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New Turf, Same Problem

Even with the new field at the high school, Beverly Hills may still fall short on playing space.



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City Proposes Deal for Animal Hospital

This coming Tuesday, October 3, our City Council will be accelerating the eminent domain or "taking" of the property leased by the Amanda Foundation on Foothill Road in the Industrial Area. While our city officials and Mayor Webb have claimed that there is no plans as yet to re-develop our city's industrial zone, the reason for this fast track taking is because of Proposition 90, which is on the November ballot. Additionally, the council does have plans to redevelop our industrial area.

City Officials have been meeting with many developers, including

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Corrections, Issue #362

The cover story "The Battle on North Bedford Drive" incorrectly stated that a judge required an inventory of missing items from Marian Seabury's Estate. The judge has required an accounting.

Rudy Cole's column on page 8 incorrectly stated the number of years Jeff Hubbard served as Assistant Superintendent. It was two and a half years.

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BHUSD Names New Assistant Superintendent

Santa Monica High School Principal Comes to Beverly Hills.

By Shanna Green

Former Santa Monica High School Principal Dr. Ilene Straus has been chosen as the new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for the Beverly Hills Unified School District. The announcement was made at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night.

Straus will be working with new Superintendent Kari McVeigh replacing Interim Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Richard Malfatti and Interim Superintendent John Fitzpatrick, whose last days in their respective positions are Friday.

Straus has spent the last 20 years at the Santa Monica-Malibu School District and the last four and a half years working as the principal of Santa Monica High.

From 1986 to 2002, Straus was the Principal of Lincoln Middle School in Santa Monica, and before becoming principal of the high school, Strauss was next in line to become the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. When the District decided they did not have any satisfactory applicants for the principal position, Straus was approached and accepted the job.

During her time in Santa Monica, Straus faced controversy over both increasing racial tensions in the school district and the restructuring of the campus.

When Straus took the job as principal, then Superintendent Dr. John Deasy had secured almost \$500,000 in grant funding to break up the high school into smaller learning communities or "houses," which would each have their own principal.

Deasy put Straus in charge on this task, which had the goal of creating smaller working classrooms where students could receive more personal attention and have a better learning experience as well as a more direct interaction with their teachers.

Much of the criticism also came from what some parents and community members called inadequate response by Straus and the District Superintendent Deasy as a result of growing racial tensions at the high school, including a graffiti incident.

On April 15, 2005, the high school was put on a lock down as a result of several fights at lunchtime between African-American and Latino students. The police were called, and as a result, became a permanent fixture on campus.

Then, on February 3, 2006, tensions flared once again when students arrived at campus to find derogatory and racially centered graffiti on buildings. The school set up a mediation session, where eventually, another fight between an African-American and Latino stu-

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NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCY

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NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCY:

SOLICITATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Beverly Hills City Council is seeking qualified residents to fill two vacancies on the Solicitations Advisory Commission. The initial term of office for the position is two years. At the discretion of the City Council, the Commissioner may be reappointed to a second term of four years. The appointees will be required to file an Initial and an annual "Statement of Economic Interests" financial disclosure.

In order that we may preserve the integrity of the application and interview process, please direct all inquiries to the City Clerk, City Manager or the Chief of Police. Please DO NOT contact the City Councilmembers or the members of the Solicitations Advisory Commission regarding the vacancy.

Application forms for the Solicitations Advisory Commission, along with a description of the duties of a Commissioner, and filing details are available for pickup in the City Clerk's Office, Room 190, 455 N. Rexford Drive, or call 310.285.2400 to receive an application and information by mail or by email.

The deadline for filing applications has been extended to Friday, October 27, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

BYRON POPE, CMC
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NOTICE OF VACANCY: METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIRECTOR

The Beverly Hills City Council is seeking qualified residents to fill the upcoming Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Director vacancy. The initial term of office is four years. At the discretion of the City Council, the Director may be reappointed to a second term of four years. The appointee will be required to file an Initial and an annual "Statement of Economic Interests" financial disclosure.

In order that we may preserve the integrity of the application and interview process, please direct all inquiries to the City Clerk, City Manager or the Director of Public Works. Please DO NOT contact the City Councilmembers or the members of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors regarding the vacancy.

Application forms for the Metropolitan District of Southern California Director vacancy, along with a description of the duties, and filing details are available for pickup in the City Clerk's Office, Room 190, 455 N. Rexford Drive, or call 310.285.2400 to receive an application and information by mail or by email.

The deadline for filing applications is Friday, October 27, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

BYRON POPE
City Clerk



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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DATE: October 12, 2006

TIME: 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: Commission Meeting Room A
Beverly Hills City Hall
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2006, will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider:

A request for a Zone Change and Conditional Use Permit to allow the creation of a Commercial Hotel Overlay Zone for the property located at 133 Spalding Drive. The overlay zone will allow a four-story, four-unit condominium building currently under construction in an R-4 Multi-Residential Zone at the subject location to be used as a hotel in conjunction with the existing Mosalec Hotel located adjacent to the north of the subject property at 125 Spalding Drive in the C-3 Commercial Zone.

The creation of the overlay zone will allow a limited number of R-4 multi-residential sites to accommodate hotel uses subject to certain development standards and limited lengths of time set at the Planning Commission's discretion.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City, and no significant environmental impacts are anticipated; therefore, a Negative Declaration has been prepared.

Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the Commission. Comments on the proposed Negative Declaration may be submitted in writing to the Planning Department within 20 days from the date of this notice and written or oral comments will be accepted at the Planning Commission meeting at the date and time noted above.

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

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Planning Department at 310.285.1123. Copies of the applications, plans, Negative Declaration, and all documents referenced in the Negative Declaration are on file in the Planning Department, and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Room G-40, Beverly Hills, CA. 90210.

Tony Kim
Associate Planner

dent broke out, where both students were suspended.

On behalf of the African American student, one of the parents appealed the suspension, saying that he had acted in self-defense. The appeal eventually came before Straus and the suspension was lifted.

Still, at a meeting one week after the graffiti incident, members of the high schools African American Parent Student Staff Support Group unanimously passed a resolution which stated "We request the termination of employment of Dr. Ilene Straus CEO/Principal of Samohi and that she not remain in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District because she is a clear and present danger to our children."

Then at a school board meeting in May, roughly 300 people showed up both in protest and support for the "houses" and the handling of the graffiti incident. Many of them were students who had been offered extra credit by one of their teachers in they attended the meeting. The meeting was held in City Hall, but the crowd was too much for the City Council's Chambers and when the overflow refused to leave, the Fire Marshall shut the entire meeting down.

Despite the criticisms, in July, the Santa Monica School Board appointed Straus the Senior Director of Secondary Education where her tasks included evaluating the performance of secondary teachers, analyzing current curriculum and how it is taught, and coming up with ways to bridge the achievement gap of students of color.

Straus's appointment was again challenged

by some African-American and Latino parents who cited the incidents earlier in the year, but the School Board continued to support her.

Straus has been replaced as principal by Dr. Hugo Pedroza who comes from the predominately inner city Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles. Pedroza also has experience working in what his district termed Small School Learning Communities, similar to Santa Monica's "houses."

Santa Monica also has a new District Superintendent. In July, Dianne Talarico was named superintendent for Santa Monica-Malibu. Talarico previously was a superintendent in her hometown of Canton, Ohio, and before that had worked in San Francisco for 20 years, the last few as assistant Superintendent.

Before working for Santa Monica, Straus was an elementary school principal in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District.

Straus received her B.A. in Sociology from UCLA, her M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision from CSU Northridge, and her Ed. D in Educational Leadership from USC.

Straus has received many top honors including California's Secondary Principal of the Year in 1991, Distinguished School Principal; in both 1994 and 1999, and was named Santa Monica YWCA Woman of the Year in 1996.

