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2009: A Year in Review



The Weekly looks back at some of the year's headline stories

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“What to Do About the Permits?” [Issue 533]

The calling for a change in direction as it relates to the opportunity permit issue at BHUSD has been an ongoing topic for at least two years. The former school board majority along with permit families refused to accept a very generous plan that offered natural breaking points (November of 2008). Instead they advocated for matriculation through 12th grade. No student who is a resident of Beverly Hills is guaranteed matriculation through 12th grade unless residency is maintained.

About 10 months ago came the discussion of basic aid. Again, the former school board majority dismissed the notion that basic aid

was indeed around the corner. During the summer, we found out that we would be certified as a basic-aid district in spring of 2010. Recently this past November, folks went to the polls and elected new leadership so that FINALLY many of these unresolved issues would be resolved!

I believe that this is a great city and do not believe we are an elitist town as Ms. Lurie and others have portrayed us to be in recent publications. It is a normal procedure for basic-aid districts to terminate permits...it's a practice adopted by most if not all of basic-aid districts. In addition, we are still maintaining permits for school and city employees, diversity and legacy students. And for the record...opportunity permits are granted on a year-to-year basis. Nevertheless, all of this has happened in the unfolding period of about three years. It seems to me that permit families have had about 36 months to plan ahead for the change that is inevitably now here.

*Adi Hacker
Beverly Hills*

Families all over Los Angeles would like to have access to an education from any of the schools in BHUSD. Our schools score higher than most of the other schools in our area, but it can be improved. It is quite possibly the only thing that both residents and non-residents can agree on regarding BHUSD.

Our elected school board must deal with the reality that we are now a basic-aid district and work within this new funding structure to improve our schools. In the next years, it will be our property taxes that will pay for the bulk of our funding for our schools, rather than the

limited funds provided by the State of California. Accordingly, we must re-evaluate how best to serve our children that reside in Beverly Hills. Opportunity permits were a function of the past system — the more students in our enrollment, the more revenue we received from the state because our funds were based on a per pupil calculation. However, student enrollment is not a factor in basic aid. Any student attending a BHUSD on any permit will be doing so at the benevolence of our tax dollars, a scholarship if you will.

Understandably, those on the outside want in. They want to keep the status quo...at least until their children have matriculated from our high school, but this cannot be an acceptable result. A permit does not guarantee enrollment through the end of high school. At best, it is an annual privilege that is reviewed and renewed each year.

Despite statements to the contrary, we are not a closed system — the school system is open to anyone who is willing to move into our district.

Is it expensive to move? Yes.

Is it disruptive to move? Yes.

Does that mean you are sacrificing your residence for your child's education? Yes.

*Ron Levin
Beverly Hills*

We purchased our first house on South Peck Drive. It was a lovely, idyllic place just a few blocks from Roxbury Park on a quiet street. Our home had a beautiful back yard with a swing set and friendly neighbors. We thought it was all our young family could ever need.

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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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SNAPSHOT

Corrections

The article “El Rodeo Music Teacher Will Aardappel Passes Away; Was Under Investigation” [Issue 534] should have clarified that not all holiday concerts were cancelled after Aardappel was put on administrative leave with pay, pursuant to district policy. The middle school program went on as scheduled Friday, Dec. 11, and first, second, and third graders performed on Friday, Dec. 18.



TOYS FOR FOSTER TOTS BROADWAY

Children United Nations Founder Daphna Ziman (top right) hosted the organization's annual toy drive last week at Fred Segal Fun Department Store for the thousands of the community's at-risk and foster youth.

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Permit Controversy Picked Up by News Outlets Nationwide

The BHUSD opportunity permit issue has been making nationwide news — from the Associated Press to the New York Times to LA Weekly.

Two pictures are painted of the multi-pronged story: residents as elitist and non-residents as ungrateful.

And what several news outlets have gleaned from the debacle is sympathy for students affected by a financially-prudent move.

But Board of Education member Brian Goldberg said the news coverage has been brought on by a small group of people in a coordinated effort to try to “influence the public policy in Beverly Hills through negative portrayals of Beverly Hills residents in outside media.”

“They are reaching out to contacts they have in order to get their story out and paint us as elitists, and paint the city in a negative light and embarrass Beverly Hills,” Goldberg said. “They’re trying to trash the very city they’re trying to benefit from.”

An LA Weekly article titled “Beverly Hills Schools Take From the Rich and Give to the Poor No more” writes that “it’s a bummer for those kids who have found an education oasis surrounded by the mediocre schools of the Los Angeles Unified School District.”

Many have taken this point of view — one where BHUSD attempts to save roughly “one percent of its projected \$50.2 million” budget by kicking 10 percent of its students out of the district and into the “beleaguered [LAUSD], where more than a quarter of high-schoolers drop out,” writes the Associated Press.

The result of the permit debate, according to the New York Times, has created “an unflattering snapshot of the social dynamic between Beverly Hills.”

This snapshot has only been magnified by the media, which often neglects to mention that BHUSD’s non-renewal of opportunity permits doesn’t apply to all 484 opportunity students. The exception includes seventh, 10th and 11th graders.

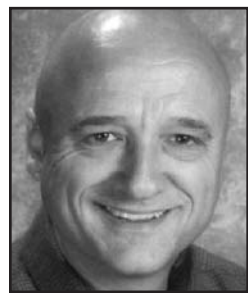
Goldberg said Beverly Hills will continue

to be “the most generous basic-aid district in California when it comes to out-of-district students.” Most people have a misconception of Beverly Hills being a mansion-filled city, he said, but many of the city’s parents who send their children to public BHUSD schools live in apartments.

“We make news if rich Beverly Hills is kicking out these poor kids from South Central L.A., and that’s how they’re going to portray it,” Goldberg said. “People love to rip on Beverly Hills. The image in people’s minds is Steven Spielberg’s kids, and that’s just not the case.”

Meanwhile, according to the LA Weekly, a group of out-of-district parents have asked the Los Angeles County Board of Education to intervene in the cutoff.

Aardappel Cause of Death Still Under Investigation



Will Aardappel

According to a report from the Los Angeles County Coroner’s office, El Rodeo music teacher Will Aardappel’s cause of death is listed “deferred,” pending an investigation.

P u b l i c
Information Officer

Ed Winter from the coroner’s office said they are waiting for toxicology test results, which could take up to six weeks.

The Weekly first reported last week that Aardappel passed away of a reported suicide.

New City Building on Foothill to Open in March

A new city building on 331 Foothill Road is slated to open March 2010. The \$21.5 million building will house city offices, as well as other offices for potential tenants.

The city’s cable office is the only office identified by the city to be housed in the building. The city does not know other offices that will be located in the building.

At this time, the only tenant is Participant Media, an entertainment company.

The building’s construction is currently being overseen by the city’s project manager Allen Rubenstein.

The building is approximately 72,000 square feet, and the \$21.5 million construc-

tion costs are within the city’s budget.

In addition, a nearby parking garage on Foothill Road opened about six months ago to accommodate visitors. The parking garage is roughly 20 feet away from building.

Private Ranger Tours Inside Greystone Mansion

The Greystone park ranger will lead a guided walking tour of Greystone Mansion and the estate grounds Saturday, Jan. 2.

The tour includes a trip to the gardens and learning the history of the mansion’s English Gothic architecture and how the city acquired the landmark. Tours begin at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., last approximately one and a half hours and cost \$15 per person.

Private tours may be scheduled, but are subject to availability and the property’s film schedule. For more information, call (310) 285-6850.

Paley Center Celebrates 100th Episode of How I Met Your Mother

The Paley Center for Media will celebrate the 100th episode of How I Met Your Mother with a special screening Thursday, Jan. 7.

The event will feature appearances by cast and crew members, including Josh Radnor, Jason Segel, Neil Patrick Harris, Cobie Smulders, Alyson Hannigan, Carter Bays, Craig Thomas and Pamela Fryman.

Tickets are \$15 for Paley members and \$20 for the general public.

For more information, visit www.paley-center.org.

Chamber of Commerce to Hold Networking Breakfast

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Networking Breakfast Friday, Jan. 8 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. for local businesses.

Members will have up to one minute to highlight their company’s achievements and services to attendees representing various industries in and around Beverly Hills. Potential members are welcome to attend.

Pre-event registration costs \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members, and on-site registration is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

For more information, call (310) 248-1000.

Movie Musicals at Beverly Hills Public Library

The Beverly Hills Public Library will host Movie Musicals Saturday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. in the library’s auditorium.

The event is free, and is sponsored by the Friends of Beverly Hills Public Library.

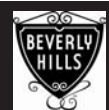
For more information, call (310) 288-2244

Music, Murder and Mystery in Greystone Mansion

Greystone’s Murder and Mystery in the Mansion will embark on its seventh season Saturday, Jan. 16 and Sunday, Jan. 17.

Presented by the City of Beverly Hills and Theater 40, the drama chronicles the lives of Doheny family members, the original owners of the mansion. Audience members will follow the actors throughout the first floor dur-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ON THE PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN

The community is encouraged to attend the next City Council study session on **Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 2:30 pm (Council Chambers)**. The City Council will review the proposed City’s General Plan and will consider ‘Step One’ amendments for approval. ‘Step One’ amendments will not include height and density related topics.

Also for consideration is a policy prohibiting ‘Common Interest Developments’ in commercial areas until such time as the City adopts appropriate policies.

All interested persons are invited to attend and speak on this matter. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to the City Council, c/o City Clerk, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

For more information, please call the Community Services Department at 310-285-1127 or visit www.beverlyhills.org/generalplan.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Beverly Hills City Council shall hold a public meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 455 N Rexford Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210. At this meeting, the City will consider the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) budget.

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Not more than 10 percent of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year allocation, or approximately \$25,662, can be used for the general administration of the program, and not more than 15 percent of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year allocation, or approximately \$38,494, can be allocated for public services.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public meeting to determine the use of the City’s CDBG funds during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Further information on the CDBG program may be obtained or viewed in the City of Beverly Hills City Manager’s, Suite 400, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210, or by contacting David Lightner at (310) 285-1080.

