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Aluzri, Lightner, City Staff Enabled Toxic Tree Cutting Mess

A Courier Special Investigation

By Victoria Talbot

Documents obtained by *The Courier* through a California Public Records Act demand reveal that Beverly Hills City staff showed a pattern of disregard for the regulatory agency with oversight on the arsenic-contaminated Parcels 12 & 13 and that following the events, City staff was instructed to engage in a city-wide misinformation campaign to counter public outrage over the cut trees.

In The Beginning ...

• City Manager Mahdi Aluzri and Deputy City Manager David Lightner received maps and communications on at least three occasions that detailed the City's easement on the North side of Parcels 12 & 13, including the ALTA Survey, on Sept. 7, showing every tree and bush on the site.

• Lightner worked closely with Beverly Hills Land Company (BHLC) part-owner Lyn Konheim, Community Services

Director Steve Zoet, Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf and Konheim's attorney Bruce Howard to form a plan for the tree removal that would accomplish the goal of preparation of the site for the Santa Monica Boulevard construction staging and storm drain work

• Lightner, Zoet and Aluzri follow advice of Konheim's attorney Bruce Howard, who influenced their behavior to disregard the highly-contaminat-

ed nature of the soil on Parcels 12 & 13 and the fact that environmental controls that should have been supervised by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

• Until Nov. 18, emails show the City planned to have a public information campaign on the need to remove trees that never materialized.

• There is an absence of emails from Nov. 18 - Nov. 20, when at 5:20 p.m. that Friday, a memo was delivered to the

Mayor and Council members explaining that the BHLC was going to remove trees. This is the first time council was notified according to emails, of the plan to cut down all the trees

• City staff engaged in a controlled spin campaign with talking points sent to employees Nov. 23 for response when people inquired.

• Emails reveal that there was no consideration of legal issues regarding permits or (see 'TREE CUTTING' page 22)



GOING HOME — On Thursday morning, a portrait of Edward Lawrence Doheny returned home to Greystone mansion after nearly 60 years in the office of his grandson, Patrick A. Doheny. After Patrick passed away, El Camino Building LLC. donated the portrait to the Friends of Greystone, with arrangements made by Kathleen Doheny McCoy and Peter McCoy. Above, left: the portrait hanging in Greystone decades ago. Above, right: Jerry Borja and Reggie Sully delivering the portrait back to Greystone Mansion. The return of the portrait is part of an ongoing effort to restore and renovate the home's library and fill it full of many of its old treasures. *Photo by Daniel Hernandez*

Judge: FTA Is Capricious To OK Subway Below Beverly Hills High, Violates NEPA

By Laura Coleman

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge George H. Wu declared that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) failed to meet standards defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when it approved Metro's plan to run a subway tunnel under Beverly Hills High School, an area riddled with abandoned oil wells and pockets of potentially explosive methane gas.

"The court believes that the FTA acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner, and did not take the requisite hard look NEPA requires," Judge Wu wrote in the 216-page tentative ruling filed Monday.

Following nearly three hours of oral arguments, Judge Wu showed no willingness to significantly alter his lengthy tentative ruling, which he characterized as a "victory" for Beverly Hills.

"NEPA is a very high standard," he explained. "The question is, has it so clearly been met here? I don't think it has been met."

Judge Wu ordered attorneys for the FTA, the Beverly

Hills Unified School District and the City of Beverly Hills to return to his Central District of California courtroom on March 14 to resume the hearing. He directed both sides—Beverly Hills and the FTA—to submit opening briefs on the "appropriate remedy" by Feb. 25 with their subsequent reply briefs due a week later.

Both City Attorney Larry Weiner and Jennifer S. Recine, of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP, Lead Counsel for BHUSD, told *The Courier* they "look forward" to Judge Wu's final ruling.

The Beverly Hills Board of Education has been at the forefront of a David-versus-Goliath battle ever since 2011, when Metro unveiled a decades-old map alleging the existence of five active faults running underneath BHHS. Subsequently, the BHUSD and the California Geological Survey (CGS) trenched, using the most up-to-date technology, and discovered that Metro was wrong.

Concurrent with BHUSD's own investigations, Metro

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The Rich Get Richer: City Council OK's Pay Hike For Staff

By Matt Lopez

Despite staring down the barrel of \$184 million in unfunded pension liabilities, the City Council on Tuesday approved pay raises for City employees that will cost the City just under \$7 million over the next four years.