Straus grew up in Beverlywood and still has family in the area, including her parents who live nearby, her fiancé Tom Quinn and her sister Dr. Andie Kay who also happens to be a new music teacher at El Rodeo this year.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I represent a 16 year old minor, the housekeeper's daughter at the former Jose Iturbi/Marion Seabury estate located at 915 N. Bedford Drive in Beverly Hills. Jose Iturbi died in 1980. Marion Seabury died in January without having any known relatives.

If anyone knew Jose Iturbi or Marion Seabury, or has knowledge of their valuable assets, most of which have been removed from the home, please call me to discuss this estate and their personal property.

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people & profiles

Katie Lichtig

Deputy City Manager

After moving from Malibu City Manager to Beverly Hills Deputy City Manager, Katie Lichtig spoke with the Weekly about her work for the city and the differences between Malibu and Beverly.

You've been here for almost a year now. How do you like Beverly Hills?

Beverly Hills the city and community have been a great experience for me. People have welcomed me warmly both on the staff and in the community and so it's been a great eight months.

Why did you come to Beverly Hills?

I was interested in returning to a full service city [with its] own police and fire departments. I also fit the profile.

Prior to Beverly Hills, you were city manager in Malibu. How does Beverly Hills differ from your experience in Malibu?

Beverly Hills is a much more sophisticated and complicated organization just in its size and its budget. Beverly Hills has about 1,000 full-time and part-time employees. Malibu has about 60. Malibu had a budget when I left of about \$15 million a year. Beverly Hills has a budget of about \$437 million. Beverly Hills is a full service city, that means it has its own police and fire department. Malibu contracted with Los Angeles County to provide law enforcement services from the sheriff's department and fire services from L.A. county fire department. So the size, scope and scale of Beverly Hills is much larger than Malibu.

Since Malibu is a contract city, what are some of the advantages and disadvantages of contracting out as opposed to having your own services in the city?

Some of the advantages of being a contract city are that you can have access to the resources of the entire [L.A. County] fire department or sheriff's department through the channels within those organizations as opposed to asking for mutual aid which the city of Beverly Hills would need to do, so there's a lot of resources available to deal

with disasters and other emergencies that might exist. The disadvantage is that there's not quite as much direct community contact with a contract service as there would be with an in-house service like the police department or the fire department. The members of the staff in the city of Beverly Hills have been here a very long time which is a great asset to the community.

Tell us about what your job actually entails. Can you give us an example of an average day?

The beauty of my job is that there is no such thing as an average day that replicates itself over and over again. It's very diverse and varied in terms of day to day. I'm the chief operating officer for the city, so my objective is to ensure that the departments are operating in collaboration with the department heads and all of the staff as efficiently and effectively as we possibly can. When we find areas where we need to be focused on improving those particular services, I'm helping to facilitate those changes and acting as a change agent within the organization to help ensure that the community is receiving the absolute best possible service at the absolute best possible cost that we can provide.

How do you interact with the City Council?

My responsibility with the city council is as a second chair to [City Manager] Rod Wood. I am the liaison on a couple of the subcommittees. I'm helping to move some security and technology efforts forward and so I'm interacting with councilmembers in that regard. I also deal with all of the concerns and inquiries and complaints that they get from the community. I'm involved in monitoring that we're being responsive to their inquiries to the city about services that we're providing.

interest, for seizing this land. **Betty Harris**
Beverly Hills

The Battle on North Bedford Drive
There was an error in last week's cover story about the Marion Seabury/Jose Iturbi home on N. Bedford. Donelle Dadian's attorney stated that the maid is getting \$200,000 from the Marion Seabury Trust. This is absolutely untrue!

There should be no "taking" of the Amanda Foundation's property until there are full hearings to determine the need. To date, the city has said they need the land for improved circulation. But, this writer believes that this is just an excuse. We really don't know a valid reason, in the public



What are some of the issues that are coming up right now?

We [have] a General Plan update. We've got more development applications in process than the city has apparently had in a very long time. We are working to try to process those in a timely and efficient manner that engenders the community input that's necessary. We also have the appropriate amount and scale of information that they need to make those decisions. The city is undertaking an evaluation of the Public Works and Transportation Department to determine the efficient way of operating. We are really trying to move to a program based budget so that the council and the public know what they're getting for their tax dollars and that gives us an opportunity to ensure that it's the most efficient operations that we have. And of course our economic development effort as it relates to how to continue to be able to afford to provide the exceptional level of customer service and quality of life services that we provide can be maintained.

Tell us about your management style compared to Rod Wood's.

My responsibilities are the details; the day to day operational details. While Rod is from a management perspective, looking at the big picture, I'm looking at the more focused picture in terms of what services are we providing, and how are we providing them. How do we ensure that we're communicating the services and the policy issues that are being provided in the best way possible? Rod is really interacting on a day in and day out basis with the community and the council and those outside of the

organization, where my focus and management style is more directed towards the internal of the organization.

What goals do you have for the city for this next year?

I think that the council has given us a charge with making sure that we're focused on providing exceptional customer service in every aspect of the city's operation. It's really one of my goals to make sure that [I am] learning about all the services that the city does provide and being a facilitator for the department to make changes that are necessary to make sure that we're providing the highest quality of customer service that we possibly can.

A lot has been written recently about the granite sidewalk project. Why do you feel it is important for the city to pursue this?

It's a policy decision for the council to make. We need to make ourselves the elite of the elite and if that's the path that the council feels will get us there then I'm here to support them and to implement the policy decision that they're endorsing.

What do you like most about working in city government?

I love the fact that what we do on a day-to-day basis means something to thousands of people who live here, work here and recreate here. It's just so fabulous to be in a place where you can provide service and it makes a difference. It's pretty spectacular. I worked for the federal government early on in my career. I actually started [in a] competitive federal government management intern program. I spent two years with the Department of Treasury [and] seven years working as a specialist [in] white collar crimes. The distinction between working in a local government and working at a higher level in government is really quite astonishing in terms of knowing that day in and day out, we're making a difference in people's lives. I'm not in the world of a police officer or a firefighter where they're tangibly protecting the public's health and safety. In my world, I'm an administrator and I'm a management leader, still I get that thrill from being able to provide that level of service and make a difference every day.

Interview by Heather Hampton.

Bedford estate forever, the housekeeper will soon be unemployed and homeless, all thanks to the actions of a Seabury non relative, Donelle Dadian.

The truth is that the housekeeper and her daughter will only receive "interest" on \$200,000, which might be a total of \$850 monthly. I suggest that Ms. Dadian try living on about \$850 monthly. \$850 might just pay for the gas and insurance for Ms. Dadian's new Bentley.

Larry Larson
Beverly Hills

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friends of council members, who are interested in building high-rise housing and other things, such as hotels on the city's industrial area land. The development of the Beverly Hills Sports Center has been put on the back burner because of controversy, costs and the up-coming March election. Mayor Webb is running for reelection, so nothing will be resolved until after the election.

If Proposition 90 passes in November, our city will be more limited with their eminent domain powers. Normally, emi-

briefs

August 2006 Home Prices in the 90210 Up; Condominium Prices in the 90212 Down

Sale prices for single-family residences increased in the 90210 on eight homes by 4.6%, and decreased on one home in the 90212 by 9.5% according to a report published by Data Quick Real Estate News (www.dqnews.com).

Condominium prices in the 90210 decreased on one condo by 49.8%, decreased in the 90211 on two condos by 1.7%, and decreased in the 90212 on four condos by 10.9%.

The median price for single-family residences in the 90210 zip code is \$2,343,000, in the 90211 \$1,463,000, and in the 90212 \$2,049,000.

The median price for condominiums in the 90210 zip code is \$630,000, in the 90211 \$766,000, and in the 90212 \$775,000.

In Los Angeles County as a whole, sales of single-family residences are up 4.4% to a median price of \$548,000, and condominium prices are up 1.7% to a median price of \$410,000 since August 2005.



Beverly Hills firefighters investigate a ruptured gas line in the alley between the 400 South blocks of Camden and Peck Drives.

