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“Columnist Faces North, Homeowners Group That Is” [Issue 473]

It amazes me that Beverly Hills Weekly would publish this personal attack on Rudy Cole, on page 2, of [Issue 474], particularly since Mr. Cole is a well-known participant in Beverly Hills civic affairs.

Depending on one’s point of view, there are reasons for or against Proposition H, but these are not discussed in this letter. There is no intelligent evaluation of the issues at hand. Why would someone who “reads his column only occasionally and generally find them distasteful” (sic) attend the Beverly Hills North Homeowner’s Association to see Mr. Cole speak? That makes no sense. Why would a person want to listen to someone they don’t like to read? To say a person is “towing the party line” is meaningless. Whose party? Whose line? If you ask anyone why they believe what they do – and absolutely everyone can be accused of towing some party line or another — that person will have their reasons, whether you agree or not.

Apparently Mr. Roberts has never learned the art of having an intelligent discussion of issues and ideas. This is not a person who is particularly well-educated or informed.

Why else would Mr. Roberts have so carefully avoided content and instead have engaged in such a personal attack?

*Rich Marx
Beverly Hills*

“Yes on H” [Issue 474]

Obama won WOW!!!
Hilton measure lost ... WOW!!!
P.S. What a week!

*Herbert L. Wallerstein
Beverly Hills*

“No Endorsement on E” [Issue 474]

I read with great interest [Issue 474] editorial. BHEA, the teachers’ union, has taken no position on either local ballot measure. We do, however, collectively share your opinion on the failures of the current district administration. Last year at BHHS, remedial math classes were eliminated, against the advice of the teaching staff, and no meaningful means of support were provided for those students who struggled in math or even failed. This year the district eliminated remedial classes in Social Studies and dozens of students are struggling with curriculum they find too difficult. Only now, two months into the school year, is an effort to provide support for these students being considered. Many more examples of this sort exist.

Today, we have a district administration that has lost the support of teaching staff. Earlier this year, the Board of Education failed to act on Superintendent McVeigh’s

contract renewal - one might reasonably assume she had lost the support of a board majority as well. Ms. McVeigh’s resignation on Monday suggests she realized she had no future in Beverly Hills.

Change came to America on Tuesday. Change has begun in Beverly Hills, but much more change is needed to restore greatness to BHUSD.

*Stewart Horowitz
BHEA Board of Directors*

I have just read of the board’s decision to pay K-8 teachers half the pay that high school teachers get for teaching intervention classes. In my 30-plus years in this district, this has to be one of the worst decisions a BHUSD board of education has approved. It is one of the most divisive and demeaning actions done by any board to teachers. This is not a fair or just decision. It pits high school teachers against elementary teachers. Is that what you want?

If this is how the board plans to maintain or improve morale and teaching conditions, it won’t work. I feel that the statements by the board and administration, at the opening meeting in September, were all hypocritical. What a disgusting way to run a school district. How shameful to treat loyal and professional employees in this way.

*Elaine Palazzo
Beverly Vista fifth-grade teacher*

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SNAPSHOT



HAWTHORNE’S PINK LADIES
NORTH REXFORD DRIVE

Hawthorne School faculty dressed up like Pink Ladies from the film “Grease” to celebrate Halloween.

Pictured: Joanna Rosemond (fourth grade), Ellen Poltorak (fourth grade), Shelanee Fernando (counselor), Randy Hurwitz (English learners), Marion Harvey (fifth grade), Allison Nisonson (fifth grade), Ashley Nation (resource specialist K-fourth grade), Mary Montague (special day class fourth-fifth grade).



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Measure E passes, but with lower approval than 2002's bond

Measure H trailing; still too close to call

By Jacquelyn Ryan

In Tuesday's election, Measure E passed by nine percentage points with 64.49 percent support and a final tally of 7,494 to 4,126. The election night count showed Measure H trailing by about 68 votes with a tally of 6,326 to 6,258, but hundreds of ballots still needed to be counted by press time.

Beverly Hills voters on Tuesday approved Measure E, the BHUSD's \$334 million general obligation school bond, by 64.49 percent. The measure, which qualified for Proposition 39, needed only 55 percent approval. Had the measure not qualified for Prop. 39, it would have needed a 66 percent voter approval rate.

This support percentage was lower than the BHUSD's 2002 \$90 million school

bond Measure K that passed with 78 percent of voter approval and 1993's Measure S that passed with 70 percent.

There were 21 other school bonds on the ballot in Los Angeles County, all requiring 55 percent to pass. All bond measures passed and most passed with a wider margin than Measure E. Los Angeles Unified School District's \$7 billion school bond, Measure Q, passed with 68.9 percent; the Los Angeles Community College District, 69.8 percent; Long Beach Unified, 71.3 percent; Centinela Valley Union High School, 70.3 percent; Pasadena Unified, 75 percent; Alhambra Unified, 74.8 percent; El Monte City, 72.4; El Monte Union High

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The proposed resolution will amend the Comprehensive Schedule of Taxes, Fees & Charges to adjust the parking facility rates as detailed in Resolution No. 08-R-12604. Specifically, the proposed resolution will add a reduced rate for the parking of low emission vehicles at specified City parking facilities and will also revise parking rates for monthly parking and special event parking.

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

Copies of the proposed resolution are available for review or purchase in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 290, and the Finance Department, Room 350, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard. Written comments may also be submitted and should be addressed to the City Clerk, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210. The comments should be received prior to the hearing date.

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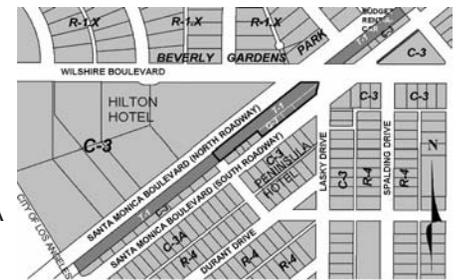
NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) AND PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Beverly Hills has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Beverly Hills Gateway Project ("Project") to be located at **9900 Santa Monica Boulevard, 9844 Wilshire Boulevard and 9817 Wilshire Boulevard**. The Draft EIR will be released on **Monday, November 3, 2008** for public review and comment. The City of Beverly Hills encourages public comment on the Draft EIR.

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills will hold a meeting on the Draft EIR and the Project on **Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Commission Meeting Room 280 A, Beverly Hills City Hall, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

Planning Commission Public Hearing:

DATE: November 20, 2008
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Commission Rm. # 280 A
Beverly Hills City Hall
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210



Project Location: The project site is located on three properties addressed as 9900 Santa Monica Boulevard (Applicant: Roxbury Managers, LTD), 9844 Wilshire Boulevard (Applicant: Wilco LLC) and 9817 Wilshire Boulevard (Applicant: M2B2, LLC), in the City of Beverly Hills. The properties, which together total approximately 3.3 acres in size, are located along Santa Monica Boulevard, between the north roadway of Santa Monica Boulevard and the parcels fronting onto the south roadway of Santa Monica Boulevard, on either side of the intersection of Santa Monica and Wilshire Boulevards.

