately, there was one more screen mistake. The KBEV screen said the meeting was being held in "The Peaters Family Auditorium." (Name spelled wrong). A combination of designations. It is the **Kenneth Peters Auditorium**, not Family, the usual meetings are in the "Salter Family Theatre." (Peters is the legendary former school superintendent and **Salter** is the former mayor who matched campaign contributions to his reelection drive, donating 100 percent to the schools).

After considerable pre-meeting trauma and some mistaken information on process, the board did do the right thing, honoring outgoing President Nooshin Meshkaty, permitting her to leave with some dignity.

On the election of board president, a good part of the angst could have been avoided. Clearly, **Steven Fenton** had the

votes to become president. This despite board practices of elevating the current vice president, in this case **Myra Lurie**. According to our sources, Lurie would have agreed not to become president, preserving the current rules, if she had been asked, but she wasn't.

Lurie was gracious and mostly conciliatory in her comments, but she defended the previous and mostly traditional practice of not bypassing vice presidents simply because a new majority wins election. She said this did not happen in city government, and although she was almost totally right, the then-council did not elect **Richard Stone** vice mayor when it was his turn. No vice mayor was refused the mayor's title, no matter what the differences on the council, when precedent was always followed.

The school board has twice before denied both the vice president's and president's position to a colleague. When this was done to **Gerald Lunn Jr.** in late 1999, it created divisions and hard feelings on both the board and the community for many years.

The principle here is far more important than who actually is selected. Not following a responsible route of succession could open up continuing fights for the top office each year. Often, in our history, the council mayor did not come close to being in the majority on either issues or process. However, with the exception of Stone, who incidentally did become mayor, there has been no challenge on rotation for mayor or vice mayor. The board should have learned from the city's and the board's experience.

Although I don't often agree with Beverly Hills Municipal League president **Thomas White**, I did admire his willingness to put aside personal preferences and speak out forcefully for following present rules of succession.

Now for a more critical issue than who is the mostly ceremonial board president: taking it slow before creating even more divisions in the community.

According to some sources, the new board has been called into an emergency executive session tomorrow to consider the student permit matter and even a possible personnel change.

Too quick and too preemptive. Let the two new members catch their political breaths, learn more about the real issues involved before acting to reverse past board programs.

This new board will soon learn that this city is not a collection of Scrooges, and that although there was support for ending the out-of-district student opportunity permits, there will be a strong reaction to removing the kids, who are totally innocent victims in this, before they graduate. How can any fair person even consider doing this? The permit students are here legally, they have developed friendships with classmates, have been exemplary students, became active in sports, music and student government and made this their educational home. Are we now going to jerk them out of their educational experience simply because we no longer need them? I don't think this community will let that happen. Not the city, I know. Forget the politics; this is about what we would be doing to children.

As for the permit parents, they too have been excellent education citizens. They are an important resource in PTA and the Beverly Hills Education Foundation. Yes, they have behaved with gratitude and a spirit of giving back to our schools, often to a greater degree than resident parents.

No, I am no longer in favor of so-called "break points" as not permitting students to go from elementary, middle school to high school. We welcomed them because it was necessary, they played by the rules, and now we should clearly allow them to continue through to graduation.

This board should move very carefully and deliberately. Yes, we favored an end to the opportunity permits, but not the horrendous impact of interrupting the education of those in the system if they were booted out. No, this is not a Scrooge-owned city. Foot note: Many

parents, who do live in the city and whose children attend school with permit students, strongly oppose any removal of their kid's friends. Their lives too would be affected.

What is the word about our new city manager, **Jeff Kolin**, from people in Santa Rosa? Entirely favorable. Although Kolin will be leaving the Marin County city when it faces mammoth cuts in budget that will mean even more serious reductions on programs and in staff than Beverly Hills, he has been credited with creating a process that, although painful, will "be pragmatic and realistic."

Considering that our departing city manager rearranged the structure of every department during his tenure while continuing to have the confidence and support of division and department heads, we asked many senior staffers in Santa Rosa about Kolin's management style.

Universally, there was approval of his ability to delegate authority and support his staff. "He is not a control freak," one said.

There was some controversy about some recent commercial developments in the city, as there are in most communities, and Kolin did take a very public position in support "because we both needed the city revenue, jobs and improvements" this brought to the city, one city hall observer said. "But when he spoke out he was only reflecting the views of the council majority."

The consensus of those willing to talk to us was that Kolin is a good listener, builds consensus and is very open and conciliatory. One activist did wonder whether Kolin would bring some of his current staff to Beverly Hills. Apparently there is considerable competition for the assistant city manager job in Santa Rosa, and we just lost ours to San Luis Obispo. It is highly unlikely that Kolin will fill that position immediately, but there may well be a shuffling of job duties in the city manager's office. This responsibility is his alone, but he will probably do some heavy consulting with the council before acting.

