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“City Council Backs Controversial Proposition 10” [Issue 990]

Nobody in the 1970’s would have tolerated the current rent gouging. Why should we tolerate it now?
Rents had to go up of course, but not like they did.
Proposition 10 does not go far enough.
Jerry Solomon
Los Angeles

“Metro Battle Heats Up as Student Activists Plan District-wide Walkout” [Issue 992]

I fully support those student activists in their planned walkout on Friday.
This entire fiasco with Metro has been centered around the safety of our students.
Millions of dollars have been spent on legal fees in trying to block the subway tunnel from going under Beverly High to no avail.
So maybe the best and most important voices to be heard are the students themselves. They know and understand the dangers of this construction project and that they are in the bull’s-eye if anything goes wrong.
Our students—our future.
They are the leaders of tomorrow who are acting today so that they can have a safe environment to learn in for themselves and for all those to come.
George Vreeland Hill
Beverly Hills

Mayor Julian Gold and City Councilmember Lester Friedman visited with “Sindaco” Mayor Paolo Sottani (center) of the Comune of Greve in Chianti on a recent trip to Italy.

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Campaign Reports Reveal Contributions, Expenditures in Board of Education Race

Board of Education candidate Rachelle Marcus has a sizable lead in campaign contributions, having raised more than $15,000, according to campaign finance documents released to the Weekly last Thursday. She is followed by fellow candidates Tristen Walker-Shuman and Marvin Winans Jr.

The new documents, which include contributions made between January 1 and Sept. 22, show Marcus has received $15,641 in total contributions this year.

She received several sizable contributions, from $500 to $2,000, many of which came from current and past Beverly Hills elected officials who have known her as both a teacher and community member throughout her more than 50 years in the district. These include a $500 donation from City Councilmember Lili Bosse, another $500 donation from former Board of Education member Myra Lurie and a $300 donation from current Board member Mel Spitz. Jennifer Woooster contributed the most sizable donation to the Marcus campaign in the amount of $2,000.

Marcus’ total expenditures to date come in at just over $9,000, according to the documents. These funds were put toward campaign paraphernalia such as shirts or buttons, professional services and advertisements. Approximately $2,498 was paid to the Beverly Hills Courier for print and digital advertisements.

Walker, who co-chaired the Measure BH campaign and served on the Future Focused Schools team, comes in directly behind Marcus with a total of $11,045 in contributions. Walker’s donations range from $100 to $5,000. Among those who donated to her campaign are former Beverly Hills Mayor Barry Brucker, who donated $500, her Measure BH campaign co-chair Lee Egerman, who donated $500, and her father-in-law Alan Shuman, who donated $5,000.

Walker’s campaign has spent just under $4,000 on literature and mailings, information technology costs and on campaign paraphernalia such as signs or shirts. $400 was put toward an advertisement in Beverly Hills Weekly.

Donations for Winans, who worked with Walker on the Future Focused Schools Team and is the co-president of the Beverly Vista PTA, are a mix of small and large donations, ranging from $18 to $750. To date, Winans has raised $7,545.

Igor Korbatov, husband of Board of Education president Lisa Korbatov, contributed $750 to the Winans campaign. Other contributions include $100 from Recreation & Parks Commissioner Frances Bilak, $250 from former Board of Education president Brian Goldberg and $500 from former Beverly Hills Mayor Robert K. Tanenbaum.

Winans has spent approximately just over $5,000 on slate mailers, campaign kick-off supplies and other campaign notification charges with $1,125 in accrued expenses for digital ads purchased from the Beverly Hills Courier, the documents show.

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These summaries cover January 1, 2018 to September 22, 2018. Source: LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Board of Education Candidates Talk Metro, Reconfiguration and Salary Negotiations at Campaign Debate

Beverly Hills Board of Education candidates Rachelle Marcus, Tristen Walker-Shuman and Marvin Winans Jr. spoke about their qualifications and potential solutions for some of the school district’s most pressing challenges on October 3 in what was the first-ever collective question and answer session for the group.

Hosted by members of the teen chapter of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation (BHED) and Beverly High’s Interact club, questions covered a range of topics including the Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s Purple Line Extension project, the candidate’s views on middle school reconfiguration, salary negotiations and preventing future conflicts between the Board and the Beverly Hills Education Association (BHEA).

“I think listening is the most important piece when we’re talking about how to avoid conflicts,” Walker-Shuman said. “I think more can be accomplished when we work collaboratively together, giving teachers support in the areas they have challenges and giving mentorship to teachers who want to become administrators in the future.”

“I also need to be listening to students for input because you are the ones who experience what comes from the conflicts on a daily basis.”

Winans agreed, adding that he would strive to create a relationship beyond contracts between the Board and BHEA if elected.

“It’s important to understand what the needs are and what each side is looking for. In a lot of ways, this is about contracts. Having been involved in the music business and having dealt with unions and contracts in the industry, I have some insight into how that works. Sometimes if you don’t have a good underlying relationship beneath the contract, you don’t have anything at all,” Winans said. “I think that’s when you get things like Work-to-Rule. You need a good relationship so that when it’s time to negotiate the relationship will be strong enough that you can avoid situations like we’ve been in this year.”