Evacuation on Camden and Peck Drives

Residents of the 400 blocks of South Camden and Peck Drives had to temporarily evacuate due to a ruptured gas line on Monday afternoon. Janet Roston, of Camden Drive, said she heard a hissing sound coming from the alley behind her home and then smelled the odor of gas. She then called both the Beverly Hills Fire Department and the Southern California Gas Company. The fire department found that a meter behind a Peck Drive home had been struck by a vehicle, causing the line below the pavement to rupture. The meter had been covered with a cardboard box.

Traffic control officers closed both streets to incoming cars and the firefighters went door to door to warn people. As a precaution, they also had three fire trucks and two paramedic units stationed close by. The Gas Company brought in a special truck with the necessary digging equipment and repaired the line.

D.A.R.E. Class Graduates

Twenty-eight law enforcement professionals from the Western Region of the United States graduated from a Dare Instructor School put on by the Beverly Hills Police Department on Friday Sept. 22.

Last year, the Beverly Hills Police Department was designated by D.A.R.E. America as the State Training Center for D.A.R.E. Beverly Hills D.A.R.E./S.R.O. (School Resource) officers now have the responsibility of training and certifying every new D.A.R.E. officer in the State of California.

This graduation marked the final day of an 80-hour (two-week) training class which certified police officers to teach the D.A.R.E. curriculum in schools and communities. Mayor Steve Webb was one of the speakers at the ceremony, along with other D.A.R.E. officials.

This is the fourth class that the Beverly Hills Police Department has conducted as a training center. Thus far, over 85 new D.A.R.E. officers have been certified. Beverly Hills also lends its training services to other states when training in their state is not available.

The newly trained officers will now take what they have learned in Beverly Hills back to their own communities to further the fight against substance abuse.

Wine Tasting Every Friday at Two Rodeo

Every Friday evening during September and October the LearnAboutWine twilight tasting series at Two Rodeo will be going on. Located on the cobblestone Via of Two Rodeo, loyal wine enthusiasts and newcomers will have the opportunity to taste wines from various regions around the world.

For \$50 a tasting, attendees will sip exquisite wines, listen to live music and sample light appetizers from Two Rodeo's McCormick & Schmick's and 208 Rodeo. Reservations can be made at www.LearnAboutWine.com.

Class of 1956 Alumnus Makes Donation to Beverly High

At the Beverly Hills High School class of 1956's 50th reunion at Paramount Studios Saturday, Sept. 16, former student body president Shep Cutler and his wife Joni made a donation in order to name the oak tree and seating area in the courtyard of the new Science and Technology Center in honor of the Class of 1956.

The donation will help to fund the interior needs of the award winning designed Science and Technology Center at the high school.

After graduating from Beverly High in 1956, Shep Cutler moved to South



BHEF President Deborah Hankin presents the Shep Cutler with a BHEF Apple Plaque and a schematic of the proposed Science and Technology Courtyard at Beverly High.

Carolina, but said he returns often to visit his hometown as well as many longtime friends.

"Beverly Hills High School has always been a great part of my life and although I've been away for so long, it was very important to make a contribution," Cutler said. "My wife and I are so very proud to be a part of the new generation and to make this gift for the Science and Technology Center."

For information on contributions or naming opportunities, please call (310) 557-0651.

Blindsided Premieres at the La Femme Film Festival

The award-winning documentary film *Blindsided* will be making its West Coast Premiere at this year's La Femme Film Festival, October 6 at the Fine Arts Theatre at 8556 Wilshire Blvd. The film is the story about 13-year-old, Jared Hara, who slowly loses his eyesight due to a rare hereditary disease, and the journey he and his family endure from loss to acceptance.

Director Talia Osteen first heard about La Femme Film Festival while finishing her final year at USC Film School. This will be her directorial debut.

Blindsided will be presented at 10:00am, at the Fine Arts Theatre, immediately following the short documentary film, *Look us in the Eye*.

For more information on *Blindsided* and to view the trailer, visit the website at www.blindsidedthemovie.com.



John Quinn

Beverly Hills Resident Named "Top 100" Lawyer

Longtime Beverly Hills resident John "Jack" Quinn was named by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as one of "Top 100" most influential lawyers in

California in the Sept. 21 issue. Quinn, who has received this award before, is a

partner at Arnold & Porter LLP. Quinn is a graduate of the University of Southern California Law School and a former President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Salvatore Ferragamo To Be Honored at Rodeo Drive Walk Of Style

Actresses Anjelica Huston and Eva Mendes have been announced as presenters, along with a musical performance by Kanye West, for the fifth Rodeo Drive Walk of Style Awards ceremony in Beverly Hills on Sunday, Oct. 8.

The Rodeo Drive Walk of Style Award, inaugurated in 2003 by the City of Beverly Hills and the Rodeo Drive Committee, honors style legends for their contributions to the worlds of fashion and entertainment. This ceremony will be honoring designer Salvatore Ferragamo. Members of the Ferragamo family will be present to accept the award on behalf of the house of Ferragamo, and as with the previous honorees, Ferragamo will be honored with a permanent plaque in the sidewalk along the world-renowned street, featuring his quote and signature.

Salvatore Ferragamo will be the eighth recipient of this award. Past recipients include Giorgio Armani (2003); Tom Ford (2004); joint honorees Herb Ritts and Mario Testino (2005); and Edith Head, James Acheson and Milena Canonero (2006).

Maple Counseling Center Presents Parent Lecture Series

The maple counseling center will present a parenting lecture: "Educational Philosophies: Different Approaches in Working with Young Children" on Monday, October 9 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. at The Peninsula Hotel, located at 9882 Little Santa Monica Boulevard.

The Lecture is part of a series that will help parents understand and positively impact their children's mental and emotional development by focusing on exciting new scientific discoveries and clinical experiences involving child development.

It will be a panel presentation with Carol Bovill of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Patty Britton of Turning Point and Rita



At a recent ceremony in Beverly Hills, Lucie Fattal, Owner and Chairman of the esteemed Beverly Hills agency, Westside Travel, was awarded the Gold Medal of the French Tourism Ministry in recognition of her contributions to the French luxury tourist industry. This prestigious award, initiated in 1989, is granted to those people having highly contributed to the promotion of tourism in France. Mr. Philippe Larrieu, Monsieur le Consul General de France, presented Mrs. Fattal, with the Gold Medal.

Cornyn of Sunshine Preschool.

The cost is \$45 per person. Call (310) 271-9999 x1811 to RSVP and pay with credit card, or mail checks to The Maple Counseling Center, 9107 Wilshire Blvd., LL, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Please reserve early; space is limited. RSVP and payment are required prior to event. Hotel parking is \$5; street parking is available.

Please be advised that the September Lecture entitled "Can We All Just Get Along: Developing Your Child's Problem-Solving Abilities" has been cancelled. For information about this or other Parenting Lectures, please visit www.tmc.org or call (310) 271-9999 x1811.

Los Angeles Public Library's Friends of the Robertson Library to Hold Two Book Sales in October

Friends of the Robertson Library are holding two book sales on Thursday, Oct. 12 from 12 to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fiction and nonfiction paperbacks and hardbacks, videos and children's books will be sold for low prices.

Donations of good-quality books, DVDs and videos are requested.

Friends of Robertson Library is located at 1719 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles.

For more information or to make donations, call (310) 840-2147.

Beverly Hills Concert Series Opens 13th Season with New Name: Concertos Pomeridiano

The Beverly Hills' Community Services Department will present the 2006-07 season with internationally and nationally acclaimed artists under its new program Concertos Pomeridiano.

The afternoon concerts, which begin at 2 p.m. on Sundays, are under the direction of violinist and Director of Young Artists International, Laura Schmieder.

Upcoming concerts include the Janaki String Trio on Oct. 20, Paris Duo: Cadim Tchijik, violinist and David Bismuth, pianist, on Nov. 19, and a Holiday Special Concert and cocktail reception for current and future patrons of the Concert Series on Dec. 2.

Concertos Pomeridiano is presented in the Beverly Hills Public Library at 444 N. Rexford Dr., from September to November 2007 and at Greystone Mansion at 905 Loma Vista Dr. from January to May 2007.