Project Description: The project involves the proposed rezoning of three parcels of former railroad right-of-way property from Transportation (T-1) to Commercial (C-3); General Plan land use redesignations from Railroad to Low Density General Commercial are also proposed. In addition to the proposed rezones and General Plan redesignations for all three parcels, development of a three-story, 42-foot high, approximately 90,000 square foot commercial/office building with a three-level subterranean garage accommodating 274 parking spaces is proposed for the Wilco property, at 9844 Wilshire Boulevard.

Document Availability and Review Period:

- Copies of the Draft EIR will be available for public review beginning **Monday, November 3, 2008**, in the Community Development Department at 1st Floor, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210. A copy of the Draft EIR will be available for review at the Beverly Hills Public Library at 444 North Rexford Drive and a copy will be available at the City of Beverly Hills City Clerk's office located at Room 290, 455 North Rexford Drive. The Draft EIR is also available on the City's Website: www.beverlyhills.org.

- Copies of all relevant material, including the project case file, submitted building plans and specifications are also available for review in the offices of the Community Development Department of the City of Beverly Hills.

- The **45-day public comment period** will be from **Monday, November 3, 2008 through Friday, December 19, 2008**. During the public review period, written comments concerning the adequacy of the document may be submitted by any interested person and/or affected agency. To ensure that the Final EIR addresses any specific concerns that the public may have, comments should be submitted as early as possible, and no later than **December 19, 2008**. Comments should be directed to:

City of Beverly Hills Department of Community Development
445 North Rexford Drive, Room G-40
Beverly Hills, California 90210
ATTN: David Reyes, Principal Planner

JONATHAN LAIT
City Planner

briefs



Jerry Gross

Jerry Gross named BHUSD interim superintendent

Dr. Jerry Gross will be named the interim superintendent at BHUSD, pending the Board of Education's approval next week. Gross will assume the executive role after the departure of outgoing superintendent Kari McVeigh.

Gross is the husband of former BHUSD superintendent Gwen Gross (2000-2003). Gwen is currently superintendent of Irvine Unified School District.

Jerry Gross, currently retired, previously served as superintendent in Conejo Unified (Thousand Oaks) and Saddleback Unified (Mission Viejo) school districts.

The Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Nov. 12 to vote on the interim superintendent. No other candidates for the position have yet been named.

Board president Dr. Myra Demeter could not be reached for comment by press time.

Board president says McVeigh good fit for New Haven

BHUSD's superintendent Kari McVeigh will be leaving the district at the end of the month to take a job as superintendent in the San Francisco East Bay Area's New Haven Unified School District, a 13,000-student, 13-school district in a largely working-class area.

"She's a great fit for what we are trying to do," said NHUSD Board of Education president Kevin Harper. "She's a specialist in helping teachers become better teachers."

McVeigh was selected from a pool of 21 candidates, said Harper. She was interviewed by both the five-member Board of Education and a 20-member community group made up of teachers, parents and a student.

According to Harper, McVeigh had "all the qualifications we were looking for." She was a sitting superintendent, was very involved in "cutting-edge" teaching methods, held a prestigious degree, and had achievement-oriented education experience in Boston and San Diego.

McVeigh tendered her resignation to BHUSD in a letter on Monday saying she was leaving with mixed emotions and "will miss the incredible group of educators and

parents that I have grown to love here in Beverly Hills."

McVeigh, a Bay Area native, joined BHUSD in 2006 from San Diego Unified, where she was an assistant superintendent. She had previously taught in Las Vegas for several years and held an administrative position in Boston for one year.

McVeigh's contract was set to expire with BHUSD on Sept. 30, 2009. The BHUSD Board of Education recently tabled a discussion about her contract extension. McVeigh has also received mixed reviews from the teachers in the district.

Two members of the NHUSD Board of Education, including Harper, visited the BHUSD last month. The Board members talked with BHUSD Board of Education president Dr. Myra Demeter, Board vice president Nooshin Meshkaty, Beverly Hills Education Association president Chris Bushee as well as Beverly High principal J Guidetti. Harper says they all gave McVeigh very "respectful" reviews.

NHUSD has a five-year "strategic plan" that McVeigh will be expected to spearhead. The strategic plan focuses on ensuring 85 percent of the student body achieves proficiency (in standardized tests) by 2011.

One major challenge the district faces with the strategic plan is the diversity issue, according to Harper. There are over 50 languages spoken within the district. There are also some "community violence issues" that include gangs at the high school level.

Harper says there is a correlation between the underperformance of some Hispanic and African American students in the district and the gang activity in the community. Harper says the district, with the help of McVeigh, hopes to get the students more engaged in school and less engaged in the violence.

"That's a big part of the strategic plan," said Harper.

McVeigh will start at NHUSD on Dec. 1. One of her first orders of business will be to accompany the NHUSD Board of Education to the California School Boards Association convention in San Diego on Dec. 3.

As for the vacant superintendent slot at BHUSD, the Board of Education now faces trying to fill the executive position in the middle of a school year.

The Board will hold a study session on Nov. 17 to interview potential search firms for the new superintendent. Search firm Leadership Associates was used to find the last two superintendents. The firm placed McVeigh in Beverly Hills.

Beverly Hills Education Association president Chris Bushee says he sees this as an opportunity for the BHUSD stakeholders as a whole to talk about what direction they want the district take and how to find a superintendent that will help them reach that goal.

The district has been through three superintendents in the last eight years, not including interim superintendents. Bushee believes that the changes in administration and administrative philosophies have destabilized the learning environment in the classrooms.

"My hope is that we can form a stable administration that has buy-in from every-

one involved," said Bushee, who would like for teachers, parents, students, city officials and residents to be involved in deciding who the next superintendent will be.

McVeigh could not be reached by press time.

Long lines at Beverly Hills polls on Election Day



Some Beverly Hills voters waited close to an hour at polling places on Tuesday to cast their ballot for the next president and over a dozen state and local propositions.

A record number of voters in Los Angeles County made it to the polls on Tuesday. The specific number of voters at the 15 Beverly Hills polling places has not yet been released. However, 82.39 percent of all registered voters in Los Angeles County voted on Tuesday, according to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters spokesperson Grace Chavez.

The last election with a voter turnout this high in recent times was the 1972 presidential election which brought out 80.43 percent of registered voters in Los Angeles County. The presidential election in 2004 saw 78.6 percent of Los Angeles County voters.