Posted: December 22, 2009

David Lightner
Deputy City Manager

Nancy Krasne

The mayor discusses her goals for the new year



Tell me about some of the city's plans for 2010?

My plans are to get out of it alive. To tell you the truth, first of all, I'd like to finish out the year peacefully. I'd like to have a healthy prosperous year. My goal as the mayor has always been to support our local businesses and the residents. And I'd like to have a smooth transition to the incoming mayor [in March] and to the business community so they can have a prosperous 2010 with a healthy, safe year to follow.

What are some goals and priorities?

Before I leave office, I'd like to see the general plan completed. This has been an ongoing thing for years. It started when I was on the architectural commission, and we worked on it when I was on the planning commission and as a council member. I'd like to see it completed. At least the first part of it, so that we can move forward. This community has worked very hard to make it happen, and I'd like to see it evaluated and done.

My second goal as mayor would be some infrastructure improvements completed and accomplished under my watch, because that's been a goal-favorite of mine, and I think the Coldwater Canyon reservoir, seeing that come to fruition and opened would give me an enormous satisfaction. Seeing the Coldwater Canyon reservoir completed and filled and knowing that the city has this infrastructure in place makes me enormously happy, because for every infrastructure work accomplished, I know the city is safer and better-equipped to handle an emergency

situation.

I'd like to see some kind of traffic mitigation come to pass for our community. To stop the building in Century City and areas surrounding us, so that we have some control over traffic. But I'd like to see some sort of transit mitigation worked out to control the flow-through traffic within our city. Some kind of traffic calming that works for our residents so that they're not inundated by traffic, and they have a way to move through our city at a reasonable rate.

I'd like to see the preservation of our fabulous police and fire departments. I love our boys in blue. Each night, I feel secure in my home knowing that our city employees and our police and fire departments are protecting our city. That goes for the entire staff of the city and the police and fire department. Every employee protects us in some way. This community should really be proud to have these employees working for them.

How might the transition of city managers affect these goals?

I want [Jeff Kolin] to be friends with the staff, be part of the community and be professional in every sense of the word, and I think that's what we have with the new city manager. Now will everybody be happy? Probably not. There will always be a compliant somewhere from someone. But we're here to resolve it.

I think that the transition should be seamless. We've interviewed him. He knows what's coming, he knows what's going on, and he's certainly aware of Beverly Hills. I don't think that there should be any difficulty whatsoever. He's apprised of everything that's been going on here. He's been watching meetings via Web cast so I think he should walk in and be immediately able to get things done.

What are some of the biggest challenges for 2010?

The biggest challenge is the economy. I think the people are nervous. My job as the mayor and as a councilmember will be whatever I can do to promote business. Wherever I travel, wherever I go, I only buy in Beverly Hills. I want people to know I shop here because I

want to look like I shop in Beverly Hills, because I do. I want to look like I represent the merchants of where I go shopping, and that's who I am, and that's what I represent.

Tell us about revisions to the city's 30-year-old General Plan.

It's mandated by state law that the general plan has to be changed every 30 years and every five years it has to be updated. But until it actually comes forward from the planning commission and I have it to compare, I don't want to say what the revisions are. They'll be very minor things like land-use like housing things and height limitations. Development things will come later.

For example, Linda Briskman and I differed on development. She wanted to do heightened density before I did. She felt we could handle it right now. I felt that first we had to have mass transit and everything in place. I wanted all infrastructures in place before development occurred. And that was probably the biggest difference between us.

Once all your decks are in a row then you can build it. And that's where the contention was. That was the Hilton expansion problem.

Do you think the Eli Broad museum will come to fruition in 2010?

I have no idea. The only one that really knows is Eli Broad. It's in his hands. It depends on how much he wants it. If Eli Broad wants it to be here, it will be here.

Who would you credit as some of the city's movers and shakers of 2009?

The movers and shakers have been the school board of 2009. I think the school board has an enormous amount of work to do, and my hat goes off to them, but they have a lot of things to sort out and straighten out. Things are in an enormous flux. In order to straighten out the bond and the money and the school issue between the permits and issues that are on the table before them, and the buildings, I would throw my hands up and I wouldn't know where to start, but that's why I'm not on the school board. I think Steven Fenton has done an enormous job with the program, and I have tremendous respect for him. I wish them all the best.

David Seidel on [the health and safety commission] has done an extraordinary job. He's kept this city in good shape and is very wise and aware of what's going on. And our public works commissioners are very tuned in to our water problems, and we had some big issues coming forward with the periph-

eral canal that will be coming down the line and what to do and how to vote on that issue. It's going to be a lot of controversy on that one coming forward. That's been in the works for 40 years. The planning commission has been extraordinary under the leadership of Nanette Cole. She's been terrific.

What are some issues that won't be resolved in the new year?

Some issues that will never be resolved are infrastructure issues. They're ongoing. Will our telephone services and utilities ever be perfect? The answer is no, because we can always make them better. I would like to see every utility line underground, state of the art, high-tech, flawless and uninterrupted. And that goes for all utilities, whether it be water, communication and electrical. That's something that this city will strive for always.

Traffic calming. Will we ever get there? No. But do we hope to? Yes.

Good neighbor relations: Something we all want. And perfect schools, where everybody is educated in the best way possible. I'd like a state-of-the-art city. That would be our goals.

These are things that don't show on the surface. They're things that are underground that you don't see, but they make life worth living. They make things run smoother.

What is your proudest accomplishment of 2009?

My proudest accomplishment was bringing back the two hours of free parking. I pushed so hard to get it back. I couldn't get it everywhere but bringing it back to the triangle was the hardest thing I fought, and I'm thrilled that I was able to do it.

What is one of your fondest memories of 2009?

I think going to ribbon cuttings for little stores where nobody comes, and you see just a couple of people there, and they're so happy that the mayor has come to support them in their endeavor as they open their business in Beverly Hills. I'm thrilled to represent the community as I go in and support them as they start up a new business and as they achieve a dream.

I just hope that 2010 brings us all good health, happiness and prosperity and our community continues to enjoy the wonderful reputation that it's enjoyed in the past. I think we have been so fortunate and blessed. I hope it continues on for future generations I would hate to lose what we have.

— Kimberly Cheng

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ing the performance, which begins at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person.

Music in the Mansion will begin its 13th season Sunday, Jan. 24 with the six-member Concord Ensemble.

The ensemble draws its members from the Southland's premier professional singers. Soprano Karen Hogle Brown has sung as soloist with the Los Angeles Master Chorale, the Los Angeles and Long Beach Opera and on the Los Angeles Philharmonic Green Umbrella Series. Bass/baritone Scott Graff is in his eighth season with the Los Angeles Master Chorale. Graff sings with the Concord Ensemble, Los Angeles Chamber Singers and Cappella, Musica Angelica, the Carmel Bach Festival and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

The performance will take place at 2 p.m. in the living room of the Greystone estate. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for senior, students and children ages 10 to 18.

For more information about Murder and Mystery in the Mansion, visit www.theatre40.org. Tickets can be purchased by calling (310) 364-0535. For more information about Music in the mansion, call (310) 285-6830.

Beverly Hills Hotels Ring in the New Year

The Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Wilshire, Montage and The Peninsula are helping to ring in the new year by offering prix fixe dinners to its guests tonight.

The Beverly Hills Hotel's Polo Lounge restaurant will be under the direction of Executive Chef Alex Chen. Beverly Wilshire, under Executive Chef Gilles Arzur, offers

early seating at from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and late seating at 8 p.m., and includes entertainment by musician David Sparkman. Montage offers early seating between 5 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. and late seating between 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and also includes live entertainment in the Lobby Lounge. The Belvedere at The Peninsula will feature a gala dinner option, as well as a New Year's Day meal between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.

For more information, contact the hotels or the Beverly Hills Conference and Visitors Bureau at (310) 248-1015.



Daphna Ziman

Children Uniting Nations Leads Launch of National Mentoring Month

Children Uniting Nations was recently named the lead agency for National Mentoring Month in Los Angeles, and will be holding a press conference Wednesday, Jan. 6 at Los Angeles City Hall.

National Mentoring Month activities will occur throughout the month of January, including the launch of "Multi Faith Movement" in collaboration with churches and synagogues from Jan. 15 to Jan. 17.

"I am elated for such a commitment of solidarity to our foster and at-risk youth with our partner organizations that are leading by example through working together with respect and a mutual understanding that through mentoring, education, community partnerships and civic engagement, we can help our most needy children and ensure a



(left to right) Ariel Neydavoud, Ashley Navid, Jacob Jonas, Gabriela Garcia, Zoe Chait, Lauren Kaufman, Melissa Briggs, Sophia Zukoski, McCall Bronson, Liana Gergely, Julian Recio

Beverly High Dance Company to Host Concert

Beverly High's Advanced Dance Theatre Group, The Company, will be presenting its 2010 annual concert on Wednesday, Jan. 13 through Saturday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school's K.L. Peters Auditorium.

The concert will feature performances choreographed by Beverly High Class of 1999 graduate Liz Sroke, Kate Hutter, founder and director of the Los Angeles Contemporary Dance Company, Janet Roston, director of Beverly's dance program and student choreographers, including Liana Gergeley Zoe Chait, Nina Bral, Jenna Hughes, Sammy Galen, Ariel Neydavoud, Romi Parrott and McCall Bronson.

The 26 student dancers in the The Company are overseen by second-year director Melissa Joseph, a 2004 Beverly High graduate.

Tickets are available by presale through Company members, during the high school's lunch periods throughout the week of the concerts and at the auditorium's box office every night of the performance. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

For more information, contact dancebhhs@gmail.com.

brighter future for everyone," said CUN Brothers Big Sisters and Jewish Big Brother Founder Daphna Ziman.