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Larry King To Present at 2006 Crystal Ball

The Maple Counseling center will honor Wendy and Dr. Asher Kelman, Linell and Attorney Robert Shapiro and actor Edward James Olmos at the annual Crystal Ball, October 25, 2006 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The Gala, chaired by Sharona R. Nazarian, Psy.D., will feature entertainment and a silent auction.

Philanthropists Wendy and Dr. Asher Kelman will be honored with the Award for Community Spirit for their dedication to a host of causes in Los Angeles. As a former radiation oncologist, Dr. Asher Kelman was known for treating his patients with compassion and understanding when facing a diagnosis of cancer. He dedicated himself to patients' needs, mak-

ing himself available at all times to help them cope. A former psychiatric social worker, Wendy single-handedly aided hundreds of men and women suffering from HIV/AIDS as an emotional support group facilitator in Los Angeles. Sharing their time, resources and talent with organizations such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, LACMA, MOCA, The Colburn School of Performing Arts, Beverly Hills Education Foundation, Friends of the Beverly Hills Library and LA Shanti, the Kelmans have proven themselves an invaluable asset to the Los Angeles philanthropic community.

Attorney Robert Shapiro is known internationally for his many professional accomplishments as a partner at Christensen, Glaser, Fink, Jacobs, Weil & Shapiro, LLP. His legal expertise is sought for network and cable television commentary and he was recently lauded as one of the nation's most prominent attorneys by the New York Times. He and his wife Linell created the Brent Shapiro Foundation for Drug Awareness as a tribute to their son to help families in the struggle with drug and alcohol dependence by raising awareness through education and support. Larry King will present the Shapiros with the Award for Enlightenment for their tireless efforts to bring aid to families struggling with substance abuse.

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sports & scores



Football Normans Seek To Corral Mustangs

BHHS girls' tennis team defeats Palisades, Malibu
By Steven Herbert

Beverly High will try to end its five-game losing streak to Manhattan Beach Mira Costa Friday night when it faces the Mustangs in a nonleague football game at Mira Costa beginning at 7 p.m.

Mira Costa (2-1) was ranked sixth in the Southern Section Western Conference poll released Monday, one spot behind the Normans (3-0).

"Obviously, it will be a challenging game," said Beverly Hills coach Carter Paysinger, whose team will be trying to start its season 4-0 for the first time since 1996, when it won its first 11 games before having its season ended with a loss in a quarterfinal playoff game. "We want to have a solid performance [and] find out where we are in our division. This game is more of a measuring stick than anything

else."

Paysinger said one of his goals for the game is to avoid a typical slow start following a bye week. The Normans haven't played since their 31-20 victory in an inter-sectional game at Marshfield, Mass. Sept. 16.

"Just getting caught up with the speed of the game and how physical the game is going to be is going to take us a couple of minutes for us to get readapted to that," Paysinger said. "Those are things that are real tough to simulate at the high school level."

The Mustangs won five consecutive games over Beverly Hills from 1999-2003, including a 49-9 victory in 2002, the Normans' most one-sided loss since Paysinger became coach in 1990.

However, Beverly Hills wasn't alone in its futility against Mira Costa in the early 21st century. The Mustangs' 24-10 2003 victory of the Normans in their most recent meeting was their 22nd straight in Bay League play.

Girls' Tennis Bay Area Classic Beverly Hills 10, Palisades 8

Singles players Amanda Ellis and Marie Zalameda each won two sets for the Normans as did the Berri Meyers-Molly Werner and Alana Johnson-Johanna Yadegar doubles teams in a pool play match Sept. 13 at the Rivera Country Club.

The Julie Housman-Sunia J-Riggins doubles team was a 6-4 winner in the first round, helping Beverly Hills to a 4-2 lead.

Singles player Zarina Pisnoy was a 6-2 winner in a second-round set as the Normans increased their advantage to 8-4.

Beverly Hills 14, Malibu 4

The Housman-Johnson doubles team won all three of its sets and Sunia J-Riggins teamed with her twin sister Akasia J-Riggins to win both of their doubles sets before being replaced by substitutes in a pool play match Sept. 14 at Beverly Hills.

Ellis won her final two sets 6-0, 7-6 (4) after a 6-3 first-round loss. Zalameda and Meyers each also won two of their three singles sets.

The Werner-Yadegar doubles team won its final two sets, 6-1, 6-1, after a 6-3 first-

round loss.

The Riggins twins were 6-4 and 7-6 (5) winners. Kelly Brien and Daisy Delmar teamed for a 6-1 victory in their only set.

Manhattan Beach Mira Costa 13, Beverly Hills 5

The Pisnoy-Werner doubles team won two sets in a pool play match at Mira Costa Sept. 18.

The Johnson-Yadegar and Sunia J-Riggins-Housman doubles teams each won one set.

Zalameda's 6-4 first-round victory was the lone triumph in singles for the Normans (2-1).

The Mustangs were ranked 10th in the Division I poll released Monday, Beverly Hills fourth in Division II.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play at Santa Monica Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in their Ocean League opener.

Girls' Volleyball

Los Angeles Windward def. Beverly Hills, 25-21, 19-25, 26-24, 19-25, 15-9

The Normans' 53 unforced errors, including 24 on serves, led to the loss in the season-opening nonleague match Sept. 8 at Windward, Beverly Hills coach Marla Weiss said.

"We had a bigger offense than they did, but it didn't matter if we couldn't pass the ball or serve the ball over the net," Weiss said.

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The Normans led 24-22 in the third game, but the Wildcats scored the final four points for the victory.

Deborah Frantz had 16 kills and seven digs, Bettina Shore eight blocks, Netta Rotstein seven kills and seven blocks and Rebecca Rosen 15 digs for Beverly Hills.

Barnstable (Mass.) def. Beverly Hills, 25-11, 25-9, 25-12

The Normans lost in an intersectional match Sept. 16 at Marshfield (Mass.) High School which Weiss called "extremely disappointing" as a coach.

"The players as a team did not step up to the challenge," Weiss said. "They were lethargic. They were unmotivated. They were frustrated. They were simply flat. Why? If I had that answer, we would have won the last two games."

Weiss said she "could give you a lot of possible explanations, but I don't think any of them are real reasons," including a lack of sleep connected with the team's visits to Providence College and Amherst, and the humidity in the gym.

"We never got our groove," Weiss said. "We were never in the match. We had moments of solid volleyball play, but we just never got into a rhythm."

No statistics were available for the match. When asked if anyone played well for her team, Weiss said no.

The victory was the 76th in a row for the Red Raiders, who won state championships in 2004 and 2005.

Beverly Hills def. Marshfield (Mass.),

27-25, 25-17, 25-13

The Normans salvaged a split of their East Coast trip with a victory in an intersectional match Sept. 16 at Marshfield (Mass.) High School.

"I don't think we played a whole lot better," Weiss said. "We played a little bit more spirited, but I don't think the volleyball was so much stronger."

No statistics were available for the match. When asked if anyone played well for her team, Weiss said no.

Santa Fe Springs Santa Fe def. Beverly Hills, 22-25, 27-25, 25-21, 27-25

Frantz had 11 kills, including six in Game Four, 14 digs and four blocks in a nonleague match at Santa Fe last Thursday.

"We had moments of more solid volleyball," Weiss said. "We turned it on late in the fourth game, a little bit too much too late. We're struggling with unforced errors all the way in every aspect of the game as well as missed serves."

Rosen had 11 digs and Hannah Abrams six blocks for the Normans (5-4).

Nicole Winegred, who had been a reserve defensive specialist, replaced Natalie Vachalek as a starting outside hitter and "did a very nice job."

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Palos Verdes today in a nonleague match and Hawthorne Tuesday in an Ocean League match. Both matches are set

to begin at 3:15 p.m. at the Swim-Gym.

Girls' Cross Country

Heather Smith has been named coach of the Beverly Hills High School girls' and boys' teams after serving as an assistant since the 2005 season, succeeding Dan Tirozzi who resigned to become a physical education teacher at Vasquez High School in Acton, Beverly Hills athletic director Carter Paysinger said.