At the polling place at Beverly Hills' Sunrise Assisted Living Home, almost 20 people were lined up and ready to vote before the doors opened at 7 a.m., according to Beverly Hills resident April Silva who was the eighth person in line at 6:40 a.m.

Even at 11 a.m., a time when voting lines tend to be very short, there were at least 30 people in a line wrapped around the corner at Horace Mann School polling center. Lines were also reported at Beverly Vista.

Despite the long waits and crowded queues, most voters were patient and calm. The Beverly Hills City Clerk's Office said that they didn't receive many complaints on Tuesday.

At one point in the day, a clerk was called out to inspect one polling place after it was reported that someone was physically trying to prevent people from voting. But the report appeared to be false upon the clerk's arrival.

The results of how Beverly Hills voted by precinct will be released next week.



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As the students go, so goes the country?



Horace Mann social studies teacher David Foldvary instructs Sarah Kaber's third-grade class on the voting process

Several BHUSD students beat their registered voter counterparts to electing Sen. Barack Obama the next president of the United States at mock elections held in the schools and in a statewide mock election over the last two weeks.

Horace Mann social studies teacher David Foldvary transformed his classroom into a polling station on Nov. 4 to give students a peak into what it would be like to vote in this election. Foldvary's eighth-grade students traveled to the kindergarten through fifth-grade classes on Tuesday accompanying the young students to the 'polling place' where they could cast their vote for president.

About 70 percent of all Horace Mann students at all grade levels voted for Obama in the mock election.

"It was very exciting because I'd never done this before and I didn't know what it

would be like," said Jeremiah, a third grader in Sarah Kaber's class who voted in Foldvary's classroom.

During the four periods between 8 a.m. and noon, every Horace Mann elementary school student anxiously waited to cast their ballot, much like the adults voting at the polling station in Horace Mann's auditorium across the campus.

The students' ballots were rectangular cards with the names and pictures of the Democratic and Republican candidates. Each candidate had a box beside his name where students could place an 'x' for their choice. Students carried their marked ballots to a ballot box, which an eighth-grade class would tally up at the end of the day.

"It's hard to talk with 8-year-olds about politics without hearing their parent's point of view," said Kaber.

So Kaber and other elementary teachers held an election for a class mascot on Tuesday, so that students could experience the decision-making process and what it's like to have their "vote counted." Kaber's class voted between a monkey and snake. 'Bongo the monkey' won in a landslide.

Students in sixth-grade social studies teacher April Silva's class at El Rodeo held a presidential election on Tuesday as well. President-elect Barack Obama came out on top with 50 out of 85 votes. Thirty-two votes went to Republican nominee Sen. John McCain. The remaining three votes were for independent candidates.

"These students are opinionated. They know who they want and they have supporting reasons," said Silva, who added that students were concerned about issues like taxes, the Iraq war and even if Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was qualified to be vice president.

Beverly High elected Obama as president with 1,192 votes in a school-wide a mock election on Monday. McCain received 483 votes from the high schoolers. Ninth- and 10th-grade students cast a vote for president in their English class; 11th- and 12th-grade students voted in their history class. The ballots were tallied up on Monday night and announced Tuesday morning.

The students at Horace Mann and Beverly High also participated in the statewide 2008 MyVote California Student Mock Election, sponsored by the California Secretary of State's Office and California Schools Superintendent's Office. Roughly 260,000 students in 614 schools statewide took part in the election.

Obama won with 73.5 percent of the vote. McCain received 20.8 percent.

Overall, the students, who voted on the state's 12 propositions as well, favored bond measures for veterans, children's hospitals and alternative energy, but opposed banning same-sex marriage and requiring parental notification before a minor undergoes an abortion.

Foldvary says that these mock elections do more than just educate students about the electoral process.

"This gets them excited about voting so that when they're 18, it's a given that they will vote and will become regular voters," said Foldvary.

Beverly Glen Playgroup holds Sotheby's fundraiser

The Beverly Glen Playgroup preschool, a non-profit, developmental co-op preschool, will hold a Fall Fun Holiday Boutique on Nov. 8 at Sotheby's Gallery. Partial proceeds from the event will go toward the playgroup.

The Holiday Boutique will feature 20 vendors providing gift-type items like clothes, candles, food, jewelry and more.

There will also be food and children's activities, like a "Princess and Pirate Pavilion" and face painting.

The boutique will be held on Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Sotheby's, 9665 Wilshire.

Beverly Hills to open municipal election nomination period

The nomination period for Beverly Hills City Council and City Treasurer municipal elections opens Nov. 10 and closes Dec. 5.

However, if no incumbents file for reelection by Dec. 5, the nomination period will be extended by five days.

Current mayor Barry Brucker, former Board of Education member Virginia Maas and Dr. Willie Brien have already announced that they intend to run for City Council in the coming election.

The Beverly Hills municipal elections will be held on March 3, 2009. Three Council seats and the City Treasurer position are open. For more information on the municipal elections, contact the City Clerk's office at (310) 285-1000.

Volunteers needed for STAR literacy program at BHPL

The Beverly Hills Public Library is in search of volunteers for the STAR Adult Literacy Program. Those interested in tutoring can attend a Tutor Training Seminar on Nov. 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Beverly Hills Public Library, 444 N. Rexford Dr.

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School, 74.3 percent; El Segundo Unified, 66.9 percent; Manhattan Beach Unified, 61 percent; Mt. San Antonio Unified, 69.9 percent; Pomona Unified, 74.5 percent; Rosemead, 73.9 percent; Torrance Unified, 74 percent on Y and 71.2 percent on Z; Victor Valley, 60.7 percent; and Whittier Union High, 72.2 percent.

But the fate of Beverly Hills' Measure H, which would allow the Beverly Hilton to build a Waldorf=Astoria hotel and two condo buildings on the Wilshire property, is still undetermined as the County continues to tally up provisional and absentee ballots.

Measure H was initially leading with a large percentage of absentee votes in favor of the project. But on Wednesday morning, the votes against Measure H led by about 68 votes.

The Citizens Right to Decide Committee (CRDC), which campaigned against the Hilton project and gathered the signatures to force the project to a public vote, has already secured legal counsel to challenge the ballots if the measure passes, according to CRDC treasurer Larry Larson.

"We know of three people who are registered to vote who don't live here" in Beverly Hills, said Larson, who believes there are several other similar cases in both provisional and absentee ballots.

But president of Oasis Realty West Ted Kahan says that improper ballots sometimes occur in elections. If there were improper

absentee or provisional ballots, those are generally not counted when the county tries to verify the voter's registration status.

The Beverly Hills City Clerk's office pointed out that some Beverly Hills and Los Angeles voters vote at the same polling station. Voters registered in Los Angeles, while voting in Beverly Hills, did not receive Beverly Hills ballots that included Measure H.