CUN has partnered with four leading non-profit organizations, including Big Brother Big Sisters of Greater L.A., Los Angeles Cares Mentoring Movement, Catholic Big

NMM is an annual celebration involving the White House, Congress and community outreach for institutionalizing the nation's commitment to longterm mentoring.

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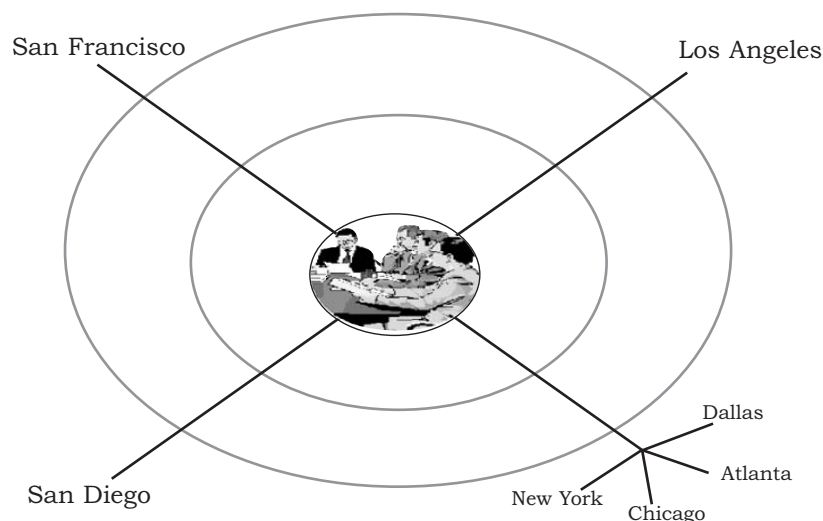
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Finding Beverly Hills

Thoughts on life in the village

By Rudy Cole

Did you know we have a beach club? Now, I don't actually watch the latest reincarnation of the television series "90210", but inadvertently, I heard a promo for a recent segment that mentioned a story line set at the "Beverly Hills Beach Club." It will take a real tsunami for our homes to have Pacific Ocean views.

Geographic precision is also not a standard followed by my friends and colleagues at the Los Angeles Times. Last year, they expanded our borders to include a story about a "down and out physician of Beverly Hills" who, after careful review, turned out to practice closer to Fairfax than face-lift row on Bedford, and not as destitute as the story claimed.

Last week, the noted restaurant critic **Jonathan Gold**, who usually can be found in LA Weekly (no relation) in a Times piece cited The Bazaar at a "Beverly Hills hotel" as the best in Los Angeles. Although Gold failed to name the hotel, it's SLS on La Cienega that was recently remodeled and renovated, a quick check with his or his editor's GPS or Thomas Guide would have disclosed that the cited

hotel and eatery pay their taxes to Los Angeles, not Beverly Hills.

The Times editors should make a note of this number: (310) 285-1000, where they will find the excellent city clerk staff with quick answers to "is it in Beverly Hills" questions.

Oh well, the Los Angeles Times, even though it is suffering reductions in coverage and features, and absentee owners, remains one of the best in the nation. However, reducing the number of columns by sports writer **T.J. Simers**, one of the most readable and literate if acerbic columnists in America, did not help keeping me as a subscriber.

Speaking of reporting the action, the director of the ESPN coverage of the UCLA-Temple game was faked out more often than the defenders of either team. It was exciting to have the camera catch a run around the weak side of the defense only to discover that the ball was actually being carried in the opposite direction.

Some of the best stories of 2009 have yet to unfold: What will happen to 9900 Wilshire? When the financing for this

project unraveled, the London owners were harder to find than **Mike Garrett**, USC athletic director.

This is at our western gateway, it was supposed to be an architectural and green marvel, and now it stands as a monument to the shrinking of competition in the department store world. Leonidas closes and now we can't find Candy and Candy.

The national coverage of our opportunity student permit program dispute has been less than objective with reporters using the "opportunity" to cite our village as "the normally sedate enclave of ostentatious wealth." Sedate?

The writer of those words, an Associated Press columnist, should visit us the next time we have a land use referendum or with some modest research learn that we have a stronger rent control ordinance than Los Angeles, and a large population of renters on fixed incomes.

Note to out-of-city reporters: This is NOT, or shouldn't be, about continuing the opportunity permit program. No, the only issue now is one of fairness - ending it in a way that doesn't harm the kids now in our schools who played by the rules. Most people in our city, when they understand what is really at stake, agree: We welcomed the students when we needed them, now that we don't, we should let them graduate with their class.

Most important news story, for city government, is the departure of our highly regarded city manager **Rod Wood**. Aside

from the wrenching opportunity permit debate, our schools continue to make news, not all pleasant, with on-going law suits involving the district's primary construction consultants, Strategic Concepts, and the sad personal issues faced by board member **Brian David Goldberg's** civil law suit in a San Bernardino County court.

Some of the undertones in the recent and sparsely voter involved board election were ugly. Although it would have been very difficult for any incumbent to have succeeded last year, **Nooshin Meshkaty's** defeat raised questions about the mostly whispered injection of her ethnic and religious ties that should never be a factor in any public contest. True, her campaign lacked vigor and focus, but she did serve with distinction and dedication if at times her efforts to straddle the political fence muddled her election message. As for the former board majority and their backers, and what was once a coalition of strength, they lost without even finding one candidate who could have made the election a sharper contest on issues. We still owe a recognition to the outstanding service to our schools by **Dr. Myra Demeter**, who retired from the board this year. (No, we did not always agree.)

Finding qualified, rational and experienced candidates to serve our city is a continuing challenge. Who would really want to serve when the likely consequence is distrust and vilification for all those in public office. Somehow we do find good people who try, and the current city council faced up to some tough challenges in balancing an economy ravaged city budget without dismantling our most critical city services.

police blotter & 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 or Blotter.

Arrests

GARABETIAN, TALIN, 26, of La Crescenta, arrested on 12/27/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs causing bodily injury.

ALVAREZ, FREDY, 24, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/27/2009 for burglary.

WILSON, RONALD, 51, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/27/2009 for violation of parole: felony.

LOPEZ, JOSE, 19, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/27/2009 for burglary.

CHUANG, SHAO, 40, of Walnut, arrested on 12/27/2009 for taking vehicle without owner's consent.

STEVENS, CHYNAROSE LAVERNE, 18, of Sherman Oaks, arrested on 12/27/2009 for theft of personal property.

CROUSE, JASON LEE, 26, of San Francisco, arrested on 12/27/2009 for outside warrant, misdemeanor.

HAYES, JESSE LEE, 44, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/27/2009 for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

WILLIS, BRANDON JAKE, 34, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/27/2009 for bench warrant, felony.

CHACON, HENRY, 24, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/26/2009 for driving without a license.

PUSEPA, YEKATRINA, 19, of Studio City, arrested on 12/25/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

LA FARGUE, ANTHONY STEVEN, 48,

of North Hollywood, arrested on 12/25/2009 for possession of narcotics/controlled substance.

FORD, GLENN INNOCENT, 58, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/25/2009 for appropriating lost property (over \$400).

MONAGHAN, ANDREW STLEDGER, 57, of Santa Monica, arrested on 12/24/2009 for disorderly conduct: intoxication.

PAZ, JONATHAN ALEXANDER, 21, of Downey, arrested on 12/23/2009 for second degree robbery.

ORELLANA, JEOVANI ANTONIO, 21, of North Hollywood, arrested on 12/23/2009 for burglary.

PADILLA, PATRICIA DELROSARIO, 22, of Arleta, arrested on 12/23/2009 for burglary.

OZAETA, FRANK ARTHUR, 50, of XX, arrested on 12/22/2009 for possession of marijuana (28.5 grams or less).

COLEMAN, KONIS LAMARR, 48, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/22/2009 for fugitive from justice: arrested without warrant.

AWAN, NAHEED AKHTAR, 30, of Wheaton, arrested on 12/23/2009 for DUI

alcohol/drugs.

OLSON, JARROD MALCOLM, 33, of Goleta, arrested on 12/21/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

KATZ, SCOTT ALAN, 33, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/21/2009 for driving with suspended license.

GREENE, BARRETT HOWARD, 37, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/20/2009 for possession of marijuana (28.5 grams or less).

DIEBALL, CHARLES, 41, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/20/2009 for disorderly conduct: intoxication.

RALPH, HANNAH VERA, 19, of Woodland Hill, arrested on 12/20/2009 for burglary.

HINTON, ADRIENNE SHIRLEY, 27, of Rancho Cucamonga, arrested on 12/19/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

CRUZ, HERMENEJILDO, 35, of Lynnwood, arrested on 12/19/2009 for driving without a license.

TRAYLOR, STEVEN, 52, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/19/2009 for burglary.

SOLDER, CHEO LYLE, 31, of Van Nuys,

Actually, most people have very little insight into all the human service programs the city does fund, not just our primary needs in the protective services and other departments that keep our city clean, safe and citizen friendly.

Some examples of your tax dollars at work: although “your” taxes is also a misnomer since most of our spending is paid for by people who are not residents. Taxation without representation? Consider the visitors to our hotels and the bed tax — their stays pay for services they seldom enjoy. No kids in our schools. No library cards and no youth sports? And do we appreciate their contribution to financing the costs of our adoption of a new general plan? Of course, they do enjoy being in a safer place than in almost any other community in America, but that’s probably one of the reasons they decided to come here.

Back to city program support not often discussed: City tax dollars support these outstanding social services, and many others:

All Saints (our local Episcopalian church) Homeless Missionary

Beverly Hills Active Adults (one of the best structured, senior city agencies in the state.)

Good Shepherd (our Catholic church) social service center.

Los Angeles Free Clinic

Legal Aid of Los Angeles

Maple Counseling Center

NAACP social services action council

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Venice Family Clinic

Westside Food Bank

Alternative Living for the Aging

Jewish Family Services

Theatre Forty

A very impressive demonstration of our community commitment to supporting those in need, and cultural resources.