Kolin can act with authority and purpose when he feels he must. Although the reasons were not precisely publicized, he recently fired the city's chief of police and the second in command, both of whom he had hired originally, over allegations of

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job discrimination against women and gays in the police department.

Our own chief, **Dave Snowden**, who has earned great respect within the department and the community, is, fundamentally, a strong supporter of civil liberties. He has also had a very excellent relationship with City Manager **Rod Wood**, who he told me once was his "best friend."

As for Wood, he told us that he was very pleased with the council's unanimous choice of Kolin, has known him for over 20 years and has admired "his work in our city manager's association and his reputation as a municipal professional."

We have had some excellent city managers, but they frequently had very different management styles, often because of changing realities in city government and economic conditions. **Mark Scott**, now CM in Culver City and who preceded Wood, was very hands on with every department and highly regarded. **Ed Kreins**, our former police chief who became city manager in 1979 moved quickly and effectively in restoring order

and confidence at city hall. He replaced **John Matzer Jr.**, who came from Skokie, Illinois, who lasted under one year, and who managed to create division and havoc very quickly.

Side note: Although I wasn't able to confirm this, I think Santa Rosa has retained Kreins to help find a new chief of police — I do know the consultant is someone who once served in our city.

The bi-annual fund raiser for Cong. **Howard Berman** may well have broken two records Tuesday night: attendance and program brevity.

A capacity crowd, one Berman said was the largest he ever had, filled the Beverly Hilton's International Ball Room. What was equally historic was the speed of both the food service and the program, all orchestrated by the event planners.

Both Berman and the evening's main speaker, White House chief of staff,

Rahm Emanuel, had red eyes to catch for returns to Washington. This meant ending the whole program at exactly 9: 15, and they did.

Berman was introduced by his wife, **Joan Gayle Berman** who was welcomed by Atty. General **Jerry Brown**, the "unannounced and unopposed" candidate for governor — his words.

Rahm, the featured speaker, was far too brief, honestly. But he was amusing, charming and gracious without giving us the benefit of his legendary knowledge of profanity.

We spotted many top community, business, professional and government leaders including Ninth Circuit Federal Appeals Justice **Stephen Reinhardt**, Mayor **Nancy Krasne**, Councilmember and former Mayor **Barry Brucker** and **Sue**, school board member **Myra Lurie** and **David Goldman**, attorneys **Lessing Gold**, **Ben Reznik** and County Supervisor **Zev Yaroslavsky**, Los Angeles City Councilmember **Paul Koretz** and former Beverly Hills Mayor **Steve Webb**.

Berman used to represent us in the legislature. He is now chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

LOCAL HERO: After years of neglect, the South Beverly Drive business section has a viable organization and voice in the community thanks to the good work of **Bobbe Joy Dawson**, owner of a beauty establishment on the street.

With the strong support of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, and especially economic affairs director **Anita Eddy**, she has kept the organization inside the Chamber, unlike some more recent business street groups. For her volunteer service to Beverly Drive and the community, our local hero is Bobbe Joy.

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.

arrest summary

Beverly Hills Weekly receives the information that appears below from the Beverly Hills Police Department. This information is released each week to the public. We assume no responsibility for any errors or omissions in the Arrest Summary.

MCGLOTHIN, AHUZAM, 30, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/6/2009 for junker buy wire/metal illegally.

RICHMEIER, BRIAN A, 28, of Kansas City, arrested on 12/6/2009 for inflicting corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant.

JUDULANG, JOEL ALEGRE, 43, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/6/2009 for reckless driving: highway.

HUGHES, STEVE LLOYD, 49, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/6/2009 for disorderly conduct: intoxication.

LINK, JULIE BETH SADLER, 31, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/5/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

MONTGOMERY, MELISSA, 25, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/5/2009 for possession of narcotics, controlled substance.

DE LUIS, JEFFREY, 23, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/5/2009 for driving without a license.

LEIVA, CARLOS JOSE, 48, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/5/2009 for outside warrant, misdemeanor.

BENNETT, MICHAEL L, 31, of Newport Beach, arrested on 12/5/2009 for disorderly conduct: intoxication.

DANESH, MICHAEL, 22, of Beverly

Hills, arrested on 12/5/2009 for driving with suspended license.

GORDON, DAVID ANTHONY, 24, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/4/2009 for reckless driving: highway.

COY, SAMUEL EUGENE, 20, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/4/2009 for possession of marijuana (28.5 grams or less).

KELLER, CAPRIS INDIRA, 43, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/4/2009 for grand theft: auto.

LOPEZ, BRENDA YANNETT, 25, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/4/2009 for driving without a license.

MARCUS, COLLEEN ANNE, 42, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/4/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

MALE JUVENILE, 16, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/3/2009 for battery on school employee with injury.

LEGGE, LORRI JAN, 45, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/1/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

OLD, TOR HUGHES, 31, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/1/2009 for stalking.