The Beverly Hilton spent close to \$3 million on the campaign to pass Measure H. Beverly Hilton owner Beny Alagem and Oasis Realty West say that the proposed project will bring in millions of dollars of revenue to the city of Beverly Hills in taxes and tourist spending.

The CRDC claims to have spent around \$50,000 for their 'No' campaign. They argue that the project, a 12-story Waldorf=Astoria hotel, one 18-story and one a 6-story condo building, overreaches the city's General Plan height limit and will cause additional traffic at already congested the Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards intersection.

"It's hard to fool sophisticated Beverly Hills voters. It's hard to argue that [the project] is not too big," said Larson.

Grace Chavez, a spokesperson for the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, said that they won't have the specific number of provisional and absentee ballots in Beverly Hills for several days. In a rough initial estimate, there are approximately 191,000 pro-

visional ballots and 375,000 absentee ballots to be counted countywide.

There are 4,111,642 registered voters in Los Angeles County. Over 2.6 million cast a ballot on Tuesday countywide, according to the Registrar Office.

There are 21,121 registered voters in Beverly Hills. It is yet to be determined how many of those Beverly Hills registered voters actually cast a ballot, however lines were reported at some polling places. Absentee ballots received after Election Day, regardless of the postmark date, will not be counted.

Kahan said that the County Registrar Office indicated there were several ballots that still needed to be counted in Beverly Hills. It could take at least two weeks for the county to tally up all the votes.

Kahan would not say whether or not the Beverly Hilton would take legal action if the final vote was a narrow loss.

"Our next step is to make sure all absentee and provisional ballots are counted," said Kahan. "It's not over until the last ballot is counted."

Election expert, lawyer Stephen Kaufman did not return calls by press time.

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Election Notes And A Possible Museum For BH

By Rudy Cole

Before some thoughts about the national and local election, some breaking news, as the breathless anchors of CNN might say: The long sought after **Eli Broad** art collection, one of the most unique in the world, could be coming to Beverly Hills.

Broad's representatives have been holding very preliminary talks with city officials about the possibility of creating a museum at what was once the Wilson House of Suede and now a Starbucks at Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards. Not only a museum, but an office for Broad's many cultural pursuits.

Broad, the retired partner of one of the world's leading home builders, has long been a major benefactor of the arts and his collection a subject of interest by museums everywhere, including LACMA. How much of his collection would come to Beverly Hills and what kind of museum he envisions is not yet known – everything is tentative, but a very interesting possibility.

Of course, my first choice would still be Greystone, or a combination of the two venues.

Stay tuned.

It didn't take this election to make me feel proud to be an American, but how far we have come in one lifetime.

Hard to believe, but it has only been 40 years since some Jewish kids and a young African American were murdered for trying to win the rights of blacks to register to vote in Mississippi.

Or that in the early 1950s: it seemed impossible to even pass a federal law against lynchings, win the right for all Americans to obtain work without regard to color, live in neighborhoods free of restrictive covenants and, most of all, educate children in public schools that were not only separate and equal, but open to every child.

I remember my first trip to the south, to New Orleans, as a young student and, although I understood the meaning of Jim Crowism, to see drinking fountains in public buildings marked "For Colored" and "For White Only" and those using them finding the "white" fountains modern and the "colored" spigots out of the wall, unbelievable.

I remember **John Kennedy** addressing the nation as he explained his order to send troops to "Ole Miss" to protect one black student's right to enroll. And even before that, **Dwight Eisenhower's** order to enforce court ordered integration of public schools in Little Rock.

Bull Connor during the hoses on **Martin Luther King's** march in Alabama, **Rosa Parks** historic fight for freedom to sit in any available seat on buses and then, the turning points of the civil rights movement in the last century:

King's "I have a dream," speech, the **Earl Warren's** Supreme Court ruling ending legal segregation in schools and **Lyndon B. Johnson's** monumental civil rights laws.

We were a nation on the move, making progress, but to the rest of the world, and for African American's, not nearly fast enough. It was hard for us to convince the people living in the Third World that we were genuine sellers of freedom and democracy when our own bull people had yet to realize that goal.

So, **Barack Obama's** incredible election was not only a personal victory for himself and his party, it was a turning point in world history. The enemies of our great nation can no longer easily point to our hypocritical words as opposed to deeds, we have this shining example of our true nature as a people.

No, Obama's election hasn't come close to solving all our problems on race, but what a great step toward a new beginning.

It won't be easy for Obama to lead this nation out of an economic debacle, fulfill campaign promises on health care, tax reform and ending our involvement in Iraq, but if he can overcome racism in America and win the presidency, anything is possible.

Obama's incredible speech of national unity and setting of new national goals, was one of the finest I have ever heard, comparable to **Franklin Roosevelt's** "the only thing we have to fear, is fear itself" and John Kennedy's "the torch has been passed to a new generation.." My guess is that nearly 70 percent of Beverly Hills voted for Obama Tuesday. Yes, I have heard some concerns about his lack of experience and whether he will be strong in his support of Israel. But let's not prejudice on the latter even if he tries new methods of bringing peace to the region. After all, some of Israel's strongest supporters were not able to end decades of conflict. Just maybe, Obama is exactly the right leader to, not only end the threat to Israel's existence, but make her a part of the Middle East community, recognized and accepted by all her neighbors.

Locally, it was a mixed bag of election

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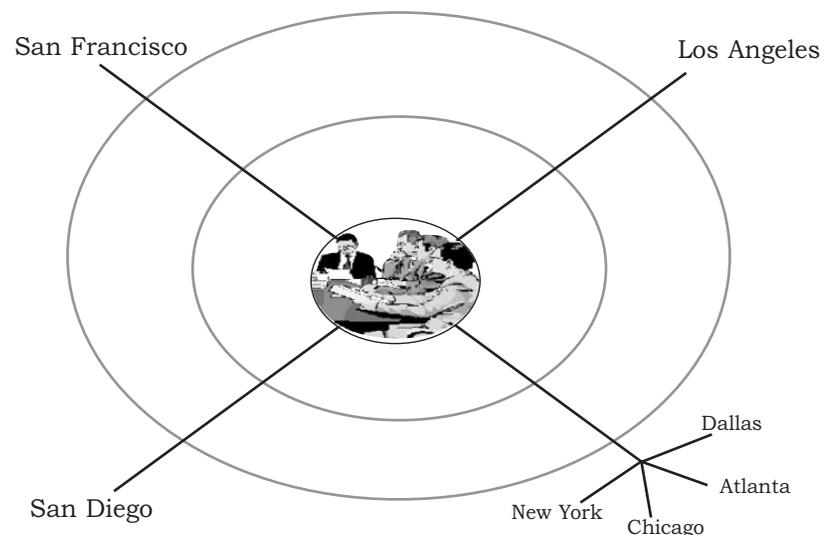
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results with the finals a long way from being over on H, the Hilton Revitalization plan. Without the final count, which could include as many as 400 yet to be counted ballots, Hilton was losing by less than 70 votes.