Marcus also stressed the importance of relationships in her answer, though was the only candidate to share how she planned to foster those relationships—by being present in the schools, as she has been throughout her career.

“School Board members need to visit the schools while they’re on the Board. I will do that. I will be present in the schools asking teachers what their needs are. I think that keeping that relationship healthy means helping them when you can, listening, spending time in the schools and making sure they know you what they need from you as teachers,” Marcus said.

Three questions were dedicated to Section 2 of MTA’s Purple Line Extension project. Students asked how candidates would ensure the safety of students throughout the project, how they would make sure students had access to objective facts related to the subway, what their views were in relation to the upcoming school walkout and where they would suggest moving students in the event that the high school needed to be closed sometime during the seven years of construction.

“To me, something that is pretty clear is that a tunnel shouldn’t be dug under a high school. It’s the only high school we have in our district, so it just doesn’t make sense to me,” Winans, who openly voiced his opposition to the Metro at Tuesday’s nights City Council meeting, said. “When I heard about how Metro responded to potentially hitting the oil well, when they said they’d cross that bridge if they came to it, I said, ‘Well, that’s a bridge we don’t want to cross.’ We still have an opportunity to get together and make sure they go back down the Santa Monica Route.”

Marcus expressed a similar sentiment and praised students for taking up the cause against the MTA alignment.

“I really applaud what the students are doing. I hope they are able to do what the lawyers and money they’ve spent weren’t able to do by bringing it to the attention of the nation that these kids and our school will be affected by noise and illness,” she said. “My greatest hope is that it will happen and they’re able to move the tunnel. I don’t know what the plan could be if they don’t but I do know we have to monitor carefully to make sure out students are safe and won’t be affected by this.”

Walker-Shuman’s answer focused more directly on what to do if the alignment was not switched, though she, like the other candidates, did not have a specific answer on where to move students in the event that they were displaced.

“We need to run parallel paths, so we need to do the best we can to make sure they’re not under the school. At the same time, we need to start preparing for ways to protect our students assuming that it’s coming. We don’t have the luxury of waiting to see what happens,” she said. “I think we should be preparing for what might change if we can’t get the route switched. If that means moving the trailers, which we know will take 18 months to do, we need to get started on that now. We also need to look at where to put students if we need to move them off campus for whatever reason.”

Middle school reconfiguration, which has been a topic of much debate in Beverly Hills over the last several years, was the other hot topic of the evening. Both Marcus and Walker-Shuman said they would support reconfiguration while Winans, who voted against a dedicated middle school during his time on the Future Focused Schools Team, said he still felt more information was needed to make

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grades in the ways we can to make sure we should focus on bettering the middle - didn’t think it was prudent to recommend or how it would effect cost-savings, I - and there were pros we would get excited the pros and cons with Future Focused, house,” Winans said. “That’s how I feel a plan, I wouldn’t tell you to build the answers to those questions or show me much it would cost, where you would get about where you wanted to build it, how - an informed decision on the subject. "Let me use an analogy. If you asked - regardless of how we move here today.”
Commission Chair Nooshin Meshkaty cont. from page 3
Preferential Parking Permit (PPP) regulation - The Beverly Hills Traffic and Parking Commission voted against modifying Preferential Parking Permit (PPP) regulations on the 200 and 300 blocks of South Canon Drive on October 4 after being presented with two resident-initiated petitions requesting the change.
This decision to vote against the residents’ request, which comes as the commission has sworn to consolidate Preferential Parking Zones in the City in order to simplify parking enforcement, was approved 3-1. Vice Chair Jay Solnit was the lone dissenting vote.
Commission Chair Nooshin Meshkaty said that her vote against the requested changes was not made necessary because she opposed them, but because of confusion related to what residents were actually seeking when they filed their petitions. The “confusion,” as Meshkaty referred to it, was first brought to light when Commissioner David Seidel questioned whether or not the request was for rezoning the blocks or whether it was for changing the on-street regulations.
“If we leave it as ‘Q’ it would still be an open ‘Q’ so if a ‘Q’ permit was hanging on a car, it would be more of an enforcement issue. It’s hard to track it back to the residents it’s registered to,” Transportation Planner Martha Eros said.
“So, it seems like from an enforcement point of view we should consider re-lettering it,” Seidel said. “I just want to make sure you all have the ability to manage this regardless of how we move here today.”
Redistricting wasn’t, however, in the staff report or the mailed notice to residents in the area, nor was it on the agenda for the meeting. It was also not part of the original petitions as submitted. The original request only asked that a regulation change be made eliminating parking on the blocks for anyone without a Permit ‘Q’.
In a joint letter written by Jim and Keri Moret on behalf of the 200 block residents, the couple stated that the goal of the petition was to ensure that people working in the area around South Canon did not illegally use permits to park on the street without living in the ‘Q’ zoning area.
“The width of the street is such that it cannot accommodate the flow of north and south traffic simultaneously when the street is congested with parked cars, as is often the case,” Jim and Keri Moret wrote in a joint letter to the commission on behalf of the 200 block residents. “We believe that a number of people currently using the designated Q zone permits and leaving their cars all day do not live on Canon Drive, but live in the area covered by Q and/or are using our street as extended parking for shopping or working on Beverly Drive.”
That problem would not be fixed by simple regulation changes, however. Any individual working in a local business that had somehow obtained a ‘Q’ permit would still be able to park on the street for extended periods of time. It is not clear if the petitioning residents were aware of this, and Chair Mashkaty said that confusion made it difficult for her to vote.
“I’m not very comfortable voting on this at this time because of all the changes going on with petition itself, the confusion over which zone it might be in, everything,” Meshkaty said.
Other residents also took issue with the potential zoning change, as residents weren’t notified that such a change could occur.
“The mailed notice said it would be the same designation, but what I’m hearing now is a request for a zone designation change,” Mark Elliot, who resides on Reeves Drive and whose home parking is included in the ‘Q’ zoning area, said. “There’s a difference there. The whole impetuous for a zone change is that they don’t want multi-family units parking on their block. That was not in the mailed notice.”
“My concern is that I live on a multi-family block with lots of multi-family neighbors who don’t have access to parking and who already suffer parking impacts from people outside of the neighborhood who need the overflow on Canon because of street cleaning,” Elliot continued. “I’m concerned that if we change this, these folks will say they own the curb and won’t let us park there either.”
Scott Patterson, who also resides on Reeves, said he too was concerned about the limited parking already available for the multi-family units zoned under ‘Q’.
“The biggest concern I have is that two days a week we have street sweeping and have to give up 50 percent of our parking for three hours,” Patterson said. “We are the only block in Beverly Hills south of Beverly Drive that offers two hour parking. If you go west to Rodeo and that area, they have permits and provide zero parking. Reeves is the busiest residential street in the City,” he said. “It’s a residential street, and we already have less parking than we have tenants.”
Commissioner Seidel made the motion to deny the petitioner’s request.
“If anyone thinks we read the packet and come in here knowing what we’re going to do, that’s not correct. We are very responsive to the input we get from staff reports and the community. We try to understand and think holistically,” he said. “With that in mind, I’d make a motion to deny the request.”
Hearing Set For December to Review Calle Vista Decision
The Beverly Hills City Council elected to review the Planning Commission’s decision related to media mogul Bryon Allen’s 1115 Calle Vista Dr. project, which was approved by a 3-2 vote of the
OUR ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