Tirozzi will serve as a volunteer assistant at the team's meets, Paysinger said.

Santa Monica 33, Beverly Hills 36, Culver City 70

The Normans got second- and third-place finishers from Valerie Wirtschafter and Sarah Jabari, but the Vikings' stronger performances from their fourth and fifth runners gave them the victory in an Ocean League meet at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area last Thursday.

Beverly Hills got a sixth-place finish in the team scoring from its third finisher, Nicole Ozeran, but its fourth and fifth finishers, Sammi Pop and Brittney Chait, were 12th and 13th in the team scoring.

Santa Monica got an eighth-place finish from its fourth finisher, Helen Yu, and a ninth-place finish from Maki Nakamura, its fifth finisher.

Anniya Louis of Culver City was the individual winner, complete the 3-mile course in 20 minutes, 47.89 seconds. Wirtschafter was second in 21:11.06 and Jabari third in 21:18.19.

Boys' Cross Country
Santa Monica 22, Beverly Hills 35, Culver City 88, Inglewood Morningside 115

Beverly Hills junior Jon Simmons was the individual winner in an Ocean League meet at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area last Thursday, but the Vikings' second, third and fourth-place finishes helped them to the team victory.

Simmons completed the 3-mile course in 17:05.33, 29.81 ahead of Jordan Keslow of Santa Monica, who finished second.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to compete in the Dana Hills Invitational Saturday.

Girls' Golf

North Torrance 225, Beverly Hills 251

Clair Choo shot a team low eight-over par 43 for the Normans in a nonleague match at Rancho Park Golf Course Sept. 12.

Torrance 197, Beverly Hills 247

Choo shot a team low seven-over par 42 in an Ocean League match at Rancho Park Golf Course Sept. 19.

Torrance 207, Beverly Hills 251

Choo shot a team low seven-over par 43 in an Ocean League match at Los Verdes Golf Course in Rancho Palos Verdes last Thursday.

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Politics and Hotels

Phil's Timing Off, Hotels Are Upgrading
By Rudy Cole

Talk about bad luck and poor timing. The Democratic nominee for governor **Phil Angelides** has preempted ownership of both. Almost, but not quite, equaling governor **Gray Davis'** move to raise the automobile license fees weeks before the recall election.

First, Angelides unleashes some campaign TV spots spoofing Arnold for being an actor. The news that week? Actors launch major campaign to fight poverty and world hunger. A month later, Phil's spots attack the governor for creating a State fiscal crisis. As those air, the Democratic controlled legislature comes to an historic agreement with the governor on the budget.

Now, the latest: The Democratic contender decides that he will demolish Schwarzeneger by replaying his Republican national convention speech lauding President George W. Bush, hoping to mine votes on the anti-Iraq war mood in California. That same day, polls show a big up tick in the president's ratings and gas prices drop.

What next? Maybe Phil can trash the Governor's environmental record while Arnold has a photo op joining the Sierra Club.

Although Democratic leaders in the legislature are taking turns smothering the Schwarzeneger with adoration and love for his "new spirit of cooperation" none of which is helping their own candidate for governor, they seem to have forgiven and forgotten Arnold's ill fated move to pass ballot measures that could have reduced their role in government. If fact, Arnold once even threatened to introduce a state constitutional amendment which would have made the legislature a part-time body.

This may all be brilliant politicking, but can the Democrats really expect it to continue if the governor wins in a land slide, as expected. Or will the Right Wingers on his team come back to capture his right ear? Clearly, Arnold has turned to his more moderate advisors, signed bills that place him more in the middle on issues and tempered his rhetoric. In his first months, the governor seemed to feel that fiscal

responsibility meant taking benefits away from nurses, cops and fire fighters. Which Arnold will emerge in his final term? His new buddies in the Democratic legislature may be groping for answers - cheap shot intended.

Speaking of campaigns, the November election will provide an interesting test on whether name recognition is more important than attack ads. The Republican nominee for Attorney General, an obscure legislator from the San Joaquin Valley, has filled the airwaves with a blistering series of ads labeling his opponent, former Governor **Jerry Brown**, as being an extreme liberal on law and order issues. Although Brown has some impressive endorsements from police groups, the ads are doing damage, how much is hard to evaluate. The Republican candidate isn't exactly mainstream, he has a long record of far right opinions, including some on abortion, that should not sit well in California. Brown would have been far more vulnerable had the state GOP fielded a more moderate leader for the top law enforcement job.

Back to Beverly Hills. Received an interesting press release from the Regent Beverly Wilshire. The hotel has gone back to its historic name, dropping Regent from the marquee.

Although it is not exactly news, the hotel is operating under the Four Seasons flag. An interesting historical foot note. It wasn't that long ago that the Beverly Wilshire, then under

the ownership of the legendary **Hernando Courtright**, funded the campaign to prevent the Four Seasons from building a hotel just across the street on property now housing the Two Rodeo complex. The Four Seasons lost, badly, and so built just outside our borders on Doheny. The decision to stop the Four Seasons was made by referendum, one initiated by the Four Seasons.

Hernando and his very able hotel president, **George White**, changed the image of the then Beverly Wilshire. Adding fine dining, a new tower and redecorated guest rooms, the hotel changed from a low priced commercial quick stop to an upgraded, higher rated operation. The movie "Pretty Woman" didn't hurt either.

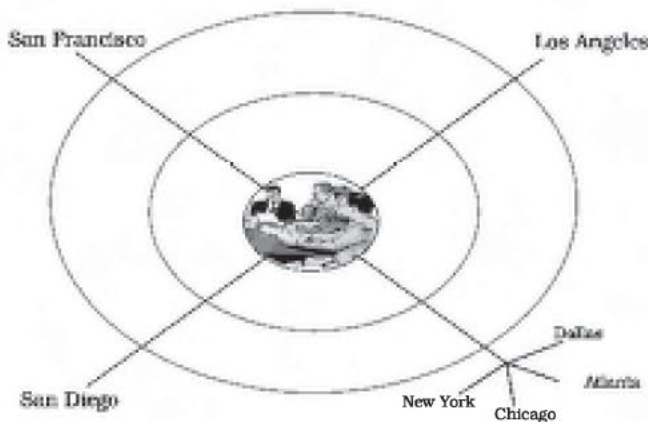
The former owners would be shocked by the changes made more recently. To coin a phrase, the place is jumping. The redesigned Wilshire side restaurant, BLVD, is a big success. The most significant addition however is a brand new eatery, CUT, operated by Wolfgang Puck. Hard to predict, but it seems two very different restaurants, both upscale and pricey, can succeed and coexist in the same hotel. In any case, the hotel is launching its own major renovation, in time to await the arrival of the nearby Montage Hotel and Gardens.

The Four Seasons team does have some issues with geography. The one on Doheny describes itself as being AT Beverly Hills, whatever that means. Now the Beverly Wilshire (Four Seasons) says that it is located in a very prestigious part of Hollywood! When I pointed this out to their PR folks, they quickly added how proud they were to be right smack against Rodeo Drive. After all, visitors

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can leave the hotel, enter Rodeo and be greeted by the rear end of that monster sculpture, Torso. Is there some symbolism in that choice of artistic direction?

In any case, the Beverly Wilshire still has the best parking staff anywhere, with the possible exception of the Peninsula. Incidentally, the Peninsula, still our leading luxury operation, has added a fine jazz group in the lounge on weekends.

More on hotels: In case you haven't noticed, some of our smaller ones have gone through their own reinventions, changing from cheap room destinations, to more expensive and luxurious operations. The Pavilion, which had operated under several flags, has once again been sold and is planning big design changes, including an improved bar/dining space. They do have a good location on Wilshire and Crescent. One of our real jewels is the European style Luxe on Rodeo, the only hotel on our legendary street. Its restaurant is quite good and there is street seating with a nice view of the passing, colorful Rodeo Drive tourists.