In the end, the Hilton effort, which I supported and continue to favor, was wounded by some overblown attacks on opponents and very deceptive campaign ads – a tactic they didn't need to use and which seemed to backfire. The Courier's sensationalism turned off many voters.

True, as we said last week, the ugly nature of the Hilton battle did not start with the Hilton, but taking the high road could have made a difference. Not all those opposed to the Hilton are devious, evil people – many are acting out of a genuine concern for their community, even if I think they are not making too much sense. If the Hilton consultants and the Courier really understood our village, they would have known how repulsed we are by unfair campaign tactics and left the dirty tricks to some of the Hilton opponents.

The real losers in this election are not the Hilton and **Beny Alagem**, but our community. It would be a real debacle if the planned Waldorf=Astoria was grabbed by Los Angeles. But the civic sky is not falling and even if the Hilton does not win the election, reasonable people should try to salvage what we can and keep Alagem and his dreams in Beverly Hills.

In the meantime, would everyone involved stop climbing the walls, lower their voices and stay calm while the election process continues – even if that means a

likely recount. Enough of the hysteria on both sides.

On the other hand, I had a very personal pleasure in being involved in the "E" bond election. I met some outstanding education leaders I had not known before being invited to provide professional help. It was a new generation with some personal paradoxes.

In my very first bond election, my "boss" was the incredible **Sooky Goldman**. As some of my readers know, I have been trying to finish a book on the great women leaders of Beverly Hills, and few have contributed as much to making this a finer community than the legendary Sooky, including leading the first major school bond election 40 years ago – I think I was 10 at the time. We won by a 80 percent margin.

So, who repeats history? Sooky's daughter-in-law, **Myra Lurie**, wife of **David Goldman**, yes, the guy who was honored as a Beverly Hills High School alumni athletic hero recently.

Although each member of the board worked hard for passage, they designated board member Lurie as the go to person for the campaign and that she did becoming involved in everything from helping design literature to installing lawn signs.

Lurie had a great team of volunteers. It is always risky to start mentioning names, but first comes the outstanding officers of every PTA in Beverly Hills. They took the message to the parents. The campaign team, which began as a communication committee

and evolved into broader responsibility were led by the group I came to admire. Among these was **Bruce Horowitz**, earlier chair of the citizen oversight committee, campaign co-chair, and some women leaders with all kinds of titles and previous involvement, but all dedicated and very, very smart: Horowitz' co-chair, **Cathy Baker**, **Helene Harris** and campaign treasurer **Julie Steinberg**.

(Full list of activists in a subsequent column)

The campaign won with support that cut across all kinds of lines on other issues, but of very special help was the endorsement of the Beverly Hills Firemen's Association and the Beverly Hills Police Officer's Association.

Speaking of the police, and I always do with great care since they have had to watch my pipe smoking, the association will be holding their annual Black and White Ball next Monday. This is such a "feel good" event, giving our citizenry an opportunity to show appreciation to an organization we respect, admire and trust, that I know it will be sold out. But call JTA anyway, don't mention my name and you might be able to obtain a ducat. (310.288.1755)

[Editor's note: Rudy Cole was the campaign manager for Yes on Measure E]

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BHPD nab cyber-stalker

After a year-and-half investigation, Beverly Hills police detectives tracked down and arrested a man on suspicion of cyberstalking at his workplace in Oakland, Calif. on Nov. 3.

Police say the alleged stalker, John Ajavon, 45, stalked his ex-girlfriend through e-mails and violated restraining orders 33 times before he was prosecuted for vandalism and battery. Ajavon has a 10-year history of stalking and was prosecuted in Los Angeles.

The victim began receiving a series of e-mails in April 2007. Police say she had reason to suspect the e-mails were from her ex-boyfriend, Ajavon. Detectives located Ajavon through Internet tracing. Police served a search warrant at Ajavon's home in San Francisco and seized relevant evidence.

BHPD detectives have presented the case to the District Attorney's Stalking Unit. The District Attorney's Office has filed one count for stalking with a prior conviction.

Don't let the Hilton steal the Measure H election!

The residents have said NO to runaway development and NO to a project that is too big for BH, but the NO votes lead by only 68 votes.

We need to make sure that the Hilton does not use its deep pockets to try to overturn the results of this election.

The Hilton has spent over \$3.1 million during the campaign in an effort to buy this election; by contrast, the Citizens' Right to Decide Committee, NO on measure H, spent approximately only \$50,000. The Hilton's Measure H campaign reached a new low mark in BH for dirty tricks and smear tactics and they are now prepared to spend hundreds of thousands more on expensive election attorneys in an attempt to overturn the people's decision.

Do not let Beverly Hills become Florida 2000!

Your contribution to The Citizens' Right to Decide Committee can help pay for election attorneys who will protect the interests of all the NO on H voters and ensure that the Hilton does not steal this election. We are all in this together and hope we can count on your help. For Beverly Hills.

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Comeback Lifts BHHS Football Team To Victory

Normans set to play host to Morningside Friday in homecoming game.

By Steven Herbert

The Beverly High football team had its biggest comeback in more ways than one in Friday night's 28-27 victory over Inglewood at Coleman Field in Inglewood.

Not only did the comeback from a 20-point third-quarter deficit top the comebacks from a 10-point second-quarter deficit against Santa Monica a week earlier or from an 11-point third-quarter deficit against Santa Barbara Sept. 19, it left the Normans as the last undefeated team in Ocean League play and a clear path to the league championship.

"This team is making their own luck," Beverly Hills coach Carter Paysinger said. "They're being the aggressor when we're down."

The Normans (6-2, 3-0 in league play) scored what proved to be the winning points in their sixth consecutive victory on Kenny Bassett's 31-yard touchdown run and Erik Munzer's extra point kick with about seven minutes to play in the fourth quarter.

The comeback began with Dex Lucci's 25-yard touchdown pass to Alex Komlos with about three minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The Sentinels' ensuing possession ended when Norman linebacker Jeremy Bruce made an interception. Beverly Hills quickly capitalized as Lucci (eight of 13 for 83 yards) threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Munzer, cutting Inglewood's lead to 27-21 with one minute left in the third quarter.

Paysinger credited the comeback to the success of his team's passing game that "put Inglewood on their heels." Lucci completed six of seven second-half passes.

The Normans also benefited by having Munzer put his kickoffs into the end zone

for touchbacks, both denying the Sentinels a chance to utilize their explosive return game but also forcing them to play on a longer field.