CAPPS, WALTER LEE, 40, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/1/2009 for burglary.

DARBINYAN, MIKE, 34, of Valencia, arrested on 12/1/2009 for immigration hold.

NELSON, SHANNAN BRENT, 23, of Alta Loma, arrested on 12/1/2009 for driving with suspended license.

RODRIGUEZ, FRANCISCO RUIZ, 37,

of Huntington, Pennsylvania, arrested on 11/30/2009 for bench warrant, misdemeanor.

NICHOLSON, CHRISTOPHER KENT, 20, of Venice, arrested on 11/30/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

PINO, CUAUHTEMOC ROBLES, 33, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/30/2009 for driving without a license.

BUTTS, DUANE SHAWN DALL, 30, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/30/2009 for driving without a license.

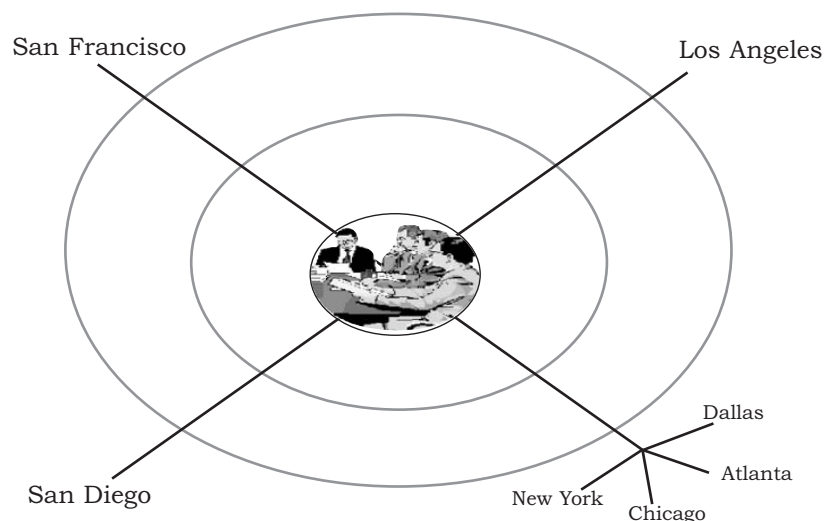
MOLINA, HECTOR MANUEL, 35, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/25/2009 for driving with suspended license for DUI.

RODRIGUEZ, LOUIS ANTONIO, 18, of Los Angeles, arrested on 11/24/2009 for second degree robbery.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE HAWTHORNE PRINCIPAL

The Weekly tags along with Toni Staser for a day

By Kimberly Cheng

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009

9:15 a.m. I am cold, wet and late. As I plop my dripping umbrella on the floor, I am greeted by the office assistant, Mark Ehrenstein, who notifies Principal Toni Staser of my arrival. I walk through the side door and see Toni smiling at me. She tells me I am actually not here to see her, and she turns to look at the pint-sized, jolly green-clad eight-year-old beside her. "This is Loren," she says. "She is principal for the day." Loren Adhoot and her third-grade sister Sophia won a spirit day raffle to split a day as Hawthorne principal. Toni says Sophia will be taking over in the afternoon.

9:20 a.m. Like three nesting dolls, the smallest of which is holding the all-important walkie-talkie, we head over to the health office to check the status of a student who fell ill last week. The five-year-old student had collapsed on the playground, and Toni says the student had "all appearances of a seizure." Paramedics were called, and the student's mother took her to the emergency room. "I told the mom I'd check up," Toni tells nurse Laurie Linden. The nurse didn't have an update yet.

On the way to Daniela Kamp's seventh-grade English class, we run into a group of students in the hallway. "Hi, Ms. Staser," several of them say. "Are you staying dry and practicing for the holiday program?" Toni asks them. They happily say yes. Toni tells me K-5 students are organizing a holiday program for Wednesday. Middle-school students are performing in a holiday program Thursday.

Daniela's classroom is quiet when Toni opens the door. Every student has a Mac computer on their desk, courtesy of the PTA. Toni sits in one of the empty desks to talk to a student, who shows the principal her handout of questions. "What's the most difficult question?" Toni asks the student, who points to a question she doesn't have the answer to. Loren stands next to me shyly observing.

9:30 a.m. "So are they learning, Loren?" asks Toni. Loren nods. "How do you know?" "They're asking questions," Loren says. "That's what I always ask myself when I leave a classroom," Toni says. "How do I know

they're learning?"

As we slowly step down the stairs, I am stunned and immediately impressed with a wall of rainbow-colored, tribal-esque masks by students from Gil Young's art class. "Aren't they beautiful?" Toni says. It is impossible to disagree.

Back in Toni's office, Office Manager Georgianne Yonaty brings in lunch menus, and Toni tells both Loren and me to order lunch. "Georgianne and Mark take care of everyone," Toni says.