The Beverly Hilton, still working to complete its own reinvention, faces a very minor side issue: Preservationists want to save Trader Vic's. But is it worth preserving and have any of the history buff's actually eaten there? What was once one of our best, simply isn't anymore. I used to love their breads, the excellent Hawaiian style curries and barbeque meats, but in recent years the food just went south.

The hotel is still doing the city proud as our best venue for major events, in fact the only hotel that could house something as big as the Golden Globes. Should the hotel be permitted

to use space designated for hotel rooms for condos, with the possible loss of occupancy tax revenues? The verdict is still out on that one, but there is good news for food extremists. The hotel may bring back their great buffets.

Finally, our analysis of the candidates for city council seemed to have offended each and every contender, or at least their spouses or supporters. Krasne correctly pointed out that she does have votes very different from those of the council. All the other challengers were mildly put off by my comments that the incumbents would be hard to beat and a Delshad backer questioned whether Soleimani did indeed have stronger backing in the education and Iranian community than Jimmy. As for Shahram, he doesn't approve of much of what I offer. When all agree, I must be doing something good?

One reader also thought I was not being generous enough to our new school chief. I thought I made it quite clear that we should give her every opportunity to succeed and support her efforts.

Tonight Greystone is the place to be where the city will offer a jazz concert by Terry Sutton and her band. Call 310-550-4796 for information.

Birthday notes. Today is our very popular police chief, **Dave Snowden's**. We discovered we had the same day, September 28, at Caffe Roma the other day, or is this a subtle reminder to Falla and Wanda – the felines who control my nights.

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What's Next?

The Normans (0-3, 0-2 in league play) are scheduled to face Santa Monica St. Monica today and North Torrance Tuesday in Ocean League matches at Rancho Park Golf Course beginning at 2 p.m.

Boys' Water Polo

Beverly High is scheduled to compete in the South Bay Tournament Friday and Saturday and play host to El Segundo Wednesday in an Ocean League match at the Swim-Gym beginning at 3 p.m.

The Normans (10-1) were ranked seventh in the Division VI poll released Monday. El Segundo was fifth.

Professional Hockey

Defenseman Brian Salcido, a 1999 El Rodeo School graduate, had one takeaway and one shot in 18:58 of action in the Anaheim Ducks' 7-1 loss to the Los Angeles Kings in the National Hockey League exhibition opener for both teams Sept. 18 at the Arrowhead Pond.

Salcido was assigned to the Ducks' Portland (Me.) American Hockey League affiliate Sept. 20.

College Football

Washington 29, UCLA 19

Sonny Shackelford, a 2003 Beverly High graduate, caught nine passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns, all game highs, in the Huskies' victory in the Pacific-10

Conference opener for both teams Saturday in Seattle.

The nine catches and two touchdowns were both college career highs, while the 120 yards were four short of matching his yardage high, set last season against California.

Professional Baseball

Jeff Bruksch, a 1998 Beverly High graduate, allowed one run and two hits in two innings of relief in the Chattanooga Lookouts' 5-3 loss to the West Tenn Diamond Jaxx Sept. 2 at Jackson, Tenn., one day after being promoted to the Cincinnati Reds' Double-A Southern League affiliate.

Bruksch pitched two shutout innings of relief Sept. 4 in Chattanooga's 4-1 regular season-ending loss to West Tenn, a Chicago Cubs' affiliate.

Bruksch was promoted Sept. 1 after posting a 1-1 record and 3.98 earned run average and two saves in 25 appearances, all in relief, for Sarasota, Cincinnati's affiliate in the Class-A Florida State League.

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NEW TURF, SAME PROBLEM

Even with the new field at the high school, Beverly Hills may still fall short on playing space.

By Shanna Green

The new artificial turf at Beverly High will soon be finished and the high school football and soccer games will revert back to there, but space may still be tight for community programs, especially the soccer league.

Because of the Joint Powers Agreement, the city has access to the School District's facilities when they are not in use, but the school sports come first, meaning that the recreational teams of Beverly Hills will divide their time between the city's four park fields, the four elementary schools and the high school.

Currently, all of these resources are being used so tightly there is no room for anymore groups or leagues said Michael Karlin, the former director of the American Youth Soccer Organization, who creates the schedules for all of the practicing teams.

"We are short on fields for youth and there are almost none for adults," Karlin said.

Soccer, which is one of the fastest growing sports in America in both popularity and participation, has also quickly grown in Beverly Hills.

Currently, AYSO is one of the major users of the city's fields. The other youth leagues who play at the parks and high school are Lacrosse and Little League. For adults, The Recreation and Parks Department sponsors flag football, basketball, softball and baseball recreational teams.

Karlin said that space is so limited that he scheduled the league's 128 practicing teams into the 138 available spots, giving most just an hour of practice and an hour and 15 minutes to some of the younger teams. This, Karlin said provides absolutely no room in flexibility to reschedule any games or practices.

AYSO also has 27 teams under the age of six who do not practice, but play weekend games.

It's no wonder that the AYSO is a main user of the fields since they were also a main contributor to the funding for the artificial turf.

This summer, the Board of Education allocated \$200,000, the City Council gave a grant of \$600,000 and a loan to the district, and AYSO gave \$150,000 initial donation and has promised another \$10,000 every year after for next 10 years to be used as a reserve to maintain the fields.

After the JPA was put into place, the city and the school briefly argued over whose responsibility it would be to provide access to the fields on the weekends fund weekend, and who would be liable if someone was injured while playing in a non-school related league on school property.

As it stands now, the schools are providing weekend and night access to the community. The City Attorney Office referred to the School District on the liability and according to Interim Superintendent John Fitzpatrick, if

someone who was injured during a community activity wanted to sue, since it is on school property, whether they filed their suit against the city or the school would be their decision.

Since all four schools already have the artificial turf in place, Karlin said the installation of the artificial turf at the high school should help to be a solution for the tight space they're facing, and since building another field could cost

parks.

"We're also looking at how we could have even fuller enhanced use of schools," Miller said. "[Since] we have a better safer field condition at the school sites."

"Although our parks department makes absolutely heroic measures, it still isn't enough," Karlin said. "[The fields] don't do well with the kind of abuse they take."



Local youth play an AYSO league game on one of the fields at La Cienega Park. Many of the leagues prefer to use the La Cienega fields because they have stadium lighting.

anywhere from \$1.5 to \$2 million, it may be one of the only current options.

"I think it's a huge step forward for the high school, Karlin said. It can't take what it's getting right now."

In the past, the high school fields were so badly worn that sports leagues in Beverly Hills opted out to use the park fields, causing even more wear and tear on them.

Beverly Hills Community Services Director Steve Miller said that in the last few years though, the community has had greater and greater access to the high school, and hopes this will help to ease the strain currently being put on the fields.

As part of the "Parks Master Plan" for La Cienega and Roxbury Parks, Miller said the city is trying to find out from the community what resources they would really like to see provided at the parks. Miller said improvement to the fields has come up as a main concern.

"We've been gaining a lot of insight of what people would like to see with respect to park sports fields," Miller said.

As part of the improvement for the fields, Miller said that they are looking into a new draining system that would help keep the fields more protected and make them last longer. The city is also further evaluating the need for another baseball softball diamond at one of the

Karlin acknowledged the great efforts the city has made to provide for both the schools and the leagues, but he pointed out that part of the problem is with the school fields themselves.

For a school of its size, Karlin said Beverly High has far below the average size of fields as most schools. It only has 29 acres and the recommended land is much larger. Currently, the high school only has one full sized field and they haven't been able to play baseball on it for several years due to the wear and tear it receives during football season.

Even with the new fields in place, no decision has been made yet by the school whether they will be bringing the baseball games back to the high school. Since the new artificial turf is not convertible into a typical baseball diamond, it may not be feasible.

Both Karlin and AYSO Regional Commissioner Lance Roth agreed that when recently renovating the Beverly Vista field, the district made a huge mistake by making the turf area too narrow to play baseball or soccer on, playing the length of the field or across as the younger teams do. Karlin said the field was incorrectly designed this way despite much begging on their part.