Inglewood (4-4, 2-1) increased a 21-7 halftime lead to 27-7 on a 40-yard third-quarter touchdown pass from Brandon Summers to James Grace.

Bassett, who ran for 155 yards on 20 carries, opened the scoring on a 27-yard first-quarter run. The Sentinels responded with a 42-yard touchdown pass from Summers to Shaquelle Evans later in the first quarter, Adam Bass' five-yard touchdown run and a six-yard touchdown run by Marrshawn Smith, both in the second quarter.

Paysinger called this team one of his "top two or three" in resilience in his 19 seasons as the Normans' coach.

"These kids believe that they're going to win every game and I think that plays a big part of their resiliency," Paysinger said. "It doesn't matter the score or the situation. They feel like they can come back and win the game."

Beverly Hills benefited from a players only meeting in the first five minutes of halftime while the coaches were meeting to discuss adjustments for the second half, Paysinger said.

"When we walked out of our locker room at halftime, the majority of our guys believed that we could come back and win the game," Paysinger said.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Inglewood Morningside Friday at 7 p.m. at Nickoll Field in their homecoming game.

The Monarchs (3-5, 1-2) "remind me a lot of Santa Monica offensively because they want to run the ball first, but they do

have the ability to throw it," Paysinger said.

"We have to just keep doing what we're doing - play solid against the run, execute on offense, not allow big plays on special teams and keep being aggressive," Paysinger said.

Paysinger said he told his team how the homecoming activities "can be a distraction."

"It's always a concern," Paysinger said. "All we can do is communicate with the kids the focus that's necessary to compete. This team is really focused on the opportunity to win the Ocean League, so I don't anticipate this being a problem"

Beverly Hills was ranked 10th in the Southern Section Western Division poll released Monday.

Girls' Tennis

Beverly Hills 18,

Los Angeles Marlborough 0

Sisters Brianna and Brittney Morgan and Marie Zalameda all won all three of their singles set 6-0 for the Normans in a nonleague match at Marlborough Oct. 21.

Twins Akasia J-Riggins and Sunia J-Riggins teamed for 6-1, 6-0, 6-1 victories at No. 2 doubles for Beverly Hills. The Normans' No. 1 doubles team of Megan Margolin and Zarina Pisnoy won its sets, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0, while Beverly Hills No. 3 doubles team of Hillary Monroy and Molly Werner won, 6-1, 6-4, 6-1.

Beverly Hills 11,

Studio City Harvard-Westlake 7

Zalameda was a 7-6 (5), 6-1, 6-2 winner in singles play while the Margolin-Pisnoy doubles team won its sets 6-0, 6-2, 6-3 in a nonleague match at Beverly Hills Oct. 22.

Brittney Morgan was a 6-0, 7-5 winner in her first two sets, while Brianna Morgan won her first two sets, 6-1, 6-1, and won her third by default.

Beverly Hills 13, Santa Monica 5

Brittney Morgan and Zalameda both won all three of their sets in singles play, while the Akasia J-Riggins and Sunia J-Riggins doubles team won its sets, 6-0, 7-5, 6-3, in an Ocean League match at Beverly Hills Oct. 23.

Brianna Morgan won her sets 6-0, 6-1 before being replaced by a substitute.

The Margolin-Pisnoy and Monroy-Werner doubles teams both won one of two sets before being replaced by substitutes.

Zalameda won 6-1, 6-0, 6-0 and Brittney Morgan 6-0, 6-3, 6-0.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to compete in the Ocean League individual finals today at Beverly High, beginning at 11 a.m.

Southern Section playoff pairings are scheduled to be announced Monday between 11-11:30 a.m. on the section's Web site, www.cifss.org. First-round matches are set for Tuesday.

Boys' Cross Country Clovis Invitational

Alex Falcon was the top Beverly Hills finisher, finishing 76th in the large schools race, completing the 5,000-meter course through Woodward Park in Fresno in 16:56 Oct. 11, one second ahead of teammate Gunther Klaus, who finished 77th.

The Normans were 21st in the team competition with 539 points, five behind 20th-place Chino Hills Ayala. Saugus won with 113.

Falcon had the same time as Whittier junior Robert Duran, who finished 75th. Huntington Beach Edison junior Matt McElroy won in 15:37.

Girls' Cross Country

Beverly Hills 26, Santa Monica 33, Culver City 82, Inglewood Morningside 105

Raquel Hefflin won in 21:21.93, while Norman teammate Sidney Gray was second in 21:25.46 in an Ocean League meet Oct. 16 on the three-mile course at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in Baldwin Hills.

What's Next?

The Normans are scheduled to compete in the Ocean League Finals today at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in Baldwin Hills beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Girls' Volleyball

Beverly Hills def. Hawthorne, 25-14, 25-13, 22-25, 25-9

Mallory Smith had 16 kills, Syline Kim 11 kills and nine digs and Tamara Skootsky seven kills for the Normans (12-8, 4-2) in an Ocean League match at Hawthorne Oct. 23.

"It's very hard to get up for some of our league matches," Beverly Hills coach Marla Weiss said. "We didn't play great, but we did enough to win."

Brianna Smith did not play because of a stress fracture in her right knee. Weiss said she hopes Smith will be able to return for the start of the Southern Section playoffs.

"I think the team was getting used to not having Brianna on the court," Weiss said.

The Smiths are not related.

What's Next?

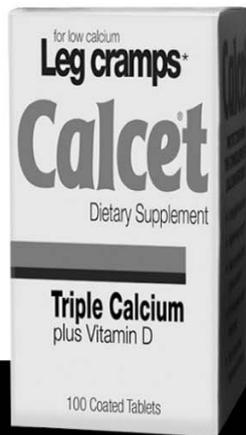
The Normans are scheduled to conclude the regular season by playing host to Culver City today in an Ocean League match at the Swim-Gym beginning at 3:15 p.m. The Centaurs defeated Beverly Hills, 25-18, 29-27, 25-12, Oct. 21 at Culver City.

Southern Section playoff pairings are scheduled to be announced Sunday between noon and 1:15 p.m. Wild card round matches are set for Monday and first-round matches Tuesday.

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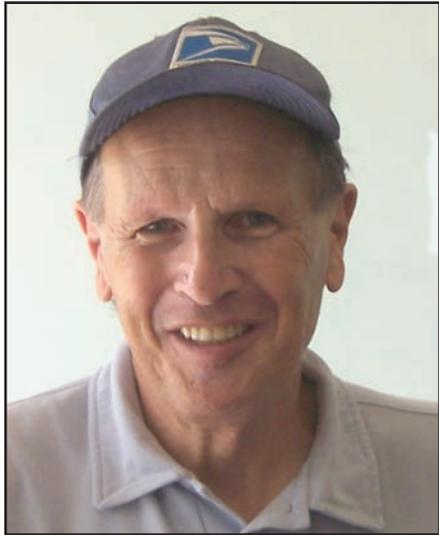


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TRAVELS WITH RAY

A day in the life of a Beverly Hills letter carrier



Ray Schwedhelm

6:50 a.m. Daylight was barely breaking when I drove up the winding ramp of 325 N. Maple Dr. I parked on the roof of the four-story United States Post Office building, where letter carrier Ray Schwedhelm, a tall, thin man who seems unfailingly cheerful, was patiently waiting for me.