9:40 a.m. I get a little one-on-one time with Toni. She says she starts every day making sure the campus is ready to go, checking locks, gates, substitute lists and touching base with the lead custodian, Luis Molina. Before becoming the principal at Hawthorne, Toni spent 27 years teaching music and history, then served as assistant principal under Steve Fisher at El Rodeo. Toni says Hawthorne is not much different from El Rodeo. "I don't know if you can compare campuses. They're very similar [because you're] dealing with outstanding staff [and] high expectations. Every campus has a slightly different feel but the unified school district is truly unified. It's a seamless step from one campus to another."

In 2004, Toni moved on to Beverly High after an assistant principal position opened. She worked under then-Principal Dan Stepenosky for a year, then Principal J Guidetti for four years. "What I'll always look back on with appreciation is I've had the K-12 experience." Toni says the size of the high school is obviously different from an elementary school. "As an administrator on a K-8 campus, you oversee entire programs on campus. All aspects. At the high school, you share responsibilities with two other assistant principals. There's no way one assistant principal can oversee all aspects of the high school campus." Toni says administrators deal more with parents at a K-8 school, and more with students at the high school. "Parents are starting to pull away then, and you deal with young adults."

9:55 a.m. Not much longer, we are on-the-go like nomads again. The book fair recently ended and Toni needs to check up on the

library. We run into Luis on the way, and Toni asks him if he needs help organizing equipment for the upcoming holiday program. After checking with the library assistant, Jo Roberts, to see if she needs a work order for moving book shelves into the old computer room, we head to the staff lounge, which Toni says is one of the older parts of the 1914 school, and Toni offers me coffee.

10:05 a.m. We head over to the pre-school established by the city on Hawthorne grounds. Toni asks the teacher if everything is OK. The downpour of rain has caused water to surround the front door, so Loren radios Luis to sweep water away from the doorway. We walk over to the cafeteria where we find an onslaught of middle-school students, many of whom say hello to "Ms. Staser." "Staying dry?" Toni asks them. On the way to the computer lab to check for leaks, we bump into Assistant Principal Kathy Schaeffer, who Toni credits as one of the main reasons the school runs smoothly. "The assistant principal oversees all of the yard aides. She handles the day-to-day running of school. Discipline, special schedules, planning, paper work, parent meetings." Toni greets Maria Stefanopoulos in the computer lab and asks her if there have been any leaks. "Historically, there have been leaks so I thought, 'Let's just keep an eye on it.'" Soon, third-graders rush into the room, put their hands on their head and quiet down. "One of the greatest things about being an administrator when there's no meetings is to be able to swing by and observe students," Toni says.

10:20 a.m. One our way to Gil Young's art class, we pass through the auditorium where two middle-school students are rehearsing "For Good" from *Wicked* for the holiday program. When we walk into Gil's room, he is standing over a table covered with large sheets of construction paper. The masks his students created are headed over to the art show at City Hall. Gil and Toni are old friends, having taught together at El Rodeo. Gil is retired but has been a substitute teacher for Beverly Mense since the beginning of the school year, and will be leaving after winter break. "I did music; he did artwork for the stage," Toni says. "I felt like I was Mickey Rooney, and you

were Judy Garland," Gil tells her. They both erupt in laughter. "He's one of the finest educators I've ever seen," Toni tells me after we leave.

10:25 a.m. We walk over to the legendary Bob Bailey's eighth-grade English class. Toni introduces Loren and me. "Can she give detentions?" one student asks. "Yes," Toni says. "She's more powerful than I," Bob says as students giggle, and he continues his grammar lesson. "When you think of grammar, you think of fun," he says as more students laugh. The students pay close attention to their teacher, who is reviewing a study guide for tomorrow's test. Bob tells the two principals and their tag-along to grab empty seats. Toni says Bob has been a Hawthorne teacher for at least 30 years. "The staff at Hawthorne is, for the most part, a very veteran staff." Bob goes over helping verbs and subject identification with his students. A few moments later, Toni motions to the door. "We didn't get to the fun stuff yet," Bob says as we get up to leave.

10:35 a.m. Before we stop by Jane Geletko's sixth-grade English honors class, Toni asks Loren why the students seem to enjoy Bob's grammar lesson. "Because he's a funny teacher," Loren says. Jane's students are using the PTA-purchased Mac computers to analyze symbols. We leave the classroom and walk through the auditorium again, where fifth-grade students are now practicing for the program. Loren wants to sit in the auditorium's mezzanine section, so we walk up the stairs and plop down in the cushioned seats. Vocal music teacher Christa "Mrs. G" Gutheinz directs the students as they sing "Jingle Bells."