Speaking of cultural demands, after years of efforts it seems that we are within sight of making the Annenberg Cultural Center a reality — estimates now project near completion within 18 months. This is a tribute to many hands at work but mostly the generosity of **Wallis Annenberg** and the dedication and contribution of a real community gem, **Bram Goldsmith**, chair of City National Bank.

And speaking of gems, this year our own city library won some highly prestigious awards. The library received a five star rating, the best, from the Library Journal making it one of the three best in California! A special nod to Librarian **Nancy Hunt-Coffey** and her division head, **Steve Miller**.

Also under the radar, was the recent generous gift by **Jon** and **Lili Bosse** to the Friends of the Library. The Bosse’s incredible giving, seldom with recognition, to our schools and charities, should earn them all of our appreciation. They never mentioned this one, so thanks to Nancy for alerting me.

Finally, a word about another community asset: the Montage Beverly Hills.

In what is a most remarkable and historic achievement, after just one year in operation, it received the highest possible hotel rating: Forbes Five Stars. (Also reaching top recognition again this year was The Peninsula and big ratings jumps for the

Beverly Hilton).

Earlier the Montage was awarded the Gold Leed Certification for sustainability from the United States Green Building Council. Managing Director **Ali Kasikci**, a 35-year hotelier who holds the Hotelier of the World award, recognized the outstanding service of his staff and the leadership of **Allan Fuerstman**, head of Montage Hotels and Resorts. (Also, a nod to **Jay Newman** who led the effort to win city approval of the Montage)

Aside from hotel guests, the Montage has become a second home for our own residents and the style setters of Los Angeles. The restaurants, lounges, spa and more are major attractions, and the architecture and design all contribute to our appreciation of excellence. When the hotel has fans such as **Sandy Pressman**, co-president of the Los Angeles Philharmonic board of directors and her husband, **Dr. Barry Pressman**, who selected the hotel for a Philharmonic event and then heaped praise on the highly professional management for making it so successful, the awards take on real meaning. The Pressman’s cited the Parq restaurant as one of their favorites and there is rarely a time when some civic leader or entertainment industry celebrity isn’t dining there. We spotted the great **Sidney Poitier** one noon.

If the declarative “ostentatious” can be used in a positive manner, then the Montage “residences” aptly fit that definition. I recently had a tour of the resident only homes on their private floors, and it was a stunning experience. Of course, I first had to sign waivers that I would not be moving in, maintaining their insistence on non-controversial occupants, assuming I

one day won the lottery.

I have visited some of the great homes in Beverly Hills and around the world, but nothing can prepare you for this experience. The special attention to everything from modern electronic uses to a wine room to movement flow from dining room to “living spaces” to master and guest bed rooms and specially designed service areas plus spectacular views, and much more, should make this one of the finest places to live, anywhere. Add to that the ability to order a hamburger or have a button sewed by the hotel, the total privacy with separate elevators and parking spaces, and I might just want to buy an extra super lottery ducat.

The Montage Residency staff really will welcome you if you want a private tour. Worth the experience.

Final thought: Now you know, if you bring aunt Tillie from Fostoria to our hotels or you and your friends shop and dine here, you are helping support, not only our schools and great city services, but also dozens of important, independent civic agencies. And take the family to the Hilton’s New Year’s Day buffet and money will flow to All Saints and Jewish Family Services. While you are there, say hello to the great patron-friendly servers.

Stay healthy and happy in 2010. I can’t afford to lose any readers.

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.

arrested on 12/19/2009 for transporting/selling narcotics/controlled substance.

HODGES, CHAZ SHERMIL, 20, of Chicago, arrested on 12/19/2009 for burglary.

YOKOTA, SATOSHI, 47, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/19/2009 for appropriating lost property (over \$400).

FELLAH, RON, 31, of Santa Monica, arrested on 12/18/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

LOSONSKY, GREGG MARTIN, 42, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/18/2009 for inflicting corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant.

COLEMAN, KONIS LAMARR, 48, of Tarzana, arrested on 12/18/2009 for burglary.

FLORES, ODIS OLIVER, 22, of Long Beach, arrested on 12/18/2009 for outside warrant, misdemeanor.

VICTORIA, ALFREDO, 24, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/18/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

SHEPHERD, BENITA JEAN, 64, of East Cleveland, arrested on 12/18/2009 for burglary.

RODRIGUEZ-RAMIREZ, FRANCISCO J, 21, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/17/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

FARMER, PAGE LEE, 31, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/17/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

YUMUL, LORYAN SERVILLANO, 21, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/17/2009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

ARAGON, JOSE ANGEL, 21, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/17/2009 for driving without a license.

GARZA, JASON LEVI, 35, of Santa Monica, arrested on 12/17/2009 for second degree robbery.

VEGA, GALINDO ALFREDO, 32, of Los Angeles, arrested on 12/17/2009 for driving without a license.

GERRENTAYLOR, ASHLEI MICHELE, 19, of Santa Monica, arrested on 12/17/2009 for second degree robbery.

ROMERO GIMENEZ, YESSY OSMARY, 22, of Lawrenceville, arrested on 12/17/2009 for second degree robbery.

GARCIA, ALEXANDER HENRY, 47, of Venice, arrested on 12/16/1009 for DUI alcohol/drugs.

GUTIERREZ, FABIAN HUMBERTO, 27, of Lancaster, arrested on 12/16/2009 for giving false information to peace officer.

MIRANDA, GENARO IBARRA, 42, of Huntington Park, arrested on 12/16/2009 for driving without a license.

PEREZ, DANIEL, 28, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 12/15/2009 for burglary.

LEE, CHRISTINNE JUNGUN, 66, of Northridge, arrested on 12/14/2009 for theft of personal property.

Blotter

Burglary: Occurred between 200 on 12/10/2009 and 0752 on 12/14/2009 in the 200 block of South La Cienega Blvd. No suspect information. Unknown suspect used pry tool to gain access to office suite.

Occurred between 1700 on 12/11/2009 and 0904 on 12/14/2009 in the 400 block of South Robertson Blvd. No suspect information. Unknown suspect used unknown tool to cut lock and pry security gate. Suspect(s) attempted to break through wall.

Occurred between 1700 on 12/11/2009 and 0930 on 12/14/2009 in the 200 block of South La Cienega Blvd. No suspect information. Unknown suspect used pry tool to enter

office and remove laptop computer. Loss: \$1,200

Occurred between 1900 on 12/18/2009 and 1750 on 12/20/2009 in the 400 block of North Roxbury Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the front door, entered the location, removed property and fled with the same. Loss: \$7,800

Occurred between 1820 on 12/18/2009 and 0725 on 12/21/2009 in the 400 block of North Roxbury Drive. No suspect information. Unknown suspect entered building and went to eighth floor. Suspect used unknown pry device to open secondary door to suite. Suspect took property and fled with same. Loss: \$7,200

Occurred between 1800 on 12/21/2009 and 1700 on 12/22/2009 in the 8300 block of Wilshire Blvd. No suspect information. Unknown suspect(s) used an unknown pry tool to attempt to open the front door to business.

Occurred between 1300 on 12/16/2009 and 1515 on 12/16/2009 in the 300 block of South Reeves Drive. Suspect: Male Black, 52, 6’1”, 240 lbs., black hair, brown eyes. Suspect opened detached apartment garage by unknown means, removed victim’s property and fled location. Loss: \$2,950



Norman Girls' Basketball Team Wins Tournament Opener

BHHS alumnus set to play in the Rose Bowl.

By Steven Herbert

Beverly High girls' basketball center Chelsea Austin drew high praise from Brentwood coach Jimmy George for her 27-point performance in a 74-45 victory in a first-round game of the West Coast Holiday Invitational Saturday night at the Swim-Gym.

"She's the best player in the CIF," George said.

Beverly Hills (9-2) also got 23 points and 16 rebounds from Miranda Abdul-Mansour.

The Normans led 33-23 at halftime, then more than doubled its lead in the third quarter, outscoring the Eagles, 24-12, with Abdul-Mansour scoring nine points and Austin eight. The Normans scored the first seven points of the second half on a basket by Austin, a 3-point basket by Lisa Kliman and a basket by Abdul-Mansour.

Austin scored 11 points in the fourth quarter, including all seven during a 7-0 run that began with her 3-point basket, as Beverly Hills outscored Brentwood, 17-10.

There was one tie, 2-2, and the Normans trailed only once, 5-3, then went on an 8-0 run that began and ended with 3-point baskets by Kliman and Abdul-Mansour, sandwiched around a basket by Austin. Abdul-Mansour made a second 3-point basket later in the quarter, which ended with Beverly Hills leading, 18-12.

Brentwood (3-4) scored six consecutive points to cut the deficit to 25-21 three minutes, 25 seconds before halftime, but the Normans responded with six consecutive points of their own on two free throws by Jaina Abdul-Mansour, Miranda Abdul-Mansour's twin sister, and two baskets by Austin.

"I thought we played outstanding," Beverly Hills coach John Braddell said. "We had some lulls here and there, but offensively we got up and down the floor. Chelsea just played an outstanding game."

A key for the Normans was point guard Natalie Moy "finding girls on the fast break," Braddell said. Moy had 10 assists and 10 rebounds.

Beverly Hills played without four players who were on vacation, leaving it with just two available reserves, on a team where depth has been a concern all season, Braddell said.

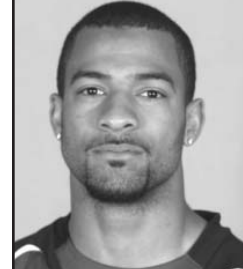
Jaina Abdul-Mansour added 10 points, Kliman six, and Moy and Serena Shlomof four each for the Normans.

What's Next?

The Normans faced the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies in a fifth-place semifinal Wednesday at the Swim-Gym that ended after the Beverly Hills Weekly's deadline.