7:00 a.m. Ray escorts me inside the building through a series of locked grey doors and beige hallways until we enter what looks like Santa's workshop, only far less colorful and brimming with letters instead of toys.

7:10 a.m. I'm introduced to Danny Dotson, Unit 12 supervisor on the letter carriers' floor. There are four letter carrier sections: 10a (90210), 10b (90210), 11 (90211) and 12 (90212), where Ray and I are stationed. Danny guides me on a tour of the building where I see the inner workings of P.O. boxes and large bins where a corporation's mail can be collected for an early pick-up.

7:30 a.m. Danny takes me back in the mailroom. In the middle of the room, clerks are sorting letters for each section and then dividing them by route. Some clerks sort by tossing letters into large crates, others sort by placing letters in what look like cubby holes—called Hot Cases. Ray and I swing by each area, collect the mail for our route and take it back to our work station.

7:45 a.m. Federal law prevented me from actually handling any of the mail so I watch Ray as he sorts out each piece of mail into its assigned slot on one of the three shelves that stretch an L-shaped

stand. Each carrier's work station is set up similarly, with the work stations lining the wall and in rows throughout the room.

Each slot on the shelves is label with a corresponding address or name. Any necessary information about that address, like an address change or a warning about a vicious dog, is kept in these slots on brightly colored paper so that any mail carrier will be quickly alerted to the special circumstances.

As Ray begins sorting the tower of mail before us, he quickly inspects each letter to ensure that the postage is canceled. He cancels the postage himself with an ink stamp if necessary.

Ray has been on this route for two years and knows almost every resident and business he serves personally. That makes it easy for Ray when he finds a letter addressed to, for instance, Joe Smith going to an address on South Camden Drive. You see, Ray would know whether or not Joe has moved or was on vacation and could forward or hold the letter appropriately. Ray said he thinks it's important to be able to provide that sort of service to people. He knows how frustrating it can be to not receive the proper mail or to come home from a trip to a weeks worth of letters piled up in the mail box.

8:30 a.m. As Ray sorts the mail with lightning speed, it's a whirlwind of letters and packages. There are shiny pink envelopes, dull brown boxes and everything in between. Ray has also started two piles for mail that are improperly addressed. One pile is for standard mail that cannot be delivered and the other pile is for mail (such as first-class mail) to be returned to the sender for correction.

10:00 a.m. Mail comes in waves all morning. Letter carriers make at least three rounds to all the different hot case areas to collect mail while preparing for their route. Ray and the other letter carriers begin to get restless as they finish sorting their most recent case of mail. Letter carriers have to wait for the clerks to finish sorting the mail trucked into them,

which can take quite a while if the clerks are understaffed. Due to union issues, the letter carriers can't touch the mail until clerks have it ready for them. This leaves Ray and his colleagues in a frustrating limbo—where they want to hit the streets but, literally, are not able to.

"It's like a thoroughbred at the gate who's ready to race," Ray said. They just need that gate to be opened.

11:00 a.m. We do a final round of hot cases and collect the last of the mail for our route from all the different clerks around the building. After all the mail is grouped with its proper address, we sort it out chronologically and then by category: certified mail in one pile, parcels in another, flats in another, etc. Ray organizes the mail in chronological order, putting mail for one large office building into its own box, and then rubberbanding bundles of mail for other addresses.

We are about ready to set out on the road. We fill at least three-fourths of the back of a Windstar minivan with mail. We can't take one of the iconic boxy postal cars (the Long Life Vehicles) because we have to park in a subterranean parking structure off of Reeves Drive with low clearance height.

11:30 a.m. We finally hit the road. Ray tells me he started as a letter carrier seven years ago in East Northport, N.Y. on Long Island, where he grew up. He delivered mail in New York for two years before transferring out to Beverly Hills in 2003 to be closer to family. He says he's delivered on most of the 70 routes that run throughout Beverly Hills.

Ray spent the first 40 years of his professional life in the finance industry. He started with First National City Bank in New York and held a variety of banking position, including executive vice president of the First National Bank of Palm Beach and senior

vice president in charge of marketing for First NH Banks in New Hampshire. First National City Bank provided a full scholarship for Ray's college education at the University of Miami. Shortly thereafter, in 1969, Ray joined a few colleagues in Argentina, where he was part of the team that implemented the country's first credit card system, CITICARD in Buenos Aires.

12:00 p.m. We walk down South Beverly Drive, delivering to businesses (including the Beverly Hills Weekly office) in large and small office buildings. Almost without fail, Ray is greeted with a huge smile, a big hello and then they look at me and say, "Ray is the best there is!" Ray has developed somewhat of a relationship with everyone along his way. He had a substitute cover his shift yesterday so most people were overjoyed to see Ray's face again today. I'm also told that Ray gets the mail to their locations quicker than anyone else. Ray says that's because his customers are just being nice. But Ray's customers say it's simply because Ray is the most effective letter carrier they've ever known.

12:30 p.m. Since we started late, we have to work through lunch to stay on schedule. Ray says he often skips lunch entirely, as he did today. So I grab a soda and some pretzels and we take off for the next stop on our route. Ray certainly seems used to the hectic schedule as he talks happily and proudly about his job.

You see, Ray isn't working for USPS for the money. He could probably retire if he wanted. But Ray says he loves the human interaction and the exercise he gets as a letter carrier.

Being a letter carrier is a lot like playing golf, Ray says. He's got a big heavy bag he has to carry for long distances, he has people to socialize with along the way and then he still has to try to make a 'hole-in-one' by delivering the right mail

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Happy Postal Van
Created by Ray Schwedhelm

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to the right address. It beats paying for a country club membership any day, he says.

1:45 p.m. We are walking down Beverwil when a man comes out of his house, waving Ray to come closer. I watch from a distance and see the man talk excitedly to Ray, who nods his head and gives him a congratulatory hand shake. It turns out the man had just closed escrow on his house and wanted to tell Ray the good news.

2:00 p.m. We walk up probably our 30th or 40th staircase at this point. I look at my watch and realize we have at least another hour and a half to go.

Let me explain it this way: I lived quite a while in New York City, the walking capital of the country. But I have to say that by about this time, I thought I had never walked so much in my life.