The pay increases cover six City bargaining units: the Municipal Employees' Association (MEA) Full and Part-Time units, the Safety Support Association, Confidential Employees Association, Supervisors' Association and Management

and Professional Employees. In total, that covers 782 City employees.

The pay hikes were passed by a 4-1 vote, with Vice Mayor John Mirisch dissenting.

Although lowering the City's \$184 million unfunded pension liability was listed as a top priority by the City Council at its "priority-setting" discussion last year, Mirisch said he couldn't vote for the pay raises considering the

(see 'PAY RAISE' page 19)

Peninsula Beverly Hills Named U.S. News Top Hotel In California

By Laura Coleman

The Peninsula Beverly Hills ranked supreme in this year's "Best Hotels" list just released by *U.S. News & World Report*. For 2016, the exclusive list ranked the Peninsula #1 in L.A., #1 in California and #5 in the nation.

Peninsula Managing Director Offer Nissenbaum credited the unparalleled top-notch service that his team provides as fundamental to achieving this distinction. In

fact, the Peninsula Beverly Hills is Southern California's only hotel to consecutively hold AA Five Diamond and *Forbes* Five Star titles since 1993.

"It is a real honor to be named top hotel in California and Los Angeles by *U.S. News & World Report* 2016," Nissenbaum said. "We are grateful to the local community and our valued guests for their support throughout the years. Equally (see 'PENINSULA' page 16)



Celebrity Photo Agency/Scott Downie

WEDDING BELLS — Mariah Carey and Australian billionaire James Packer, the media tycoon and philanthropist, became engaged on Jan. 21 in New York. Mariah received a 35 carat diamond ring valued at \$10 million. They soon traveled to Israel for spiritual consultation.

For more photos, see George Christy's column on page 6.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its meeting to be held on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, will hold a public hearing to consider:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING ARTICLES 32 (HISTORIC PRESERVATION) AND 32.5 (HISTORIC INCENTIVE PERMIT) OF THE BEVERLY HILLS ZONING CODE TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN ARCHIVED PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMS MAY BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING WHETHER A PROPERTY IS AN "EXCEPTIONAL WORK," TO REFINE THE CRITERIA FOR ISSUANCE OF HISTORIC INCENTIVE PERMITS IN THE TROUSDALE ESTATES AREA OF THE CITY, TO CLARIFY APPLICABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE TO INTERIOR SPACES, AND TO CLARIFY TIMEFRAMES FOR APPLICABILITY OF THE REVISED HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE VERSUS APPLICABILITY OF THE PRIOR ORDINANCE.

This ordinance clarifies and refines several aspects of the recently adopted historic preservation ordinance. In particular, the ordinance:

- 1) Amends the definition of "exceptional work" to be clear that certain archived photographs and films may be considered in classifying a property as an exceptional work;
- 2) Refines the types of Historic Incentive Permits that may be granted in Trousdale Estates to prohibit waivers on building height and construction over slopes;
- 3) Clarifies when the ordinance may apply to interior spaces, and
- 4) Clarifies when a property would be subject to the revised historic preservation ordinance versus being subject to the prior historic preservation ordinance.

This Ordinance has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. This Ordinance is exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations).

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all comments. All interested persons are invited to attend and speak on this matter. Written comments may also be submitted and should be addressed to the City Council, c/o City Clerk, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. The comments should be received prior to the hearing date.

Please note that if you challenge the City's action in regards to this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the end of the public hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Ryan Gohlich**, City Planner/Assistant Director of Community Development, at **310.285.1118** or rgohlich@beverlyhills.org, or to review the case file, including a copy of the proposed ordinance, at the Community Development Department/Planning Division, 1st Floor, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210.

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City Clerk



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BEVERLY HILLS MAIN NEWS

Where To Celebrate Valentine's Day In Beverly Hills

By Matt Lopez

There is no shortage of options in Beverly Hills to celebrate Valentine's Day with that special someone in your life. Here is a list of some tasty local options to enjoy a delicious, romantic dinner on Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14.

- **The Beverly Hilton:** CIRCAs 55 offers an a la carte dinner menu (\$82 per person), or five-course set menu (prices vary) with chocolate dessert buffet (\$15 per person) by Executive Pastry Chef Thomas Henzi. Call 310-887-6055.