10:50 a.m. As we walk away from the music, Toni sees a cracked window. She says she needs to put in a work order to get it fixed. When we walk by the preschool classroom, Toni points out the broom standing against the wall by the doorway, which means Luis was there to sweep away the water. Next, we go to see Loren's brother, Adam, in his first-grade class. "Hi Loren! That's my sister!" I hear as soon as we walk in. The first-graders are writing stories and drawing pictures about their pets. As Toni looks over the shoulder of one student and asks her what she is writing, Loren scurries over to her brother's desk.

10:55 a.m. We head over to Jory Lindsay's kindergarten class, where the students are dancing in individual colored-squares to an alphabet video. The kids are pounding "nails" with their hands, swimming the sea like "octopuses" and waddling like "penguins." This is what a rainy-day recess looks and sounds like. Jory pauses the video as Toni introduces Loren and me. She tells them Loren has to make an announcement about the holiday program. "On Wednesday, you have to wear white shirts and black pants," Loren says. Toni asks the kids what they are singing. Hands shoot into the air before Jory calls on one of them. "'Up on the Housetop' and 'Burn Little Candle,'" one of the students says. "Why are kids getting to be the principal?" another asks. Loren smiles proudly and looks away timidly at the same time. "Because Ms. Staser needs all the help she can get," Toni replies.

11:00 a.m. We go next door to the only other kindergarten class. Patti Thomas' class is working on simple math with color blocks. Toni points to a new document camera Patti is using to project things onto the screen. She introduces us again. "Is she like a principal?" another student asks. "She sure is," Tony says.

On our way out, we run into the school counselor, Shelanee Fernando, who is all bundled up while carrying a book. "Are you staying warm?" Toni says. "It's freezing!" she shrieks. Toni tells me Shelanee is a great counselor who does "a lot of character work with K-8 students."

11:10 a.m. We get back to home base: Toni's office. Toni leads Loren and me to a box filled with brown bags of organic dirt. She tells us we are going to put the dirt in the new planters located outside the preschool classrooms. Toni hands Loren a bag and grabs two, leaving me empty-handed. I offer to help. "Sure, you can carry some dirt," she says, laughs and hands me a bag. City officials visited Hawthorne in October to teach the students about recycling and compost. "I'll open, and you can dump," Toni tells Loren when we arrive at the planters. "What's it gonna do?" Loren asks as she grabs an opened bag and starts shaking it around the plant. "It's going to enrich the soil," Toni says.

11:20 a.m. With the successful placement of the organic soil in the planters, we head over to Joanna Rosemond's third-grade class, where we find Shelanee sitting with the same book, "Cookies: Bite-Size Lessons," in her lap. The students are sitting on the floor around her as Shelanee discusses the theme words in the book. Students raise their hands to name the themes: responsibility, jealousy, patience, honesty, regret, integrity, and what it means to be optimistic and pessimistic.

11:30 a.m. "I especially appreciated the 'if you're ever in the principal's office, be honest' part," Toni tells Shelanee as the four of us leave the room.

When we get to Toni's office, Sophia is waiting for us. Toni checks her e-mail, and we all wait for lunch to arrive. Toni has received an application for a student to work in the entertainment industry, and she checks the students academic, behavior and attendance records before signing the document. I ask her if she has to sign-off on entertainment kids often. "We get several applications a year, but not too many." She picks up her walkie-talkie and looks at her schedule, which is taped on the back. "When you're out and about, you can't always check your schedule."

11:40 a.m. Toni uses Blackboard's "Pace" system to record a message about the holiday program and parent conference schedules to send to all Hawthorne families. I notice a big, blue music note photo framed on Toni's wall. Toni records her message, and is listening for directions when there is an unexpected, loud, foot-stomping bang coming from directly upstairs. With the phone in one hand, Toni uses her other hand to point a finger north and whispers, "Mr. Bailey's class."

Toni starts sending the message out to Hawthorne's 701 students via Blackboard,

totaling about 400 families and phone calls. "What time would you like to send the message out?" Toni asks the girls. "12:30 at night," Loren says. Toni laughs. "I don't think they'd like that." "5:30," Sophia says. "A.m. or p.m.?" "A.m.," Sophia says matter-of-factly. "P.m.," Toni overrules.

11:50 a.m. Lunch arrives. I dig through my wallet and hand Toni money. She refuses to accept it. "You're part of our 'principal for the day,'" she says. There is another loud bang from Bob's class. "Be quiet up there," Loren says. "He knows I'm right below him," Toni says and laughs

As we eat our meals, Toni says it's time for the three of them to ask me questions instead. I sift through my educational background, and tell her I spent my freshman year in Florida attending the University of Miami. With a sandwich in her mouth, Toni's eyes get wider, and she points to a UM Canes cup sitting on her desk. Her 23-year-old son, David, not only



Assistant Principal Kathy Schaeffer, Principal Toni Staser, Mark Ehrenstein and Georgianne Yonaty

attended UM and played football for them as a putter, but he was there the same and only year I was: 2004. I can't believe what a small world it is. It is then that I notice her room is covered with UM-paraphernalia — from the football calendar stuck on March 2009 (which featured David) to the many photos of David in action. Toni's 28-year-old daughter, Courtney, lives in New York and works in an art gallery. "You want your kids to have all the opportunities out there. Of course I miss them. But it's what you want from all these children: to be thinking, productive citizens enjoying life."