So to distract myself from my weary legs, I ask Ray to tell me about some of the strangest experiences he's had a letter carrier.

Once, Ray was carrying a package up to a home. After reading the label, Ray says to the woman receiving the parcel, "Here's a gift from your aunt." The woman looks at Ray and shakes her head.

"It's not from my aunt, it IS my aunt," the woman says. The package was the ashes of the woman's deceased family member.

Another time, Ray's fingers grazed the sides of the box and he was suddenly bleeding. Someone had shipped carving knives without packaging them properly. The knives had cut through the sides of the box in shipping.

2:45 p.m. As a former banker, Ray had much to say about the current financial 'crisis,' including his belief that more regulation is needed on Wall Street and that CEOs of these financial firms shouldn't be paid more than seven times what their lowest paid employee makes.

Ray is also somewhat of an artist. A few years ago, Ray designed a cartoon he calls the "Happy Postal Van." Ray got the idea after he and his sister Linda Gruhn, a school bus driver in Long Island, created the Happy School Bus cartoon and a Web site about school bus safety.

3:00 p.m. We finally make it to South Camden Drive, where the breeze rushes down the street and blows on my face, scorched from the day's blazing sun. There are barcode checkpoints along the route that Ray must scan with his electronic scanner each time we pass one. It helps the central USPS office keep track of where their letter carriers are. This one is a barcode on the inside of mailbox.

Ray marks his times on his own sheet of paper, just in case. Letter carriers can be issued warnings if they stray off schedule. The problem with that, Ray says, is that the schedule doesn't account for any time

to interact with customers. For instance, the man who stopped to tell Ray about his home took an extra five minutes from Ray's schedule. But on a schedule like this, those five minutes could make all the difference in staying on track and being cited for going over his allotted hours.

3:30 p.m. We have finished our work on the streets, at long last! Shockingly, even with my dragging feet slowing us, we actually completed the route on time. So Ray fills out some paperwork in his car, while I contemplate the whirlwind of a day I've just had.

I guess I'd always just imagined that my short stack of mail somehow found its own way to my home. I had never considered the immense amount of work human beings put into making sure I get all my bills, magazines and letters.

3:45 p.m. We are back at the USPS office again. Ray checks the mileage on our van and logs it into his scanner. Ray takes the now empty boxes and bags back inside to his station, setting up for tomorrow's work. There are few letters that couldn't be delivered for whatever reason and a large stack of outgoing mail that Ray had collected from customers along his route. We drop all the letters into their proper place, log all remaining certified letters and equipment with the proper authority and Ray goes to clock out.

4:00 p.m. I stroll downstairs to talk

with the new postmaster, Lillie Shelton, at the Beverly Hills station. She joined Beverly Hills about three months ago from West Los Angeles. Sheldon started as a letter carrier and has slowly made her way up the management ladder. Sheldon said her biggest challenge at the Beverly Hills post office is streamlining the delivery process and providing a higher level of customer service.

She's been working with some letter carriers and postal workers to try new strategies for meeting those challenges, like working on Sundays and holidays. Letters carriers still don't deliver on those days, but clerks can get a head start on their work for the week. It makes Mondays go so much smoother.

4:30 p.m. As I head back to the roof of the Post Office building with Ray, everyone in the building asks me how I survived the day and then gives me a cheery good-bye. I tell them how much I admire them for doing this everyday. While it is certainly a special kind of adventure, it is a grueling bit of work.

We're on the roof and I eye my car—it's been one marathon of a day and I can't wait to sit down. I thank Ray for being so gracious to me all afternoon and then we part our ways. When I get home, I'm unusually excited to see in my mail box a stack of white envelopes, even though I know they're all bills.

-Jacquelyn Ryan

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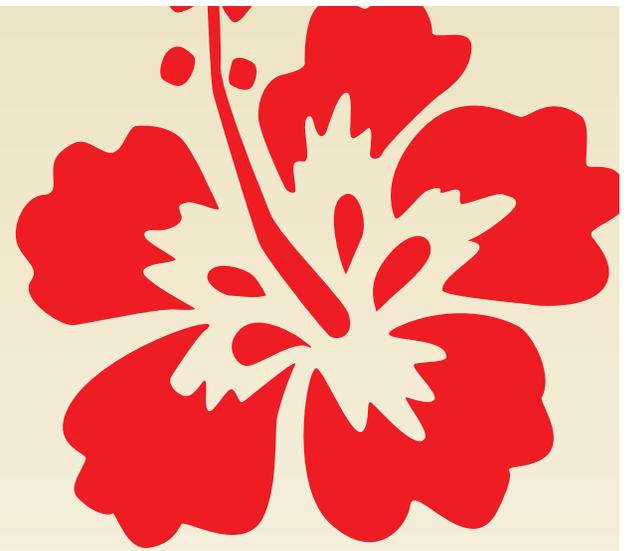
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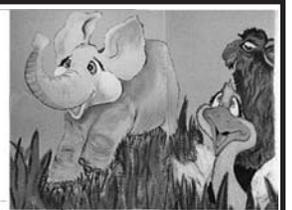
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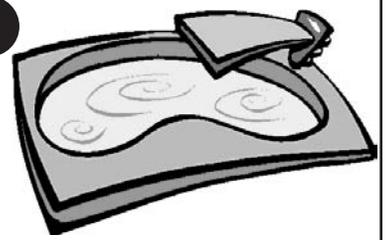
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KEIKO K. KAPLAN CASE NO. BP113321

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of KEIKO K. KAPLAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JUNE M. YAMAMOTO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JUNE M. YAMAMOTO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 11/24/08 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 deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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

Attorney for Petitioner SMITH, ROBERT K. ATTORNEY AT LAW 1150 FOOTHILL BLVD., STE. L LA CANADA, CA 91011 10/30, 11/6, 11/13/08

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANNA ULRICH CASE NO. BP113318

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROY M. ULRICH in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 12/01/08 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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Attorney for Petitioner MARTIN S. REED, ESQ. ANKER, REED, HYMES, SCHREIBER & COHEN 1901 AVENUE OF THE STARS #1100 LOS ANGELES CA 90067 10/30, 11/6, 11/13/08

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FRANCINE DOLLY BUCHSBAUM aka FRANCINE J. BUCHSBAUM & FRANCINE J. SAKEN Case No. BP113377

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of FRANCINE DOLLY BUCHSBAUM aka FRANCINE J. BUCHSBAUM & FRANCINE J. SAKEN

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Neal A. Teplin be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 1, 2008 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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Attorney for petitioner: IRA L MISHKIND ESQ SBN 38105 A LAW CORPORATION 9701 WILSHIRE BLVD STE 1115 BEVERLY HILLS CA 90212 Beverly Hills Weekly CN805527 BUCHSBAUM Nov 6,13,20, 2008

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