If Beverly Hills won, it would face the Los Angeles Marymount-Norco winner in the fifth-place game today at 6 p.m. at the Swim-Gym, while a loss would put it in the seventh-place game at 4:30 p.m. today at Harvard-Westlake School against the Marymount-Norco loser.

College Football



Spencer Paysinger

Spencer Paysinger, a 2006 Beverly High graduate, will be a starting linebacker for Oregon in Friday's 96th Rose Bowl Game, but in the days leading up to the game has been a self-described ambassador from Southern California to his teammates, accompanying them to a variety of sites and explaining the intricacies of the region.

"Coming from L.A. is kind of surreal because a lot of our players don't know what's around the city and I know the city in and out," Paysinger said.

Paysinger said he was in Santa Monica with fellow linebacker Brandon Hanna, who is from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, who asked, "Is this Los Angeles? Is this downtown?"

Paysinger explained it was not, then asked Hanna, "If you drove down a street in your town two hours, where would you be?"

Paysinger said Hanna replied that he would be in Washington state.

"We were on Wilshire [Boulevard] and I said, 'If we drove two hours, we would still be on Wilshire,'" Paysinger said.

When Paysinger steps onto the field for the game against Big Ten champion Ohio State, he will be believed to be the first Beverly High alumnus to play in college football's oldest and most famous bowl game since New Year's Day 1971 when Steve Horowitz kicked two field goals, including a then-game record 48-yarder, in Stanford's 27-17 upset of Ohio State.

Paysinger's participation in the Rose

Bowl has drawn interest among Beverly High students he coached in a flag football competition when they were in eighth grade, he said.

"They've been texting me and saying they hope we win," Paysinger said.

Playing in the Rose Bowl means "everything to me," Paysinger said, going on to recall going to the Rose Bowl's parking lots to participate in pregame tailgate parties when Wisconsin played in the game on New Year's Day 1999 and 2000, and seeing the Badgers and their Heisman Trophy-winning running back Ron Dayne practice.

"Just seeing the excitement they had was amazing," Paysinger said.

Paysinger said he went to Oregon because he was familiar with its coaching staff, thanks to his longtime affiliation with Beverly High's football program, where he was a water boy and ball boy before becoming a student and player at the school, as his father Donald was an assistant coach, his uncle Carter was the coach and another uncle, Vonzie, was defensive coordinator.

"Don Pellum, and Nick Aliotti, Mike Bellotti they all had come to Beverly Hills to recruit athletes in the past," Paysinger said, referring to Oregon's assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and former coach turned athletic director. "I'd see them around because I'd be at Beverly since I was 3 years old."

"The Oregon coaches were the most real. They were most family-like environment. A lot of coaches would say, 'You can play right now,' just pretty much statistics, but the Oregon coaches sat and talked with you like they were your family members."

Paysinger was a victim of mistaken identity during an interview session Monday at the Marriott Los Angeles Downtown.

Los Angeles Times sports reporter Kevin Baxter thought Paysinger grew up in Beverly Hills, and asked, "People think of Beverly Hills as a place that produces Paris Hilton, not linebackers," "Do people look at you and say, 'Oh you're from Beverly Hills, you're soft,' do you have to overcome that?" and "Do your teammates want to go see the family mansion?"

Paysinger first explained that the school has a history of producing college football players, including Sonny Shackelford, a receiver with the University of Washington from 2003-2006, and current defensive end Greg Townsend is being highly recruited.

Paysinger later said that being a Beverly High alumnus means, "I do get looked at sideways from time to time," and with the team staying at a Century City hotel teammates told him, "This is your town."

Eventually Paysinger explained that he grew up in Ladera Heights, and was then asked, "What does your father do?" A reporter spared him from having to say his father recently completed his first season as Beverly High's football coach.

Spencer Paysinger, a 2006 Beverly High graduate, will be a starting linebacker for Oregon in Friday's 96th Rose

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Bowl Game

Boys' Soccer

South Holiday Tournament

Beverly Hills 1, South Torrance 1 (Beverly Hills wins on penalty kicks, 4-3)

Josh Newman scored in the 27th minute and the Normans won on penalty kicks after allowing a goal when goalkeeper Matthew Davidov was injured in a first-round game Dec. 21.

Newman scored his fourth goal of the season after a cross from Mariano Gonzalez headed for Newman hit Elijah Lichtenberg in the back. Both were credited with assists.

The Spartans scored in the 62nd minute of the 70-minute game when Davidov fell to the ground after pulling a groin muscle going up for a cross, Beverly Hills coach Steve Rappaport said.

Starter Yonatan Ginsberg then returned to the game and finished with seven saves.

The Normans shot second in the penalty kick shootout. Ginsberg made Beverly Hills' first penalty kick to tie the score, 1-1, then stopped South Torrance's second penalty kick.

Gonzalez missed his penalty kick, hitting a goalpost, but Jonas Brock, Lichtenberg and James Karlin then followed by making their penalty kicks for the victory.

The Normans were out-shot 11-8. Ginsberg made seven saves and Davidov three.

"We played very well," Rappaport said. "Mariano was just unbelievable. He just controlled the flow of the game, causing a lot of grief for them trying to handle him."

Newman played "extremely well," said Rappaport, who also praised the play of defenders Caio Carvalho, Shaya Noorian and Willy Woods.

Placentia El Dorado 5, Beverly Hills 1

The Normans lost a championship bracket second-round game as Ginsberg had "a total nightmare" Dec. 21, Rappaport said.

Newman scored his team-leading fifth-goal off Dustin Pourbaba's assist in the 18th minute.

The Golden Hawks tied the score in the 27th minute on a shot that went through Ginsberg's legs, Rappaport said.

El Dorado scored again two minutes later on a shot Ginsberg "just completely misplayed."

Another shot went through Ginsberg's legs in the 37th minute for a goal. The Golden Hawks scored their fourth goal in the 55th minute on a shot that went over his head and "he didn't try for it," Rappaport said.

El Dorado scored its final goal in the 65th-minute of the 70-minute game.

"The bottom line to describe my team in that game — they quit," Rappaport said after his team's record dropped to 4-4-1.

"It was very disappointing. Yoni had a very, very poor performance in unfortunately in the goal, but team-wise, we gave up a goal, we made another mistake and we quit playing and we had been control-

ling the game."

The tournament was played at South Torrance High School.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play their Alumni Game Monday at 6 p.m. and play host to Manhattan Beach Mira Costa Wednesday at 3 p.m. in a nonleague game, both at Nickoll Field.

Girls' Soccer

El Segundo Tournament

El Segundo 1, Beverly Hills 0

The Normans' failed attempt at an off-side trap led to Natalie Barbosa scoring for the Eagles in the 57th minute of a 60-minute fifth-place semifinal game Dec. 11 at Campus El Segundo.

Barbosa took a through ball was challenged by Beverly Hills goalkeeper Ida Trevino, faked her out and scored, Beverly Hills coach Ryan Franks said.

"Besides that, she was solid," Franks said of Trevino, who made seven saves, including some key ones. "She was the player of the game."

Norman defender Nicole Star played "real strong," Franks said.

"I was really satisfied with our performance, except just not finishing the game," Franks said.

The Normans (2-4) were awarded a forfeit victory over Los Angeles Immaculate Heart in the seventh-place game scheduled for Dec. 12. The Pandas were also entered in the Duarte Tournament and chose to play in it instead, Franks said.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play at Torrance Wednesday at 3 p.m. in a South Bay/Westside Tournament game.

Boys' Basketball

San Fernando Valley Invitational Basketball Tournament

Alemanya Regional Mission Hills Alemany 69, Beverly Hills 53

The Normans were within four points of the Warriors in the second half of a first-round game Dec. 18, "then let the game get away from us with poor defense and poor rebounding," coach Derek Boldon said.

Beverly Hills trailed 34-28 at halftime and was outscored 15-12 in the third quarter.

The Normans were outscored 22-13 in the fourth quarter, despite Aurash Jamasbi's nine points. Alemany freshman swingman K.J. Moffett scored seven of his 13 points in the fourth quarter.

Beverly Hills did a better job of avoiding turnovers than in recent games, but "started turning the ball over at bad times" in the second half, Boldon said.

"That kind of swung the momentum of the game and we couldn't quite recuperate from there," Boldon said.

The Normans outscored the Warriors, 12-8, in the first quarter with Kian Alam scoring 10 points.

Beverly Hills was outscored 26-16 in the second quarter, with junior guard Jordan Fuller making two 3-point baskets

and scoring 10 points and sophomore guard Max Guercy scoring five, including a 3-point basket, for Alemany.

Jamasbi led the Normans with 13 points. Alam added 12, Michael Pedram nine, Bo Abrams seven, Austin Mills five, including a second-quarter 3-point basket, Vincent Slatkovich four, Markus Silbiger two and Alon Kashanian one.

Beverly Hills 58, Van Nuys Grant 57

Abrams made the first of two free throws to break a tie in overtime and the Lancers missed a late shot in a regional consolation semifinal Dec. 19.

Jamasbi, Mills and Trevor Walters made baskets in overtime as the Normans outscored Grant, 7-6.

Mills made two free throws late in the fourth quarter and the Lancers missed a potential game-winning shot as time expired in regulation to force the overtime.

Beverly Hills (5-3) trailed 46-42 entering the fourth quarter, then outscored Grant, 9-5.

The score was tied, 30-30, at halftime. The Normans were outscored, 16-12, in the third quarter, despite Alam and Mills both making 3-point baskets.

The Normans were outscored, 21-17, in the first quarter, despite Mills' two 3-point baskets and Walters' six points.

Beverly Hills outscored the Lancers, 13-9, in the second quarter.

"We missed a lot of layups and that kind of kept them in the picture," Boldon said after what he called a "very significant" victory.

Mills led the Normans with 13 points. Abrams added 12, Alam nine, Walters eight, Jamasbi seven, Silbiger six and Slatkovich three.