In 2004, the Board of Education voted 3-2 to approve the Beverly Vista field redesign with

Board members Myra Lurie and then-Board member Barry Brucker dissenting.

"I think that was a boneheaded blunder [by the Board of Education]" Karlin said.

Olivia Karlin, (no relation to Michael Karlin) a member of the AYSO Board of Directors and a local "Soccer Mom" brought up what seems to be another main concern with the parks.

"I think there's interest in field space for adults as well," she said. "Right now they have to go down to the Kenneth Hahn (Park) on La Cienega because some of those fields have lights."

"There's very limited adult recreation available," Michael Karlin said. "I would imagine that there is a huge amount of people who would be interested in playing soccer if the fields were open and there was availability. Currently though there's no chance of that."

Miller said lights were something the city had considered, but he wasn't sure it was something that would be overwhelmingly supported by people who live near the parks. During the renovation of Roxbury Park in 1985, many residents opposed having stadium lighting at the park because they felt it would change the character of it and also be an annoyance at night. With that understanding, Miller said the City Council at the time decided to instead fund additions to La Cienega.

As for providing any more adult leagues, Miller said the City is actually already struggling to keep up the level of participation in their current adult programs to justify having them.

Although the basketball league is ever popular, Miller said most of the participants aren't actually Beverly Hills residents, but just people who work in the area.

"We're always evaluating, mainly the baseball league and the flag football league and trying to get more interest from residents," Miller said. "Right now [it] almost doesn't justify having it."

As for youth sports, Miller said the specific interests tends to ebb and flow over the years, but there's always interest overall, especially in soccer.

Since the AYSO doesn't have strict boundaries like Little League, it allows kids from all over LA to play, but does give priority to its Beverly Hills participants.

In 2004, Beverly Hills residents comprised 60% of the league. The percentage is similar today and enrollment has been capped at 1400 youth.

"We are jam packed," Michael Karlin said. "Absolutely jam packed for practice fields."

Beverly High Athletic Director Carter Paysinger could not be reached for comment.

police blotter & arrestsummary

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City of Beverly Hills Week of September 19, 2006

Burglary:

Occurred between 0845 and 1511 on 09/22/06 in the 400 block of South La Peer. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location possibly through a back window. Suspect(s) removed property and fled the location undetected. Loss: \$20,000+

Occurred between 1530 on 09/21/06 and 0730 on 09/22/06 in the 300 block of South McCarty Drive. Unknown suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect(s) scattered paper around the location and fled the location undetected.

Occurred between 1617 and 1628 on 09/21/06 in the 500 block of North Foothill Road. Unknown suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect(s) unlocked a door and fled the location without removing any property.

Occurred between 1230 and 1630 on 09/19/06 in the 200 block of South La Peer Drive. Unknown suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect(s) fled the location when the security alarm went on. No property was removed from the location.

Occurred between 1030 and 1805 on 09/19/06 in the 1700 block of Carla Ridge. Suspect(s) used force to gain entry to the location. Suspect(s) ransacked the location and removed unknown items. Suspect(s) fled the location undetected. Loss: Unknown.

Grand Theft:

Occurred between 1200 on 09/14/06 and 1500 on 09/22/06 in the 600 block of North Palm Drive. Unknown suspect(s) removed victim's property from the location and fled undetected. Loss: \$68,500

Occurred between 1100 and 1115 on 09/21/06 in the 100 block of North San Vicente Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location and removed victim's property which was left unattended at the location. Suspect(s) fled the location undetected. Loss: \$3,100.93

Occurred between 1600 and 1625 on

09/19/06 in the 300 block of North Beverly Drive. Suspect#1: Female Black, 20 25, 5'9", 200 lbs. to 225 lbs., dark hair and dark eyes. Suspect #2: Female Black, 20 25, 5'7", slender with dark hair and dark eyes. Suspect #3: Female Black, 20 25, 5'7", thin build with dark hair and dark eyes. Suspects entered the location and began to put miscellaneous merchandise in shopping bags. Suspect(s) fled the location without paying for the merchandise. Loss: Approximately \$1,200

Occurred between 0800 on 09/13/06 and 1700 on 09/15/06 in the 700 block of North Trenton Drive. Suspect: Male Hispanic, 30's, 5'8", 190 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Known suspect removed victim's property and fled the location. Loss: \$2,000

Assault with a Deadly Weapon:

Occurred between 0915 and 0921 on 09/20/06 between Beverly Drive and Wilshire Blvd. Suspect: female, late 30's or 40's, black hair. No further description. Suspect(s) used her vehicle to collide into the victim several times. Suspect fled the location.

Battery:

Occurred between 1030 and 1045 in the 200 block of Moreno Drive. Suspect: Male Juvenile. Suspect and victim became involved in a verbal altercation. Suspect pushed the victim using both hands. Suspect then punched the victim using a closed fist. Suspect fled the location.

Occurred between 1050 and 1104 on 09/19/06 in the 9500 block of Wilshire Blvd. Suspect: Male White, 64, 6'1", 190 lbs., brown hair and blue eyes. Known suspect kicked and pounded on victim's vehicle causing minor damage. Suspect fled the location.

Larceny/Theft:

Occurred at 1550 on 09/15/06 in the 9500 block of Wilshire Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) used victim's ATM card that she left in the ATM machine. Suspect withdrew money from her account. Loss: \$300

Arrests:

MEADE, JEFFREY MICHAEL, 38, of Van Nuys, arrested on 09/25/06 for grand theft.

MEADE, KELLY JANICE, 38, of Eagle Rock, arrested on 09/25/06 for grand theft.

SPROLING, KATHY ANN, 47, of Inglewood, arrested on 09/25/06 for driving with a suspended license.

KNAPP, TIMOTHY, 27, of Torrance, arrested on 09/25/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

HILL, DAVID MAURICE, 27, of North Hollywood, arrested on 09/24/06 for driving with out a license.

HART, REYNA MICHELLE, 29, of Redondo Beach, arrested on 09/24/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

MALE JUVENILE, 16, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 09/24/06 for driving with out a driver's license.

DELUNA, MARCO ANTHONY, 31, homeless, arrested on 09/24/06 for burglary.

SANCHEZ, ALEXANDER, 28, of Santa Ana, arrested on 09/23/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

O'CONNELL, MARK DOUGLAS, 37, of Van Nuys, arrested on 09/22/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol causing bodily injury.

CARRILLO, JOSE GUADALUPE, 41, of South Gate, arrested on 09/22/06 for receiving known stolen property.

MANUEL, DON ANTHONY, 42, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/22/06 for driving with a suspended license.

BINI, FABRIZIO, 33, of Italy, arrested on 09/22/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

MALE JUVENILE, 16, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 09/21/06 for a minor in possession of marijuana on school grounds.

MURRAY, JUSTIN MICHAEL, 28, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/21/06 for driving with a suspended license.

LLORENS, RUTH ANN, 46, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/21/06 for possession of a controlled substance.

OSBORNE, MERLIN MAR SHALL, 29, of Santa Monica, arrested on 09/21/06 for driving under the influence of marijuana.

LEOS, JUAN RIGOBERTO, 40, of Bell Gardens, arrested on 09/20/06 for driving with a suspended license.

LOPEZ, NELSON GREGORIO, 25, of North Hollywood, arrested on 09/20/06 for driving without a license.

LAWRENCE, LARRY JOSEPH, 28, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/20/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

ROBERTS, MITCHELL RAY, 28, of Glendale, arrested on 09/20/06 for possession of a controlled substance.

HO, RUFUS, 36, of Santa Monica, arrested on 09/20/06 for possession of a controlled substance.

MORA, MICHAEL JAY, 25, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/20/06 for possession of a controlled substance.

WATNIK, RUBEN BORIS, 55, of West Hollywood, arrested on 09/20/06 for driving with a suspended license.

ROMAN, MOISES, 31, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/20/06 for driving with a suspended license.