Marcus • Walker-Shuman • No On Prop 10

This year’s Board of Education race wasn’t that exciting, but its results could have long-term implications for the future of the district.

The two most qualified candidates are Rachelle Marcus and Tristen Walker-Shuman. Once elected, they will have their work cut out for them.

The state of affairs in the BHUSD are at an all-time low, largely due to the machinations, shenanigans, and failed decisions of the one person who has controlled the board majority for the last seven of nine years—Board President Lisa Korbatov.

The repeated failures of the Korbatov administration have been covered extensively in this newspaper. Her ethical transgressions are numerous, such as when we caught her voting twice in 2015 (see Issue #839, available on bhweekly.com). A district attorney’s office staff member told us the only reason Lisa wasn’t prosecuted for this felony was that the voting records had been destroyed by the time the story came to light.

Lisa’s felony behavior should have led to her resignation right then and there. But politics, as in life, is not always predictable.

Lisa has been in control of the Board for the last seven years (first with the votes of Lewis Hall and Brian Goldberg, and later with the votes, inexplicably, of Howard Goldstein and Noah Margo, both of whom used to vote against her in their earlier days on the board).

Lisa’s lies, her rumormongering, her driving away top administrators and faculty who would not govern as she pleased, have all contributed to the district’s long and steady decline. Every year, enrollment drops lower and lower, while she remains fixated on her expensive (and losing) effort to “get Metro.”

Lisa’s current attempt to permanently shut down the high school is not only foolish, it is not grounded in reality.

Friday’s “walkout,” also misguided, might generate some media interest, but the subway alignment is not going to change. Students are not suddenly going to get cancer from a subway. This is much ado about nothing.

Lisa wisely close not to run for re-election this year, in part because she knew she would be tarred and feathered if she tried to run again. Her attempts (along with Board member Howard Goldstein) to fire Superintendent Michael Bregy failed, along with everything else that she tried. Her record speaks for itself: it’s a disaster.

We have eight reasonable suggestions for the new board to pursue. If they do any of the following, it’s a sign we are finally moving in a new direction:

1. MAKE ISABEL HACKER BOARD PRESIDENT

Howard Goldstein mastermind a powerplay which skipped over Board member Isabel Hacker for Vice President last year at this time. Hacker was the top vote getter in the 2015 election, way above board member Noah Margo, who placed third. But the board majority skipped over Hacker despite her rightful place in line. The new board can right this obvious snub by voting Hacker in as board president.

2. FIRE TERRY TAO

Tao is allegedly the district’s “attorney” on Metro and other issues, yet he acts like he is Korbatov’s personal attorney, parroting back anything she says in a most sycophantic way. Tao has, among other things, tried to argue with a straight face that the board should build a multi-million dollar dollar parking garage in the front of the high school, in an attempt to “clip” the Metro tunnel (100 feet down). Besides being ridiculous, even the district’s own construction manager has argued this is impossible. We all know Tao and his law firm have an incentive to keep the Metro case going as long as they possibly can. They will do so, unless or until they are stopped by the new board. Tao’s ethical problems, and his inability to tell the truth warrant the new board to terminate his contract.