The regional was played at Alemany High School.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Palos Verdes Peninsula Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Swim-Gym in a nonleague game.

Girls Water Polo

Burbank Girls Varsity Tournament Beverly Hills 22, Glendale Hoover 6

Alli Friedman scored five of her nine goals in the first quarter and Ava Rezai and Patty Salgado each added four for the Normans in a pool play game Dec. 11.

Friedman scored four goals in a one-minute, 24-second span of the first quarter, giving Beverly Hills a 5-2 lead. Friedman and Rezai scored in the final 1:06 of the quarter, increasing the Normans' lead to 7-2.

Salgado scored twice in the first 1:42 of the second quarter and a third goal 1:28 later to give Beverly Hills a 10-2 lead. Young In Lee scored 1:36 later to complete the Normans' 9-0 run, which increased their lead to 11-2.

The Tornadoes ended the run on Ivanna Gharibian's goal 18 seconds later. Friedman scored with 41 seconds left in the half, giving Beverly Hills a 12-3 half-time lead.

Rezai scored twice and Friedman and

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2009-A YEAR IN REVIEW

The Weekly looks back at some of the year's headline stories

By Kimberly Cheng



Beverly Hilton Sues Southwest Homeowners President for Campaigning Against Measure H

Suit seeks \$4 million in damages from Ken Goldman for alleged 'malpractice'

Issue 489, Feb. 12

Oasis West Realty LLC, owner of The Beverly Hilton, sued longtime Southwest Homeowners President and attorney Ken Goldman for malpractice after he campaigned against the hotel's revitalization plan "Measure H" more than two years after he was employed by the company to help gain approval for the project.

Oasis West is seeking a minimum of \$4 million in damages.

"I terminated my relationship with Oasis West two years before our city council approved the project that became the subject of the referendum," Goldman wrote in an e-mail. "After the council's vote and referendum activities were begun by others, I simply exercised my rights as a citizen and resident of Beverly Hills. I did not violate any duty of loyalty to Oasis West, or violate any duty to preserve the confidences of my former client."

After the Hilton project was approved by a 3-2 city council vote, Goldman, dozens of other residents and the Citizens Right to Decide Committee collected 2,574 signatures for a petition to put the Hilton project before voters on the Nov. 4, 2008 ballot.

Update: Ken Goldman motioned to dismiss the lawsuit because it infringed on his constitutional right of free speech under the "Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation" statute. The motion was denied. The court ruled that Goldman acted unethically by first representing his client on a matter he later attempted to defeat.

Goldman and his firm, Reid Smith LLP, are both appealing the ruling. Briefing was completed earlier this month, and they are currently waiting for a hearing date.

"Our view of the case hasn't changed, since the very beginning," said Dirk Vincent, Goldman's attorney. "I think our papers will speak for themselves."

Brucker, Brien, Mirisch Win Council Race

Measure P loses

Issue 492, March 5

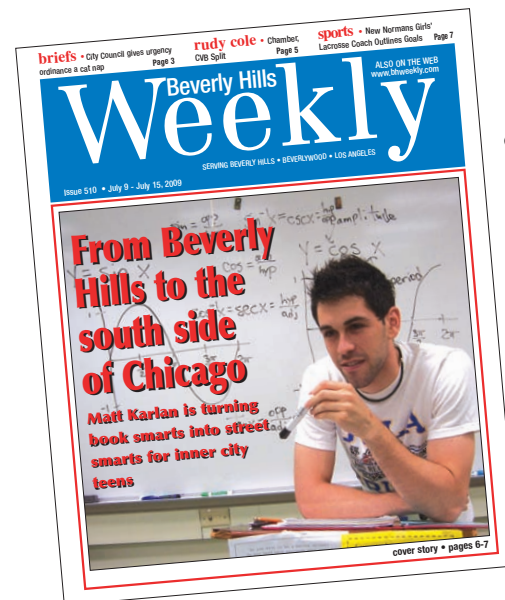
Then-Mayor Barry Brucker and newcomers Dr. Willie Brien and John Mirisch won the three Beverly Hills City Council seats, while the business tax initiative Measure P was simultaneously defeated by almost 80 percent of voters.

Mirisch, an IMAX film executive, received 2,268 votes, a narrow 101-vote win over incumbent Linda Briskman, who was seeking a third term on the council.

Brucker was re-elected for his second term on the five-member city council after garnering the most votes of all 11 candidates with 2,980 votes.

As a first-time city council candidate, Brien, who is chief of staff at Cedars-Sinai Hospital, placed a close second with 2,843 votes.

Update: Briskman was subsequently appointed to the State Recreation and Parks Commission and also serves on the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors.



Cat Talk Brings Out the Claws

Issue 510/Issue 529, July 9/Nov. 19

More than 100 people lined the hallway of the council chamber to show both support and opposition to the feral cat ordinance.

The ordinance, which was passed months later, prohibits the feeding of animals or placing of food on public property and publicly accessible areas. It focused on a trap-neuter-return solution for feral cats and utilized TNR partners to handle the caring and feeding of feral cats. The animals would be fed in city-approved feeders.

Residents were angered by the lack of enforcement of the ordinance and the continued feeding of feral cats by

non-resident Katherine Varjian, who many claim has no regard for the law, and has harassed many of the city's residents.

Update: Mayor Nancy Krasne appointed herself and Vice Mayor Jimmy Delshad as the sub-committee charged with resolving issues related to the ordinance. The process of designing and creating feeders is ongoing. Food for the animals can be placed by residents on their private property by obtaining a free permit from the city.

Beverly Hills City Council Names City Manager Finalist

Issue 527, Nov. 5

The city council unanimously selected current Santa Rosa City Manager Jeff Kolin as the new city manager after Rod Wood.

Kolin beat out more than 70 applicants for the highly-sought-after position. He has served in municipal government for more than 33 years, and has been the Santa Rosa city manager for the past nine years.

According to his employment, Kolin will earn a base salary of \$275,000 annually, a \$45,000 per-year increase from his salary in Santa Rosa.

"Jeff is a seasoned veteran with an outstanding reputation who would bring to our city organization a tremendous record of executive leadership, professional accomplishment and integrity achieved throughout his career," Mayor Nancy Krasne said.



Update: Kolin will take office January 25.



Meshkaty Eviction Raises Residency Questions

Board candidate and spouse were evicted from a West L.A. apartment while her daughter was simultaneously enrolled at El Rodeo

Issue 521, Sept. 24

The Weekly obtained court documents revealing that former Board of Education President Nooshin Meshkaty was evicted from a West Los Angeles apartment while her daughter was simultaneously enrolled at El Rodeo.

Both Meshkaty — who was, at the time, up for re-election — and her husband Yar were named in the state judgment and lien document dated

March 14, 1994. Her daughter Azadeh enrolled at El Rodeo in 1991. There was no evidence that Meshkaty had a permit for her daughter at that time.

Meshkaty's ballot statement had claimed a 32-year Beverly Hills residency status. She immigrated to the U.S. in 1977.

Update: Meshkaty subsequently lost the Nov. 3 Board of Education election. She claims she lived with her mother and children in a Beverly Hills two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment approximately 1,300 square feet in size. Meshkaty refused to speak to the Weekly on the record for this or any other story.



What to Do About the Permits?

Board of Education seeks to phase out opportunity permits but June 30, but will they go quietly?

Issue 533, Dec. 17

The fate of opportunity permits has been a longtime debate within the BHUSD community, and a Dec. 11 Board of Education meeting ended with a decision to start the preliminary process of eliminating opportunity permits starting June 30, 2010.

The 3-2 vote to draft a letter notifying parents of K-6, eighth and ninth-grade students of the nonrenewal of permits sparked heated ongoing debate among residents and non-residents, whose unruly conduct at the meeting has been a point of contention.

The issue also spawned multiple Facebook pages protesting the removal of opportunity students. Two students posted violent threats, one of whom suggested bringing “machine gun machetes” to the next meeting to spill blood, which prompted an emergency board meeting and police involvement.

The final decision regarding the current 484 opportunity permits will be made at the Jan. 12 board meeting.

Korbatov, Manaster Elected; Meshkaty Defeated

Issue 527, Nov. 5

Lisa Korbatov and Jake Manaster were elected to the two seats on the five-member Board of Education during the Nov. 3 election.

Korbatov came in first with 2,102 votes, followed closely by Manaster with 2,075 votes. Nooshin Meshkaty trailed behind with 1,790 votes, and Craig Davis received 496 votes. A total of 3,672 ballots were cast, or a 17.2 percent turnout of registered vot-



ers.

Both candidates were endorsed by the Weekly and the Beverly Hills Education Association.

“We are ecstatic,” said BHEA President Chris Bushée. “We believe this now completes a cycle of change that started two years ago with the election of Steven Fenton and Brian Goldberg. We are very much looking forward to a new direction for our school district.”

Update: Lisa Korbatov and Jake Manaster were sworn in Dec. 7. Korbatov was elected vice-president of the Board of Education. Steven Fenton was sworn in as board president. The board will rule on out-of-district permits in what is expected to be a contentious meeting Jan. 12.



Raucous Board of Education Meeting Tuesday

Issue 519, Sept. 10

Community members stood before the Board of Education in support or opposition of the behaviors of board members Brian Goldberg and Myra Lurie over a civil lawsuit unrelated to the board.

Goldberg received a monetary judgment from the sale of his father's company, and Lurie drove to San Bernardino to attend the trial. Lurie also allegedly consulted with the opposing counsel.

Lurie was criticized for what one board member called “a diversionary tactic” as she “injected herself into

[Goldberg's] civil lawsuit,” an act that many speakers felt was personal rather than political. More importantly, speakers said the lawsuit was irrelevant.

Lurie defended her actions, saying Goldberg's civil case “is directly relevant to our board's business.” She said she was merely “an observer who sat in the audience” and “did not utter a word to any attorney.”