12:15 p.m. Sophia has to leave to take a math test. Loren has finished her duties for the day and returns to class for the remaining 45 minutes of her day. I get more one-on-one time with Toni, who continues talking about her kids, both of whom are products of BHUSD. I ask her if David played football at Beverly High. "He played soccer at the high school for four years. He went from kicking a ball in soccer to kicking a ball in football."

Toni says she's glad she could take me

around campus and show me the different classrooms. "It's not about what I do in a day. It's about what happens at school in a day. The principal is not the real story." I notice all the plaques and service awards on the wall behind Toni. She swings around in her chair to look at them. "It ages me," she says.

12:30 p.m. Kathy radios in to get a hold of a teacher whose classroom is locked. Toni needs to make sure middle-school students were able to get into their classroom, since many teachers may have forgotten the shortened rainy-day bell schedule. We walk over to Lori Schwartz' science class and notice students crowded in the hallway. Toni unlocks the door. "Where's Mrs. Schwartz?" one student asks. "She's tardy," Toni jokes as several students feign a gasp of horror.

As the students flood into the room, an announcements sounds through speakers: "Attention middle-school teachers, please reports to your rooms." "Nooo," the students

say in unison. After the tardy bell rings, Toni introduces me. Then, Lori walks in, and Toni and I leave so the teacher can teach.

12:45 p.m. We are en route to check on Sophia, who told us earlier her math test would only take her 15-20 minutes to complete, when we run into Shelanee. "Are the teachers still missing in action?" she asks. "Oh yeah," Toni says.

We step into Anita Naiman's empty first-grade classroom. Anita says to come back later. Toni asks about her mother, Sandy Zwirn, a retired secretary at Beverly High who recently had a heart attack. "Give your mom a hug for me if you can," Toni tells her.

12:55 p.m. We revisit the nurse's office, where a fever-stricken student sits on a bench, and Toni asks Laurie how traffic has been. "A lot of headaches, stomachaches," Laurie says. "With the flu that's been out there, it's good to check so we feel we have a pulse to know if any grade level's been impacted," Toni says.

1:00 p.m. We head back to the office to get

Sophia, who is patiently waiting for us. Then, the three of us walk over to check on the physical education teachers. "Do you want to walk or take the elevators?" Toni asks Sophia as a group of students walk by. "Elevator," a little girl says as she passes us. We all look back at the source of the encouraging voice. "You don't get to do that," explains the little girl, who turns out to be Sophia's cousin. Toni laughs. "She's right," Toni says.

As the elevator door opens, a wave of screaming laughter attacks my ears. The kids are playing four corners. "That's my sister!" I hear from across the room as Adam runs up to us with his finger pointed at Sophia. Coach Mike Lambert is in the next room. Students are learning hand-eye coordination by throwing and catching balls while keeping their hands below the waist. "P.E. specialists work with K-8 so skills they're practicing are built into content standards for kindergarten," Toni says.

1:10 p.m. We quickly pass through the second-grade classes of Lisa Palmigiano, Amy Whitney and special education teacher Kate Greenleaf before stopping to say hello to Loren in her classroom. Then, we head back to Anita's class, where Sophia will read a book to the first-graders.

1:20 p.m. Anita left for the day and several teachers have stepped up to help her out. "This is the beauty of these teachers. They just pick up for each other," Toni says. "Do you want to read the story," Toni asks Sophia, who shakes her head. "I'm too shy," Sophia says. We sit in the miniature seats in the reading area as the first-graders gather around our feet. Sitting Indian-style, they wait for the story to begin.

Toni introduces Sophia and me. "Can you name three things Ms. Kim might have seen today?" Toni asks them. Hands shoot in the air. "Math." "Pictures." "Recess." Toni reminds the "recess" student today was a rainy day. "But now we're ending our day with you. Together," Toni tells their happy faces. She starts to read "Always in Trouble," and the story of Emma and her mischievous dog Toby was met with "uh-oh's," giggles and "eww's." The bell rings shortly before the story finishes, but the kids continue to sit there attentively, as if hearing the story for the first time. "Did Toby improve?" Toni asks the students. "Yes," they reply. "But can we be perfect all the time?" "No," the kids say. "No, not even people," Toni agrees.

1:35 p.m. As the kids pack up their things and line up to leave the room, a little boy approaches me. "My sister's a writer," he tells me. "She writes for a lot of newspapers." I ask him if she is a good writer. He closes his eyes and nods his head vigorously. I ask him if he is proud of her. He closes his eyes and nods his head vigorously. He flashes me a toothy smile, grabs his backpack and jumps in line to exit the room.