3. FOCUS ON ACADEMICS, WITH MARCUS LEADING THE WAY

Rachelle Marcus is a veteran educator with over 55 years of teaching experience in the BHUSD. Lisa Korbatov has never taught a class, ever. Our recent test scores show it. Who is more qualified to lead the BHUSD back to academic excellence?

4. BOOST RESIDENT ENROLLMENT BY FOCUSING ON ACADEMICS RATHER THAN SUING PEOPLE AND LOSING

Beverly Hills Weekly has sounded the alarm for some time that resident enrollment in our schools is falling to a dangerous low. Imagine if the board spent half the time they spend with “Chicken Little” arguments blasting Metro, and instead focused on boosting resident enrollment? We might actually see enrollment over 4000 students again!

5. COMPLETE THE DISTRICT’S HORRIBLY BUNGLED AND OVERLY AMBITIOUS CONSTRUCTION PLAN

We opposed the last two school bonds (November 2016, June 2018) for one simple reason: we had no confidence in this school board to complete any projects on-time and on-budget. In 2015, the board majority at the time (Korbatov, Goldberg, Hall) closed three school auditoriums for purely political reasons (see our cover story on their nonsensical arguments that the auditoriums were “unsafe” in issue #823, also available on bhweekly.com).

Sadly, these auditoriums are still closed four years later, with no opening date in sight. This has decimated the once-renowned Performing Arts program, and also made it very difficult to hold a school-wide assembly. The new board should complete any existing projects before they embark on any new ones.

The board has bitten off more than they can chew, which is evident in their existing projects being over-budget and late. The front of our once postcard-like high school is boarded up and fenced. Today it looks more like a housing project in urban Detroit than what was once the top high school in Southern California.

6. REMOVE THAT RIDICULOUS CHAIN LINK FENCE IN THE FRONT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

School officials went too far with that penitentiary-inspired chain link fence in the front of the high school, which isn’t making anyone safer. The school can be made more safe without a fence, such as installing exit-only doors in front, security cameras, and so forth. Hey Terry Tao, how are you going to build your multi-million dollar parking garage to “clip” the metro tunnel (see #2) with that ridiculous fence in front?

7. ENACT A TWO YEAR PLAN TO PHASE-IN A DEDICATED 6-8 MIDDLE SCHOOL

What a surprise, Korbatov is on the wrong side of reconfiguration. Luckily, there appear to be three or more votes on the next board to do what the board should have done ten years ago when the permits started to be phased out: create a dedicated 6-8 middle school on one of the campuses. The academic arguments for it are obvious. Once this new middle school is open, hopefully in the fall of 2021, it’s going to be wildly popular, especially when parents see the wide array of course offerings and electives that only a dedicated middle school can offer.

It takes the new board to enact the leadership to make it happen once and for all.

8. STOP THE LOSING LAWSUITS

No California school district of our size (approximately 3800 students, and dropping fast) spends $2 to $3 million in legal fees per year, as we have done since Korbatov has led the board. It is insanity. And it needs to stop.

We will address the highly flawed Beverly Hills Rent Stabilization Ordinance in a future issue, since the Council plans to amend it in two meetings to be held this month. But suffice it is to say we don’t think cities should be tampering with radical rent control, or experimenting with vacancy controls, and the like. Accordingly, we recommend a NO vote on Proposition 10.

Beverly Hills Weekly recommends a vote for Rachelle Marcus and Tristen Walker-Shuman, and a NO vote on Proposition 10.

VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6 – or by mail ballot.

For polling place information call 562-462-2748 or visit www.lavote.net.
Empowered Women, Empower Women
The Beverly Hills Bar Association (BHBA) Board of Governors Award was presented to the founding members of the BHBA Committee on Empowering Women, including, left to right, Mitra Torabi, Jennifer Oster tag, Eve Wagner, Lourdes DeArmas and Nadira Imam at the organization’s annual awards dinner on September 25.

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allow its cumulative floor area, including basements, to exceed 15,000 square feet violated the ordinance. The commission disagreed, stating in Section 5 of its decision that “the intent of the Municipal Code is not to prevent properties with nonconforming structures as to maximum allowable floor area from seeking a Hillside R-1 Permit for approval of a structure in excess of 15,000 square feet, including basements.”

This defense did little to ease the concerns of community members like Beverly Hills Hillside Protection Association (BHHPA) President Ronald Richards, who wrote a letter on October 2 criticizing the decision as “wrong and illegal.”

“This Project, if approved in its current form, would double the size of the already nonconforming structure that is above its current allowable FAR. This is wrong and illegal. It is also against the legal advice of the City Attorney,” Richards wrote.

“We believe that the only correct legal avenue for the Applicant’s proposal to increase the size of its structure to in excess of 20,000 square feet on this lot of slightly more than one acre is to pursue a variance, or zone text amendment,” he continued.