Goldberg argued that his case was one that involved a “complex family matter, which has no bearing on [his] ability to service.”



Board of Education Bombshell; Christiansen Fired

Construction manager fired amidst charges of contractual irregularities

Issue 516, Aug. 20

The Board of Education cancelled its construction contract with Strategic Concept, LLC and fired construction manager Karen Christiansen amid charges of “irregularities in the procedure for formation of the contracts” between BHUSD and the company.

The board majority — then-President Nooshin Meshkaty, former Vice President Myra Lurie and Myra Demeter — supported renewing the district's contract with Christiansen,

whose company received 4.5 percent commission on the construction value of projects and 2 percent of the overall project budgets under the \$334 million Measure E bond.

“Why would you pay someone a percentage of everything they spend?” said current Board Vice President Lisa Korbatov. “That only gives them incentive to spend as much as they can as fast as they can.”

BHUSD subsequently sued Christiansen and Strategic Concepts, seeking \$4 million in damages.

Christiansen responded with a countersuit, seeking \$16 million from the district.

Update: A moratorium resolution was unanimously passed by the board during its Sept. 22 meeting that suspended all future spending related to the Measure E bond. The move allowed for previously authorized and outstanding invoice payment. The Citizens Oversight Committee was charged with conducting a financial and process

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and operations audit before further decisions are made related to spending of bond funds. BHUSD conducted site visits throughout Southern California in October find a replacement for Christiansen.

Beverly's Proposed New Building
Will it lead to better security, or a badly conceived boondoggle?
Issue 502, May 14

In a 3-2 votes, the Board of Education approved the next phase of design for the new four-story Beverly High administration building, Building M.

Board members Nooshin Meshkaty and Brian Goldberg voted against the proposed new building, which proponents say will lead to improved security and safety. Visitors will be required to enter the high school campus through the building's single entryway.

Others argue that the building will do nothing for campus safety, and one main entrance will not necessarily secure the campus. They argue that there are better uses of Measure E bond funds.

Building M would include a security office, weight and fitness room, textbook storage, food services, learning improvement classrooms, the Associated Student Body and activities/athletic directors. It would house all administrative and student services, six teaching stations and about 39,000 square feet of total program area.

Update: The Building M project is currently on hold. The Board of Education will meet in the next few months in a study session to discuss whether to move forward with the building.

"We need to decide what direction, if any, we need to take," said board member Brian Goldberg. "I'm not sure it will do anything to deter someone who wants to do harm. I'm not sure it will accomplish that goal [of improved security and safety]."

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However, after living there for four years, we realized we were missing something critical — a good school district for our three children. You see, although we were living on South Peck Drive, our block was in Los Angeles.

We called the BHUSD to inquire about permits, since we were living so close to the Beverly Hills city limits, and we thought it would be fantastic to be able to walk our kids down the street to the neighborhood school.

The BHUSD had different ideas. You see, we were told IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS that permits were on a yearly basis, based on "space available" and based on an annual lot-

tery to boot!

We don't consider ourselves to be particularly lucky, nor do we ascribe to the philosophy of entitlement. We surmised the chances of getting our three children into school each and every year based on the aforementioned parameters were quite unlikely, not to mention incredibly stressful. We were not willing to take the risk with our children's education. Thus, with regret and great trepidation, we sold our lovely home and moved to a much busier street in Beverly Hills. Along with the traffic came a much higher mortgage and property taxes and a much smaller yard. But alas, we would now be entitled to send our kids to the neighborhood school.

Years later, we are glad we made the move. Our kids have the good fortune of being able to walk to their neighborhood school and socialize with other local kids in the neighborhood. But all is not perfect. Our middle child is in a classroom located in a trailer far removed from the main school building. There are issues when it rains, and issues with an air-conditioning unit that has to be turned on so that the room doesn't get overheated. The noise from the air conditioning is so loud the teacher has to use a microphone or holler to be heard. The classroom is in this trailer due to overcrowding of the regular size classrooms.

We welcome basic aid and smaller size

classes. Every dollar that comes to our district through basic aid will be desperately needed to improve education on all levels for all residents. There is little to spare for "opportunity scholarships" during this time of fiscal transition. We support the current Board of Education in making very tough decisions about current "opportunity scholarships." We hope others not currently living in our city, but wishing to continue attending our schools, will come to the same conclusion we did and choose to move into Beverly Hills and then and only then be entitled to attend BHUSD.

Lyle and Pamela Kurtz
Beverly Hills

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Kara Yang once each in the opening 2:55 of the third quarter as the Normans increased their lead to 16-3. Arina Levina scored with 2:54 left in the six-minute quarter, giving Beverly Hills a 17-4 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Friedman scored twice in a 43-second span, increasing the Normans' lead to 19-5. Rezai, Salgado and Natasha Gerente scored for Beverly Hills in the final 1:58.

Norman junior Rebecca Yukelson opened the scoring 1:09 into the game. Pamela Minasian scored for Hoover 25 seconds later.

Beverly Hills goaltender Agnes Rapala made six saves.

Sherman Oaks Notre Dame 12,
Beverly Hills 7

The Normans allowed the game's first four goals and were only able to pull as close as two goals in a pool play game Dec. 11.

Salgado scored the first of her three goals 1:53 into the second quarter after Beverly Hills was outscored 4-0 in the first quarter. The Knights regained a four-goal lead as Flannery Dunn scored 35 seconds later. Goals by Salgado and Friedman in the final 1:44 of the half, sandwiched around Dunn's second goal, cut the Normans' deficit to 6-3 at halftime.

Friedman scored the second of her four goals 2:01 into the second half, as Beverly Hills pulled within two, 6-4. The Normans again trailed by two, 7-5, when Friedman scored with 1:56 left in the third

quarter.

The Knights scored the final goal of the third quarter and the first two of the fourth, increasing their lead to 10-5. Salgado and Friedman both scored once in the fourth quarter.

Rapala made two saves.

Glendale 9, Beverly Hills 7

The Normans allowed the tie-breaking goal with 3:00 to play and an insurance goal with 33 seconds left in a pool play game Dec. 12 that was tied seven times.

Salgado's fifth goal tied the score, 7-7, with 4:04 remaining. The Nitros got goals from Milene Minassians, her fourth of the game, to take the lead and Kristina Terzyan for the game's only two-goal lead.

The score was tied, 4-4, at halftime. Beverly Hills took a 5-4 lead 1:12 into the second half on Salgado's third goal. The Nitros re-tied the score 1:40 later on Anabel Beiki's goal. Salgado scored again with 3:03 left in the third quarter to give the Normans what would prove to be their final lead, 6-5.

Glendale tied the score 48 seconds later on Minassians' goal, and took a 7-6 lead on Arpineh Ohanian's goal with 35 seconds left in the third quarter.

Friedman opened the scoring 58 seconds into the game, but the Nitros led 2-1 at the end of the first quarter on goals by Terzyan and Minassians.

Friedman re-tied the score, 2-2, on a goal 26 seconds into the second quarter. Salgado's goal gave Beverly Hills a 3-2 lead 3:07 before halftime.

Minassians retied the score, 3-3, on a

goal with 2:39 left in the quarter, but the Normans regained the lead 18 seconds later on Salgado goal. The lead lasted until Ohanian scored the final goal of the half with 14 seconds remaining in the half.

Rapala made 10 saves.

El Segundo 8, Beverly Hills 7

The Normans took a 7-6 lead on Friedman's goal with 3:57 to play in the fourth quarter, but allowed Julianne Allison to score the tying goal with 1:19 left in regulation and Hallie Lindsey to score the winning goal in sudden-death overtime in a pool play game Dec. 12 that Beverly Hills was unable to hold a three-goal third-quarter lead.

Salgado scored twice in a 30-second span to give the Normans a 5-3 lead with 4:22 left in the third quarter. Beverly Hills increased its lead to 6-3 on Young In Lee's goal with 1:24 remaining in the quarter.

The Eagles began their comeback 13 seconds later on Colette Gulick's goal. Lindsey scored with 34 seconds left in the third quarter. Gulick tied the score, 6-6, on a goal with 4:11 to play in the fourth quarter.

The first half ended in a 3-3 tie, with Kelsa Middough scoring the tying goal for El Segundo 1:09 before halftime. The Normans had taken a 3-2 lead with 2:00 left in the second quarter on Friedman's goal.

Friedman opened the scoring 1:08 into the game with the first of her four goals. Gulick and Lindsey scored in the final 2:08 of the first quarter, giving the Eagles a 2-1 lead.

Beverly Hills re-tied the score on Friedman's goal with 2:37 left in the second quarter.

Rapala made 12 saves.

Beverly Hills 9, Burbank Burroughs 1

Friedman scored four goals and Salgado three in the seventh-place game of the 10-team tournament Dec. 12.

The Normans (6-5) scored the final six goals after Bianca Dekker scored for the Indians with 1:36 left in the first half, cutting Beverly Hills' lead to 3-1.

Friedman scored twice and Salgado once in the final 1:52 of the third quarter. Salgado scored twice in a 1:19 span of the fourth quarter, sandwiched around a goal by Yukelson.

The Normans led 2-0 at the end of the first quarter on goals by Friedman and Lee. Friedman's goal 42 seconds into the second quarter increased Beverly Hills' lead to 3-0.

Rapala made six saves.

The tournament was played at Burbank High School.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to participate in the Western Tournament beginning next Thursday.