1:40 p.m. It's the second rainy day of the year, and Toni wants to make sure parents know where to pick up their kids. Once we get back to home base, Toni checks and returns more e-mails. "It's a very quiet day on e-mails," says Toni, who usually receives rough-

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ly 30 e-mails a day. Toni changes the school's Web site marquee to include a thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the landscaping in front of Hawthorne and invites them to the holiday program.

A call comes in for Toni. It's the mother of the student who was taken to the emergency room last week. The student has had normal MRI's and is undergoing more tests. Toni says she has notified the nurse and playground aides to keep an eye on the student when she returns.

2:00 p.m. Toni offers me coffee. "I have a long day so I need to be prepared," she says as she pours two cups and hands me one. Toni's husband, Nick Strimple, is an associate professor of choral music at USC, as well as the music director at Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. "We met through the music department at USC." When Toni left El Rodeo to work at the high school, many

of the students transitioned with her as well. "I watched them graduate senior year, and I remember them walking in in kindergarten. It's pretty special to be with those kids throughout their entire education." Toni tells me Hawthorne teachers Joanna Rosemon and Brad Harris were her students. "I think it's not that you feel you're making a difference when you know you're making a difference in the lives of children."

2:15 p.m. Third-grade teacher Kim Timmerman walks in to report a leak in her room. Toni immediately gets up to walk to Kim's class. "Let's go take a look. I want to see it for myself. Unless I go and look at it, I won't understand it." The walk isn't far, and soon we are staring at yellow-brown spots on the ceiling where water is dripping into a trashcan. "It's not bad at all, but it's been five years," Kim says. "But it shouldn't be leaking at all," Tony says. "Let me do a work order on that."

2:25 p.m. We arrive "back to the hub," as Toni puts it, and she immediately puts in a work order to fix the leak. Then, Toni elaborates on what it's like being back at an elementary school. "It's certainly a transition. That pause of remembering five years ago what it's like being at K-8 schools. It's kind of like riding a bicycle. The change is what I need to focus my attention on. Changes in curriculum, strategies used in teaching over the past five years, and spending as much time as I can in classrooms getting a sense of teaching styles of staff members."

2:40 p.m. Maintenance responds to the roof leak via e-mail, and Toni forwards the message to the teacher. As we walk toward the auditorium and pass through a music class, we run into Student Body President Sam Choi, who will be recognized at [Monday's] installation ceremony. Sam asks Toni if he should wear a suit. "Yes, you

always look better when you wear a suit."

2:50 p.m. The auditorium is filled with students who haven't been picked up by parents yet and middle-school students still rehearsing for the holiday program. We stand and listen to the singing and the chatter from the K-5 students. I ask Toni if she misses teaching music. "Yes and no. It was just a different time for me. It takes a tremendous amount of energy to teach music."

3:00 p.m. Before heading back to the office, Toni checks with the psychologist Angela Hawkins to remind her of the staff meeting Wednesday. Toni sits behind her desk and lets out a sigh. The middle-school students will be out in 15 minutes, and Toni suggests I beat the traffic. I gladly concur. I thank her for everything as I relive all the day's activities. I am already exhausted, and Toni has to do it all over again tomorrow.

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with 5:05 remaining. Miranda Abdul-Mansour responded by scoring five unanswered points, beginning with a 3-point basket, cutting the deficit to 48-44.

The Normans would trail by four once more, 50-46, on Austin's basket with 3:42 to play, but Mira Costa scored the next six points and ended the game on a 6-2 run.

"This is a loss we did not expect," Braddell said. "I thought we played awful. When Chelsea went out of the game in the third it looked like we panicked.

"When she went out, it was almost like a switch went off. We didn't play [with] confidence against their trap. (We) turned the ball over a number of times. When we did get down to the offensive end, we missed some open shots."

Beverly Hills "didn't rebound the ball well either," Braddell said.

"We gave up a lot of offensive rebounds, didn't attack the glass," Braddell said.

The Normans led 21-12 at the end of the first quarter, with Austin and Miranda Abdul-Mansour scoring six points and Lisa Kliman five. Miranda Abdul-Mansour and Kliman both made 3-point baskets.

Beverly Hills led 29-19 at halftime, but was outscored 22-10 in the third quarter and 21-11 in the fourth.

Miranda Abdul-Mansour scored 19, Austin 12, Jaina Abdul-Mansour nine, Kliman five and Moy five, including a first-quarter 3-point basket.

Rutledge scored 10 of her 18 points in the third quarter.

The Normans would ordinarily have faced Torrance Bishop Montgomery in the third-place game, but both coaches mutually agreed to face different opponents because the Normans will be facing the Knights Jan. 30 in the Westside Extravaganza at Santa Monica High School.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to face Santa Clarita Golden Valley Monday at 7 p.m. in a first-round game of John Burroughs High School Optimist Tournament in the Big Gym of John Burroughs High School in Burbank. A victory would advance Beverly Hills into a

championship quarterfinal game against Glendale Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The tournament concludes Dec. 19.