“There is no unfairness or unequal treatment as an avenue to request permission for this excessively large ‘dream house’ exists; one which was not explored at the Planning Commission hearing, or by the Applicant’s legal attorney.”

Richards also spoke at Tuesday’s meeting, asserting to the Council that the project must be reviewed because the Planning Commission’s decision relied heavily on the “intent” of the City’s Municipal Code, which Richards said does not exist.

“This is the type of application that an elected body needs to view. The resolution itself has a large mistake in it. It talks about, in Section 5, the intent of the Municipal Code. You can ask [City Attorney] Larry [Weiner], but Municipal Codes don’t have intent. City Councils have intent,” Richards said at the meeting on Tuesday. “It’s important that this law was enacted in 1993 as an Urgency Ordinance. You need to interpret this through the 1995 law that actually became the final law. It is the precedent that has been around for 25 years and something monumental that needs to be affirmed by the City Council, not by the Planning Commission majority, who failed to apply the law correctly or follow the legal advice of the City Attorney.”

Vice Mayor John Mirisch, who asked that the project be brought before the Council for review, said at the meeting that he felt there was a “bait and switch” associated with the project because the applicant originally said the project would affect the 1993 law. It is the precedent that has been around for 25 years and something monumental that needs to be affirmed by the City Council, not by the Planning Commission majority, who failed to apply the law correctly or follow the legal advice of the City Attorney.”

Lili Bosse to Host Children’s Play in November
What happens to your shadow while you sleep? Families with kids ages two to five, will discover the answer at Trusty Sidekick Theater Company’s production of Shadow Play, presented by the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4 at 12:30 and 2 p.m., in The Wal lis’s Lovelace Studio Theatre.

This innovative, original performance for youngsters tells the story of Flash, whose shadow turns out to be more mischievous than he’d ever imagined. Soon after moving into his new home, Flash discovers that his shadow has moving plans of his own. In the middle of the night, the shadow packs up a few belongings and goes in search of a new home on the moon. Flash embarks on a quest to bring his shadow home in this playful production that utilizes stunning animation, video production and an original score to create a highly sensory, multimedia experience designed with a very young audience in mind.

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Shadow Play stars Drew Petersen, Trusty Sidekicks Artistic Director, and is directed by Paul Brewster, Trusty Side-
The exhibition will be held at USC Hillel, located at 3300 S. Hoover Street. Reception parking is available across the street from the University Village parking garage on the corner of S. Hoover and W. 32nd Street. Free street parking is also available. For further information please contact Jordyn Walker, USC Hillel Development Associate, at 213-973-1202, or Jordyn@uscchillel.org

Anthony McGill to Make Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra Debut

Celebrated clarinetist Anthony McGill is set to make his Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra debut on Saturday, October 27 at the Alex Theatre in Glendale and on Sunday, October 28 at Royce Hall in Los Angeles.

McGill, Principal Clarinet of the New York Philharmonic, will perform Nielsen’s Clarinet Concerto, and the concerts will also feature Sibelius’ Symphony No. 3, Pärt’s Silouan’s Song and Grieg’s Two Norwegian Airs.

McGill has collaborated with Emanuel Ax, Yo-Yo Ma and Midori, Mitsuko Uchida and Lang Lang, and performed with Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma and Gabriela Montero at the 2009 inauguration of President Barack Obama. He has also appeared on Performance Today, Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood, NBC Nightly News, the Steve Harvey Show and on MSNBC, among other media outlets.

McGill will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 27 at the Alex Theatre, located at 216 North Brand Boulevard in Glendale. The Sunday, October 28 performance will kick-off at 7 p.m. in Royce Hall, located at 340 Royce Drive in Los Angeles.

Tickets for the performances start at $28 and may be purchased online at lacoc.org or by calling LACO at (213) 622-7001 x1. Discounted tickets are also available by phone for seniors 65 years of age and older and for groups of 12 or more. Students with valid student ID may purchase discounted tickets, based on availability.

Pope Bids Farewell After 18 Years of Service

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USC Hillel Showcases Brown Family Art Exhibition

USC Hillel will host an exhibition of artwork created by Beverly Hills artist Gary Brown and his grandfather, Frederick Brown, on Sunday, October 14. The show, inspired by Gary’s chance discovery of a cutout block reading “Brown’s Print Show” amongst his grandfather’s blocks, celebrates the work of two generations of artists and shows the works side-by-side for the first time.

Having never met, there was no way to make the direct connection between Gary and his grandfather. There was no generational handoff, no mentor/mentee relationship. But once Fred’s prints were laid out in front of Gary, the connections started to appear, as if Fred were reaching down, through the work, to point out similarities inspired by their mutual DNA. Likenesses included the use of color, the ever-present reference to landscape, the focus on nature, and the dreamy nature of life. They both use simple lines and shapes combined with a pleasing use of color to draw us in.

While Fred’s work is firmly planted in the world of representational reality and the pleasures of everyday life, Gary’s art is rooted in the science of string and chaos theory; dynamic and otherworldly.