WIENER, JAY PAUL, 26, of Arizona, arrested on 09/19/06 for reckless driving.

MALE JUVENILE, 16, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 09/19/06 for possession of a controlled substance.

KIM, PETER YOUNG SON, 39, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/19/06 for vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence.

CASTILLO, ERNESTO VERAL, 45, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 09/19/06 for possession of a controlled substance.

MALE JUVENILE 15, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 09/19/06 for battery on school employee with injury.

UDEGBUNAM, TOCHUKWU OBIORA, 50, of Winnetka, arrested on 09/19/06 for driving with a suspended license.

STEDMAN, DOMINIC DELANCE, 38, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/18/06 for counterfeiting registration tab.

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Robbery/Carjacking:

Occurred between 1350 and 1355 on 09/17/06 between Lexington and Crescent. Suspect: Male, Hispanic/Black, 20's, 6'0", 160 lbs. No further description. Victim stopped at a stop sign. Suspect approached the passenger side of the vehicle and pointed a handgun at the victim. Victim exited the vehicle and gave the suspect his jewelry and suspect drove away in victim's vehicle. Suspect then abandoned the vehicle and fled the location. Loss: \$9,350

Burglary:

Occurred between 1945 and 2100 on 09/14/06 in the 8900 block of West Olympic Blvd. Suspect: Male Black, 50 55, 6'0"+, 190 lbs., black/gray hair and dark eyes. Suspect jumped over a fence and entered an unlocked location. Suspect removed property and fled the location undetected. Loss: Unknown.

Occurred between 1815 and 1916 on 09/13/06 in the 600 block of North Crescent

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Drive. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to gain entry to the location by using force. Suspect activated the security alarm at the location. Suspect fled the location undetected.

Occurred between 0945 and 0950 on 09/12/06 in the 200 block of South La Cienega Blvd. Suspect: Male Black, 22, 6'0", 160 lbs., black hair. No further description. Suspect removed merchandise and concealed it in his pants. Suspect then exited the location without paying for the merchandise. Loss: \$48

Grand Theft:

Occurred between 1436 and 1437 on 09/16/06 in the 200 block of Wetherly Drive. Suspect: Male Black, 6'1". No further description. Suspect parked and waited for the victim to start unloading her property. Suspect then ran up to the victim and grabbed her purse off the cart and fled the location. Loss: \$1,588

Occurred between 1240 and 1300 on 09/16/06 in the 300 block of North Beverly Drive. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location and removed merchandise. Suspect fled the location without paying for the merchandise. Loss: \$800

Occurred between 2015 on 09/15/06 and 2400 on 09/16/06 in the 200 block of South Beverly Drive. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location by unknown means and removed property. Suspect(s) fled the location undetected. Loss: \$22,480

Occurred between 0715 and 2200 on 09/14/06 in the 300 block of South Canon Drive. Unknown suspect(s) removed property from the front lawn and fled the location undetected. Loss: \$10,000

Occurred between 0347 and 0700 on 09/13/06 in the 100 block of South Camden Drive. Suspect: Female Hispanic, 30-35, 5'7", 130 lbs., brown hair and brown eyes. Victim met the suspect and brought her to his location. Victim passed out from alcohol consumption and the suspect removed victim's property and fled in victim's vehicle. Loss: \$19,440

Occurred between 1700 on 09/11/06 and 0800 on 09/12/06 in the 300 block of South La Peer Drive. Unknown suspect(s) removed property from the location and fled undetected. Loss: \$2,000

Occurred between 1500 on 09/06/06 and 1200 on 09/11/06 in the 100 block of South Roxbury Drive. Unknown suspect(s) removed victim's property from the location and fled undetected. Loss: \$450

Assault with a Deadly Weapon:

Occurred between 1100 and 1300 on 09/01/06 in the 200 block of South Rodeo Drive. Suspect: Male Hispanic, 18, 5'8", 110 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Suspect threatened the victim's life on several occasions and held a pair of scissors up to her neck.

Battery:

Occurred between 1800 and 1810 on 09/17/06 in the 400 block of South Swall Drive. Suspect: Male 60's, 5'4" 160 lbs., brown hair and brown eyes. Suspect approached the victim and spoke unknown words in a foreign language. The suspect then grabbed the victim's breast and laughed. Suspect fled the location.

Occurred between 1130 and 1200 on 09/16/06 in the 9000 block of West Olympic Blvd. Suspect: Male White. No further description. While attending services at the location, the victim was contacted by the suspect regarding his unauthorized presence at the location. Suspect slapped the victim in the face causing injury. Suspect fled the location.

Occurred at 2300 on 09/13/06 in the 9000 block of Sunset Blvd. Known suspect: Male Black, 30-40, 5'6", 150 lbs., black hair and brown eyes. Suspect punched the victim in the face repeatedly while both were inside a moving vehicle. Victim exited the vehicle and suspect drove away.

Forgery:

Occurred at an unknown time on 09/05/06 in the 9400 block of South Santa Monica Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) forged victim's business check and cashed or deposited the check. Loss: \$1,353.38

Arrests:

MILLER, TERRY, 28, of Hawthorne, arrested on 09/19/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

FALLA, JOSE ELIAS, 24, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/18/06 for possession of marijuana 28.5 grams.

HELENA, ANTHONY, 29, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/18/06 for possession of a controlled substance.

CALDWELL, TONY, 46, of Marina Del Rey, arrested on 09/18/06 for felony evading a police officer.

CHINANDER, SCOTT, 41, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/18/06 for possession of a controlled substance.

GOMEZ, LUIS, 35, transient, arrested on 09/18/06 for public intoxication.

WATT, CHRISTOPHER JOHN, 44, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/17/06 for presenting false identification to a police officer.

BLIZZARD, JEFFREY MORRISON, 32, of West Hollywood, arrested on 09/16/06 for driving with suspended license.

REMS, ROBERT, 46, of Santa Monica, arrested on 09/16/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

PRICE, STEVEN CLARENCE, 24, of Carlsbad, arrested on 09/15/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

ABRAMS, COREY B., 28, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/15/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

BOS, PETER HENDRIK III, 29, of Venice, arrested on 09/15/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

MARTIN, JERRY LEE, 42, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/15/06 for disobeying court order.

AGUIRRE, JOSE ALLAN, 27, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/15/06 for carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle with prior felony conviction.

VASQUEZ, LUIS RAFAEL, 20, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/15/06 for driving without a license.

NUNO, JOSEPH DANIEL, 23, of Playa Del Rey, arrested on 09/14/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

GSPONER, MARILYN SABINE, 35, of Reseda, arrested on 09/14/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

MILLER, DWAYNE TOMMY, 48, transient, arrested on 09/14/06 for battery.

VARRETTE, ELIA OLGA, 31, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/14/06 for grand theft.

BARBER, CRAIG LOREN, 44, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 09/14/06 for public intoxication.

SANTOS, EDGAR NEFTALI VALENZUELA, 33, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/14/06 for driving without a license.

BRYANT, DAVID ANTHONY, 23, transient, arrested on 09/14/06 for trespassing.

KUERTEN, GERMANO, 18, of Santa Monica, arrested on 09/14/06 for indecent exposure.

PADILLA, OCTAVIO, 31, of Santa Monica, arrested on 09/13/06 for driving with a suspended license.

CONNORS, CAITLIN FARRELL, 24, of Pennsylvania, arrested on 09/13/06 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

FUENTES-OJEDA, FANNY NICOLE, 22, of Calabasas, arrested on 09/13/06 for inflicting corporal injury on spouse.

STEWART, ERICA ROCKELLE, 22, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/12/06 for burglary.

LUCAS, TYNIA, 48, of Los Angeles, arrested on 09/12/06 for burglary.

AMAKER, CURTIS LAMONT, 42, transient, arrested on 09/12/06 for a misdemeanor warrant.

DEGRUY, SEAN JERMAINE, 34, of Hawaiian Gardens, arrested on 09/12/06 for driving with a suspended license.

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