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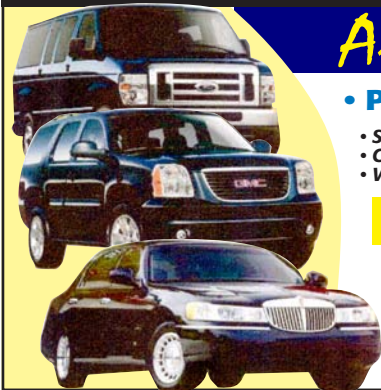
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business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09, 1/07/10- 1470

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091848024 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: OUT 10960 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1050 Los Angeles, CA Here Media Inc 10960 Wilshire Blvd., PH Los Angeles, CA 90024. The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Here Media Inc, CFO. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/07/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09, 1/07/10- 1471

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091848023 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: THE ADVOCATE 10960 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1050 Los Angeles, CA Here Media Inc 10960 Wilshire Blvd., PH Los Angeles, CA 90024. The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Here Media Inc, CFO. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/07/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09, 1/07/10- 1472

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091848027 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: REGENT MEDIA 10960 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1050 Los Angeles, CA Here Media Inc 10960 Wilshire Blvd., PH Los Angeles, CA 90024. The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Here Media Inc, CFO. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/07/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09, 1/07/10- 1473

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091838470 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SPIRIT COMPUTER REPAIR 3929 1st St. Ste. 1110 Los Angeles, CA 90063 JUAN RENE RAMIVIEZ 3929 1st St. Ste. 1110 Los Angeles, CA 90063; VERA IVONNE SAMANO 5813 Monte Vista St. Los

Angeles, CA 90042. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Juan Rene Ramirez, Owner. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/04/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09, 1/07/10- 1474

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 2009154570 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: COMPUTER NETWORKS LA P.O. Box 4885 Valley Village, CA 91617 MIKE GHOREISHI 11684 Ventura Blvd. #242 Studio City, CA 91604. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Mike Ghoreishi, Owner. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 10/09/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09, 1/07/10- 1475

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091705943 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ACE PRIORITY COURIERS 8306 Wilshire Blvd. #495 Beverly Hills, CA 90211 TREVOR GREENE 8306 Wilshire Blvd. #495 Beverly Hills, CA 90211. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Trevor Greene, President. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 11/12/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09, 1/07/10- 1476

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091315662 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: DR JEEB-FABRO ENTERTAINMENT; DEJEA MUSIC 5280 E Beverly Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90022 ELEMI JOHN E AGBOMI, MD 4143 Hillcrest Dr Los Angeles, CA 90008. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Elmi John E Agbomi, MD, Owner. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 8/26/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another

under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09, 1/07/10- 1477

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091831826 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: NEW DAY TALK RADIO; NDTR 1212 W. Gardena Blvd. #D Gardena, CA 90247 LYNETTE JONES 1212 W. Gardena Blvd. #D Gardena, CA 90247. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Lynette Jones, CEO. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/03/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09, 1/07/10- 1478

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 2009-1831826
Date: 12/03/09
Original File No. 2008-2025386
Date: 11/17/08
Name of Business: New Day Talk Radio
1743 Pine Street
Santa Monica, CA 90405
Registered Owners: Lynette Jones.
1212 W. Gardena Blvd. #D
Gardena, CA 90247
Felipe Borrero
1743 Pine St.
Santa Monica, CA 90405

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application: December 14, 2009
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are:
BETTER EATING CONCEPTS LLC
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverages Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 8000 W SUNSET BLVD STE 112 LOS ANGELES, CA 90046-2442
Type of license(s) Applied for:
41- ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091934202 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: EARTHGANIC 161 E. Jefferson Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90011 MIND CANDY, INC. 7162 Beverly Blvd. #318 Los Angeles, CA 90036. The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Mind Candy, Inc./ Odysseus Demetriadi, President. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/18/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091848026 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: HIV PLUS 10960 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1050 Los Angeles, CA Here Media Inc 10960 Wilshire Blvd., PH Los Angeles, CA 90024. The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Here Media Inc, CFO. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/07/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09, 1/07/10- 1469

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091848025 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ALYSON BOOKS 10960 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1050 Los Angeles, CA Here Media Inc 10960 Wilshire Blvd., PH Los Angeles, CA 90024. The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Here Media Inc, CFO. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/07/09. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091839767 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AUJA DESIGNS 5243 Yarmouth Ave #19 Encino CA 91316. SOGOL TEHRANIZADEH 5243 Yarmouth Ave #19 Encino CA 91316. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Sogol Tehranizadeh, owner. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/22/09. NOTICE – This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/31/09, 1/7/10, 1/14/10, 1/21/10– 1505

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091935966 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: OBED JEAN BAPTISTE PRODUCTION; OBED JEAN BAPTISTE PRODUCTIONS 7440 N. Sepulveda Blvd #208 Van Nuys CA 91405. OBED JEAN BAPTISTE 7440 N. Sepulveda Blvd #208 Van Nuys CA 91405. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Obed Jean Baptiste, owner. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/18/09. NOTICE – This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/31/09, 1/7/10, 1/14/10, 1/21/10– 1506

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091942041 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SS MAGR & MB & PC MAN 407 W. 7th Street Los Angeles, CA 93534. BESHOU KAMAL GERGES 1016 W. Ave J-14 Lancaster CA 93534. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Beshou Geroges, owner. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/18/09. NOTICE – This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/31/09, 1/7/10, 1/14/10, 1/21/10– 1507

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091942322 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: THE CIERRA SMOG 9609 San Pedro Los Angeles, CA 90003. COLETTE MCGRUDER 3722 Arlington Ave Los Angeles CA 90018. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Colette McGruder, owner. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/21/09. NOTICE – This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/31/09, 1/7/10, 1/14/10, 1/21/10– 1508

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091923338 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SECURITY CAMERA EXPERTS; HD SECURITY PROS 4804 Laurel Canyon Blvd Suite 540 Studio City CA 91607 LULL INVESTMENTS, INC. 4804 Laurel Canyon Blvd Suite 540 Studio City CA 91607. The business is conducted by: A COMPANY. Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. Signed: Rafael Saakian, president. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/22/09. NOTICE – This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/31/09, 1/7/10, 1/14/10, 1/21/10– 1509

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091924136 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ROXSPA AESTHETICS 465 N. Roxbury Dr Suite 1001 Beverly Hills CA 90210 ROXBURY SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, INC. 465 N. Roxbury Drive Suite 1001 Beverly Hills CA 90210. The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/09. Signed: Jay W. Calvert, president. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/17/09. NOTICE – This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/31/09, 1/7/10, 1/14/10, 1/21/10– 1510

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT: 20091924153 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ROX BARIATRIC CENTER 465 N. Roxbury Dr Suite 1001 Beverly Hills CA 90210 ROXBURY SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, INC. 465 N. Roxbury Drive Suite 1001 Beverly Hills CA 90210. The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/09. Signed: Jay W. Calvert, president. The Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 12/17/09. NOTICE – This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date

it was filed on, in the office of the county clerk a new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal state, or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 12/31/09, 1/7/10, 1/14/10, 1/21/10– 1511

FILE NO. 20091925027
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BAJA FRESH #089, 22815 VICTORY BLVD, #C, WEST HILLS, CA 91307 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: BAJA BEST INC., (CALIFORNIA), 12313 ARBOR HILL ST, MOORPARK, CA 93021. 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/ BAJA BEST INC., BY: GHODRATOLLAH SHAKIBAI, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/17/09 indicated by file stamp above.

NOTICE-THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
LA151590 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 12/24,31 2009 1/7,14 2010

FILE NO. 20091869397
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LARRY'S MARKET, 1315 BLAKE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031 (LOS ANGELES). The full name of registrant(s) is/are: YOUNG KEUN LEE, 1315 BLAKE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. This Business is being conducted by a/an: INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).
/s/ YOUNG KEUN LEE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/09/2009 indicated by file stamp above.

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LA151469 12/17,24,31 2009 1/7 2010 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: FORREST I. STICHMAN CASE NO. SP008027

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of FORREST I. STICHMAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOANN STICHMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOANN STICHMAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very impor-

tant actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 02/05/10 at 9:15AM in Dept. N located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner
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2029 CENTURY PARK EAST #2050
LOS ANGELES CA 90067
12/31, 1/7, 1/14/10

CNS-1764352#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: R. KEITH DESSER CASE NO. BP120229

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of R. KEITH DESSER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LINDA DESSER AND CYNTHIA DESSER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LINDA DESSER AND CYNTHIA DESSER 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. 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 in this court as follows: 01/28/10 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your

claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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WORKER'S COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD, State of California	
ANTONIA CUARA	CASE NUMBER LBO 0344378;LBO 0344777
vs	Applicant
VICTOR ANYAKWO dba THRIFTY WASH	Defendant
	ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION FOR ADJUDICATION AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL LAWSUIT
SPECIAL NOTICE OF LAWSUIT	
VICTOR ANYAKWO dba THRIFTY WASH; 4510 CENTURY BLVD., INGLEWOOD CA 90301 A lawsuit, the attached Application for Adjudication of Claim, has been filed with the Workers Compensation Appeals Board against you as the named defendant by the above-named applicant(s). 1) An Answer to the Application must be filed and served within six days of the service of the Application pursuant to Appeals Board rules; therefore, your written response must be filed with the Appeals Board promptly; a letter or phone call will not protect your interests. 2) You will be served with a Notice(s) of Hearing and must appear at all hearings or conferences. After such hearing, even absent your appearance, a decision may be made and an award of compensation benefits may issue against you. The award could result in the garnishment of your wages, taking of your money or property or other relief. 3) You must notify the Appeals Board of the proper address for the service of official and papers and notify the Appeals Board of any changes in that address.	
Name and Address of Appeals Board:	Worker's Compensation Appeals Board
300 Oceangate, Ste-200; Long Beach, CA 90802	
Address	City, State, ZIP Code
COMPLETED BY :	Applicant Attorney
DENNIS R. FUSI, ESQ.	310-530-1888
24328 S. VERMONT AVE. STE-301 ; HARBOR CITY, CA 90710	

WORKER'S COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD, State of California	
REYNALDO CANUL	CASE NUMBER ADJ2055640
vs	Applicant
KI SOO YANG dba GARDENA SEOUL BAKERY	Defendant
	ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION FOR ADJUDICATION AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL LAWSUIT
SPECIAL NOTICE OF LAWSUIT	
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