The USC Hillel Art Gallery’s mission is to provide Jewish students with opportunities to interact with Jewish art and engage with artistic experience and exploration. Additionally, the USC Hillel Art Gallery gives Jewish artists an opportunity to present their work in a Jewish space.

Brown family artwork

Anthony McGill

McGill was one of the classical music world’s finest solo, chamber and orchestral musicians, McGill recorded Nielsen’s work with the New York Philharmonic, where he is in his second season as Principal Clarinet. His LACO residency includes master classes, community engagement opportunities and free performances, along with concert appearances, providing more accessible musical opportunities to the broader Los Angeles community. Noted for his “almost lusciously fluid command from the depths of his instrument,” up the clarion register, and all the way to the altissimo,” by The Philadelphia Inquirer, McGill previously served as Principal Clarinet of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Associate Principal Clarinet of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to performing around the globe, McGill has collaborated with Emanuel Ax, Yefim Bronfman, Gil Shaham, Midori, Mitsuko Uchida and Lang Lang, and performed with Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma and Gabriela Montero at the 2009 inauguration of President Barack Obama. He has also appeared on Performance Today, Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood, NBC Nightly News, the Steve Harvey Show and on MSNBC, among other media outlets.

McGill will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 27 at the Alex Theatre, located at 216 North Brand Boulevard in Glendale. The Sunday, October 28 performance will kick-off at 7 p.m. in Royce Hall, located at 340 Royce Drive in Los Angeles.

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The Beverly High football team ran three gassers – sprints the width of the field and back – following its 50-0 loss at El Segundo Friday night in an Ocean League game, over the objections of Beverly Hills Unified School District director of athletics Tim Ellis and coach Jarrod Bunch, Bunch said.

“They asked me if they could do that,” Bunch said. “Last week Lawndale did it. They realize we have a lot of work to do and they did not want to wait to start working on it.”

El Segundo corner back Kyle Myers intercepted a pass and returned it 25 yards on each of its first five possessions.

The number of Beverly High students playing football has diminished in recent years because of the growing number of parents who will not give their sons permission to play because of fears of concussions and the school’s declining enrollment.

The Normans have lost 13 consecutive games dating back to 2015, including 56-7 last season.

The teams have one common opponent, Bradbury, which lost to the Cougars, 41-28, Sept. 28.

The Normans had 19 players in uniform Friday.

“We have to stop the three-and-outs,” said Bunch, who said he expects to have 21 or 22 players in uniform Friday.

“The lack of players led to the Beverly Hills program not being able to follow their assignments, Bunch said.

“We have to get more players,” Bunch said. “The program cannot exist playing football. Once we made a couple of mistakes it snowballed. We just couldn’t stop it.”

The Normans had 19 players in uniform, forcing all its players to play on offense, defense and special teams, Bunch said.

“This team was not that much better than us,” Bunch said. “They have other people that can come in.”

El Segundo players “getting really tired” and not being able to follow their assignments,

“The number of Beverly High students working on it.”

“We still have things to work on, but we did rise to the challenge.”

Beverly Hills (3-5, 1-3) is “simply not there yet in terms of being competitive at a high level with teams like Santa Monica,” Weiss said.

“Player for player they are more skilled,” Weiss said. “We both have very hard working players and we are very scrappy, but not as skilled.”

Weiss said outside hitter-libero Angela Bradbury “is improving every day.”

“I am very impressed with her improved passing and defense,” Weiss said.

Opposite hitter Natasha Melamed and middle blocker Temi Olonade “also played well and blocked extremely well at the net,” against the Vikings.

Trevor Thompson, an eighth grader at Good Shepherd Catholic School, won the Catholic Youth Organization boys’ “A” gold division fall golf tournament at Arroyo Seco Golf Course in South Pasadena Sunday.

Thompson fired a 1-over-par 28 on the back nine of the par-3 course to top the field of nearly 50 seventh and eighth graders, including a birdie on the final hole.

Steven Herbert has covered Beverly Hills High School sports for Beverly Hills Weekly since 1999. He has also covered college and professional sports for The Associated Press, Los Angeles Times and Washington Post. He can be reached at (310) 275-7943 or by email at stvherbert@aol.com.

**Girls’ Volleyball**

Beverly Hills lost three consecutive sets to Santa Monica in an Ocean League match at Santa Monica Sept. 20.

“I was very happy with the way we played,” Normans coach Marla Weiss said. “We still have things to work on, but we did rise to the challenge.”
COVER STORY

KORBATOV BASHES LOCAL OFFICIALS AT ‘STOP THE PURPLE THREAT’ MEETING

Lieu, Yaroslavsky, Villaraigosa Criticized

By Kelcey Caulder

Beverly Hills Board of Education President Lisa Korbato bashed Congress man Ted Lieu (D-Torrance) and the Beverly Hills City Council for not doing more to aid the school district in its quest to stop the Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s (MTA) Purple Line Extension project from tunneling beneath Beverly High at a meeting on October 4, according to a recording obtained by Beverly Hills Weekly, available at https://bit.ly/2C45uEi.

Approximately 75 community members attended the meeting, including BHUSD Superintendent Michael Bregy and school district attorney Terry Tao, though more than 280 members of a WhatsApp group chat formed to advocate against the MTA expansion were invited to participate.