Boys' Soccer

South Bay/Westside Tournament

Beverly Hills 0, El Segundo 0

Yonatan Ginsberg made five saves in the first half and Norman teammate Matthew Davidov four in the second last Thursday at Campus El Segundo.

Beverly Hills led in shots, 14-9, but the Normans "had a lot of shots that weren't high quality, mainly because the ball was spending most of the time going out of bounds on a small, narrow field," coach Steve Rappaport said.

"It was a sloppy, nothing game," Rappaport said.

Offensively, "we didn't take advantage of opportunities," Rappaport said. "Defensively, we're playing great."

Midfielder Jonas Brock, Davidov, Ginsberg, defender A.J. Karon, midfielder Parsa Peykar and defenders Spencer Weissberg and Willy Woods drew praise from Rappaport for their play.

Beverly Hills 1, Crossroads 0

James Karlin scored his fourth goal of the season on an approximately 20-yard shot in the 26th minute Tuesday at Nickoll Field and Ginsberg and Davidov combined for their third shutout in three games.

The Normans led in shots, 19-5, but the Roadrunners "only had one quality shot," Rappaport said.

Beverly Hills (2-0-1) was "amazing" defensively, "Rappaport said.

"We really, really controlled the flow," Rappaport said. "Offensively, we did not play well at all in the attacking third. We had tons of opportunities. Their goalkeeper made great, phenomenal saves. Against most teams, we would have scored three or four goals."

Weissberg played "a great game," said Rappaport, who also praised the play of defenders Josh Newman and Shaya Noorian and Woods.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to St. Monica today at 6 p.m. and Los Angeles Loyola Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Nickoll Field in South Bay/Westside Tournament games.

Girls' Soccer

Alemaney 2, Beverly Hills 0

The Normans allowed goals in the 24th and 32nd minutes as they opened the season with a nonleague game at Nickoll Field last Thursday.

The Warriors capitalized on what Beverly Hills coach Ryan Franks called "a bad miscue in the back" for their first goal. They scored their second goal on a penalty kick which followed "a questionable call in the box," Franks said.

"Overall it was a decent performance from the Normans," said Franks, whose team was out-shot, 14-5. "It seemed that we tried to execute all the things we have been working on in practice. However, the pressure and speed of play affected us. It seemed like first-game jitters."

Norman freshman forwards Ashley Aviram and Kaela Reisfelt "played extremely well, as did Mashar Zargar and Solange Levy," Franks said.

El Segundo Kiwanis Varsity Girls Soccer Tournament

Beverly Hills 3, Hoover 0

Solange Levy scored in the 16th and 23rd minutes and Tiffany Moore in the 48th and Ida Trevino and Kylie Kolvin combined for the shutout in a first-round game Saturday.

Beverly Hills led in shots, 20-5.

Valley Christian 2, Beverly Hills 1

The Normans allowed the winning goal with two minutes to play in a championship semifinal Saturday.

"We just broke down defensively in the last two minutes," Franks said. "We would have been content taking the match to penalty kicks because we felt like we had the more talented goal keeper in Ida Trevino."

Beverly Hills (1-2) took a 1-0 lead as Levy scored on a penalty kick after Aviram was fouled in the penalty area.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to face El Segundo Friday at 5:30 p.m. in an El Segundo Kiwanis Varsity Girls Soccer Tournament consolation quarterfinal and play host to Palos Verdes Chadwick Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Nickoll Field in a South Bay/Westside Tournament game.

Girls' Water Polo

Valley Girls' Varsity Water Polo Tournament

Troy 11, Beverly Hills 3

Mallory Smith scored twice and Patty Salgado once for the Normans Friday in a pool play game at Santa Ana Valley High School.

Beverly Hills (2-1) was outscored, 5-0, in the second quarter after the first quarter ended in a 1-1 tie. The Normans were outscored 3-1 in the third quarter.

Beverly Hills goaltender Agnes Rapala made five saves.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play Glendale Hoover Friday at 4:30 p.m. and Sherman Oaks Notre Dame Friday at 6 p.m., Glendale Saturday at 10:15 a.m. and El Segundo Saturday at 1:15 p.m. in the Burbank Girls Varsity Tournament at Burbank High School.

Beverly Hills is also scheduled to play host to Redondo Monday and West Torrance Wednesday at the Swim-Gym in nonleague games beginning at 3 p.m.

College Football

Linebacker Spencer Paysinger, a 2006 Beverly High graduate, made six tackles as seventh-ranked Oregon clinched its first Rose Bowl game appearance since the 1994 season with a 37-33 victory over 13th-ranked Oregon State last Thursday in a Pacific-10 Conference game at Eugene, Ore.

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