“She should be helping us to pay for D.C. They should be advocating with us all the way. They are sitting on your money and mine.”

Korbato spoke at length about the MTA’s use of its budget, adding that she felt the City could either join the district in litigating the issue or share some of the associated costs.

“Go to City Council on Tuesday and tell them we demand you help the school district,” she said. “Maybe they join us in litigation again. Maybe, I don’t know, maybe that means they start paying for some of our things that we have. It wouldn’t hurt for them to pay for security. I will tell you that, for armed guards. So, yes, go to City Council. Make everyone uncomfortable.”

“You have to be polite, articulate and you have to be knowledgeable,” Korbato continued. “Read the Purple Threat. Educate yourself.”

‘Stop the Purple Threat’ is an anonymous website dedicated to preventing the Purple Line from going underneath the high school. Its homepage shares information for contacting public officials, a petition against the expansion, videos about the project and other information.

At the meeting, Korbato publicly shared for the first time that she and “one or two lawyers and consultants” created the website.

“That website was put up by a professional organization and a professional group of people who did a phenomenal website,” she said. “Myself and one or two lawyers and consultants, we loaded all the information. It is accurate. Read it. Read the complaints. Read it. Read and watch the films. Read it. You’ll understand.

“It is not clear whether or not Korbato used her personal funds or district funds to create the website, though she mentions many times on the tape obtained by theWeekly that she has paid out-of-pocket for issues related to Metro.

BHUSD told the Weekly it was “not in possession of any documentation” responsive to a California Public Record’s Act request related to funding for ‘Stop the Purple Threat’ programming, including funding for experts brought to the student-led community forum related to the project in September.

Korbato also accused Former County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky of doing favors for “Obama billionaire bundlers” when the MTA project and alignment beneath the school were first proposed.

“Look, I really wish I could tell you guys how this happened to us. It was corruption and pay to play [former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio] Villaraigosa and Zev Yaroslavsky doing favors for bundlers, Obama billionaire bundlers, but it really doesn’t help us now,” she said. “It was corruption politics and it was Chicago politics at its worst. It was Chicago politics.”

Rather than further trust the same local politicians, Korbato seems to be placing all of her hopes for stopping the expansion on the federal government and U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield), who, according to the FEC, she has personally donated thousands of dollars to.

“I have gone to very high level donors and other information. It is accurate. Read it. Read the complaints. Read it. Read and watch the films. Read it. You’ll understand. They are already upset,” she said.

“Are they allowed to do this during class time? Are they allowed,” Kune rephrased.

“Absolutely they are allowed,” Bregy said.

“Kune then asked whether or not students should wear school colors to the event. Beverly High student body president Ryan Abrishami said the student leaders would prefer if students did not do so.

“This walk out is going to be as authentic as possible,” he told Kune. “We don’t want this to look scripted.”

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CRESPIN, MELISSA SUE, 27, of Long Beach arrested on 9/03/2018 for appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate, resisting/delaying/obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical technician and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

BELAJAN, HAROUT SEVAK, 27, of Pasadena arrested on 9/03/2018 for appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate.

PETERSON, MELISSA, 28, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/03/2018 for BHPD bench warrant – felony.

RODRIGUEZ, DANIEL ANTHONY, 32, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/03/2018 for possession of drug paraphernalia.

LEWIS, DOUGLAS HENRY, 38, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/03/2018 for possession of meth/etc. and possession of drug paraphernalia.

JACKSON, AARON, 23, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/03/2018 for outside infraction warrant, presenting a false ID to a police officer and a stop sign violation.

TAYLOR, GREGORY LEONARD, 31, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/04/2018 for resisting/delaying/obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical technician and for “pedestrian outside crosswalk.”

GISBON, JULIUS, 41, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/03/2018 for possession of drug paraphernalia and jaywalking.

MOORE, RYAN JOSEPH, 22, of Hagerstown arrested on 9/04/2018 for public intoxication.

ALANTAR, VALENTIN, 43, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/03/2018 for failing to register when released from custody, possession of meth/etc. and possession of drug paraphernalia.

KERSTEN, HUGO WYLAND, 52, of Chatsworth arrested on 9/03/2018 for driving while license suspended.

MARTINEZ, JOSEFINA, 26, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/04/2018 for no proof of insurance, outside misdemeanor warrant, driving with a suspended license and having no evidence of current registration.

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SALLE, CHRISTIAN ANTHONY, 25, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/04/2018 for destroying or concealing documentary evidence, possession of meth/ect. and possession of drug paraphernalia.

SAYLES, EMIL C. 32, of Ontario arrested on 9/04/2018 for outside misdemeanor warrant.

HASSANI, MOUNIR, 57, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/04/2018 for public intoxication, battery against a peace officer/emergency tech/etc. in the performance of their duties and for resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer/peace officer/emergency medical technician.

CRISANTO, FILIBERTO SALVADOR, 28, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/05/2018 for two BHPD misdemeanor arrest warrants, presenting a false ID to a police officer and possession of drug paraphernalia.

ESTRADA, HENRY HERNANDEZ, 37, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/05/2018 for public intoxication.

SAEG, CHARLES ROBERT, 39, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/05/2018 for possession of controlled substance without prescription.

NICHOLS, CHRISTOPHER DJON, 31, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/05/2018 for residential burglary and an outside misdemeanor warrant.

TORABIAN, ARAYIK, 20, of Glendale arrested on 9/05/2018 for brandishing or possessing a gun in a threatening, rude or angry manner and for battery.

JONES, LAMONT HARTWELL, 32, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/05/2018 for driving while license suspended, possession of meth/ect. and resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical technician.

CRUZ, JUAN GUILLERMO, 22, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/05/2018 for human waste, public intoxication, outside misdemeanor warrant, presenting a false ID to a police officer and for defacing, damaging, or destroying property in an amount less than $400.

LOPEZ, SANTIAGO GREGORY, 43, of Eagle Rock arrested on 9/05/2018 for receiving stolen property, dirk/dagger and possession of meth/ect.

REVIS, CAROLYN SHAYNA, 48, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/06/2018 for appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate, possession of meth/ect. and failing to meet bicycle lighting requirements.

MCNAYRE, DARTANGNAN CINQUE, 37, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/06/2018 for acquiring access cards without cardholders or issuers consent, failing to meet bicycle lighting requirements and resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical technician.

WERNER, MATTHEW LEONARD, 41, of Naples arrested on 9/06/2018 for grand theft auto.

SAGE, CHARLES ROBERT, 39, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/06/2018 for possession of controlled substance without prescription.

MENDIETA, PAUL ISAAC, 40, of Palm Springs arrested on 9/06/2018 for grand theft auto, driving while license suspended, and possession of meth/ect.

NADZHRYAN, GAGIK, 28, of Van Nuys arrested on 9/07/2018 for appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate, commercial burglary, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

ROGERS, ADRIAN JAMAI, 22, of Inglewood arrested on 9/07/2018 for driving under the influence of drugs.

SHOWAKER, WHITNEY NICOLE, 24, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/07/2018 for no proof of insurance, failure to stop at a stop sign and driving while license suspended for DUI.

HUNT, ANDREW LEE, 30, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/07/2018 for being under the influence of a controlled substance and for resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical personnel.

VALENZUELA, JAIRO ALEJANDRO, 30, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/08/2018 for having a loaded firearm in a public or in a vehicle, carrying a concealed firearm on person, driving under a suspended license, possessing drugs while armed, smuggling controlled substances or liquor into jail, possession of meth/ect. and receiving stolen property.

KOZAK, JULIAN D. 49, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/08/2018 for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol level over .08.

HARTY, STEVEN TODD, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/08/2018 for trespassing.

GARCIA, NEPOMUCENO JR, 37, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/08/2018 for resisting or deterring an officer and theft or driving of vehicle.

MORA, VALAREE T, 18, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/08/2018 for driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, theft/driving of vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

SHAY, ANNA ERIKA ERIKA, 57, of Woodland Hills arrested on 9/08/2018 for possession of meth/ect.


DOMINGUEZROMERO, CARLOS IVAN, 30, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/09/2018 for public intoxication.

ALKHALIDI, HAMAD KH, 23, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/09/2018 for driving while license suspended.

KNIGHT, COREY DEON, 19, of Hollywood arrested on 9/09/2018 for three outside misdemeanor warrants and robbery.

INTIZAR, ISMAILOVA, 32, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/09/2018 for outside misdemeanor warrant and public intoxication.

PRIETO, PATRICIO, 47, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/09/2018 for public nuisance.

AVILA, CESAR, 28, of Los Angeles arrested on 9/09/2018 for a misdemeanor BHPD bench warrant.

WILKS, JAMES EDWARD, 31, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/09/2018 for residential burglary.

YBARBA, JOSEPH, 57, of Beverly Hills arrested on 9/10/2018 for drinking in a public place, public intoxication and outside misdemeanor warrant.

CHAVIS, CRYSTAL, 27, of Las Vegas arrested on 9/11/2018 for a misdemeanor BHPD bench warrant.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

THE COURT DEFERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Present Name: Hall

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LA COUNTY TAX AUCTION

Many readers have asked me how to participate in the LA County tax auction. The upcoming auction takes place all day Monday 10/22 and Tuesday 10/23 at the Pomona Fairplex.

In order to bid, bidders must have submitted a $5000 deposit by Friday, 10/5.

Here are Jenny O’s tips to successful bidding in a tax auction:

1. Research any property thoroughly before you buy. You can consult a realtor to assist with this.

2. Talk to someone who has attended the auction before.

3. Consult your tax advisor or attorney re: any potential tax ramifications. YES, you can often get a bargain, but tax properties often have impaired title, or other issues you need to resolve.

4. Often at least half of the properties are located in the high desert and have little to no value. Think before you bid!

5. Remember that even if you’re the successful bidder of a property in the auction, you can’t evict the occupants or even enter it until you have received the deed in the mail, which often takes six weeks.

Interested in future tax sales? All 58 California counties hold tax auctions at different times of the year, some of which are held online.

Call me for more info.

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