- **The Beverly Hills Hotel:** Enjoy a romantic dinner (\$180 per person), and a black truffle tasting menu (\$200 per person) from chef Kaleo Adams at The Polo Lounge. Call 310-887-2777.

- **Bouchon:** Bring your valentine for brunch from 10

a.m.-2 p.m. or a special three-course dinner from 4:30-10:30 p.m. (\$80 per person). Call 310-271-9910.

- **The Beverly Wilshire:** CUT by Wolfgang Puck features a three-course menu (\$160 per person) by chef Ari Rosenson, along with Wolfgang Puck's tasty chocolate boxes. Call 310-276-8500. THE Blvd offers a special five-course prix fixe menu (\$140 per person) and dessert from Executive Pastry Chef Christopher Ford. Call 310-385-3901.

- **Montage Beverly Hills:** Scarpetta features a three-course prix fixe dinner menu with optional wine or rosé flights. Call 310-860-7970. Parq Bar features special "his and hers" cocktails and Afternoon Tea offers special Valentine's tea with holiday-inspired

(see 'VALENTINE'S DAY' page 19)



WELCOME TO BEVERLY HILLS— The City of Beverly Hills welcomed its newest rookie BHFD firefighters at a ceremony Thursday at Firestation #1. Pictured (back row, from left): Adam Meinhardt, Zachary Yslas, Matt Fergus, and Jake Herron; (front row): James Weinstein and Derek Guapo.

Creative Visuals Adorn The Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills, Hint At New Era Of Luxury Hotels



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HOTELS & RESORTS

By Laura Coleman

On Monday, The Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills unveiled a "preview" of just what is in store when the prestigious 5-star hotel makes its debut early next year—and it is indeed inviting. The property, which is under construction, is now wrapped in a series of images that hint at the glamour awaiting those who choose to stay at the luxury hotel.

"It's really a glimpse of one of the most luxurious hotels to come to Beverly Hills, representing the very best in California lifestyle and luxury," said Beny Alagem, chairman/CEO of Oasis West Realty,

owner of The Beverly Hilton and Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills.

Located at the gateway of Beverly Hills at the corner of Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards, the creative visuals adorning the perimeter of the forthcoming 170-room Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills foretell the supreme luxury in store for those who choose to stay at the urban oasis.

The hotel's clean, contemporary design, which draws its inspiration from the rich history of California's Streamlined Moderne style, will deliver a combination of luxury and ease that has never existed be-

fore, Alagem said. However, he said, the guest-experience will remain forefront, with the hotel offering the luxurious prestige and unforgettable experiences of the true Waldorf service.

"We're excited to share the first look at the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills guest experience with the public," said Luc Delafosse, managing director of Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills. "The new Waldorf will bring an authentic California luxury experience that will bring a unique sense of effortless glamour to Beverly Hills through our prestigious five-star "true Waldorf service'."

Beverly Hills Residents Beware: Phone Scam Thieves Attempt To Access Victims' Computers

By Laura Coleman

Beverly Hills police are currently conducting an investigation involving a computer takeover scam after an unsuspecting victim took an unsolicited call and allowed the suspect access to their computer and banking information, BHPD Lt. Lincoln Hoshino told *The Courier*.

"Be cautions of unsolicited calls from individuals claiming that they are from a utility, IRS,

Dell, Microsoft, bank or financial institution [and] never allow an unsolicited caller to remotely access your computer," Hoshino recommended. "Never give your personal information to anyone over the phone."

Hoshino said that residents who had doubts about the authenticity of a caller should call the company or agency directly to confirm the identity of the caller.

"If in doubt, consult your local police department," he said. "Phone scam thieves are just that, 'thieves', they will try and trick you into giving them money and information. If you receive a call protect yourself, your information and do not send money."

"Do not panic and act in haste. The IRS, police and sheriff's departments are not going to arrest you over a missed payment or unpaid bill."

Beverly Hills Police Arrest Man With Gun Near Olympic Boulevard And Rexford Drive

By Matt Lopez

Beverly Hills police arrested a man Wednesday afternoon who was walking near the area of Olympic Boulevard and Rexford Drive carrying a shotgun.

Just after noon, police re-

ceived a call that an armed man, reportedly carrying a rifle, was walking in the vicinity of Olympic and Rexford. Police responded and arrested the man, according to BHPD Sgt. Gregg Mader.

BHPD Lt. Lincoln Hoshino

said Wednesday afternoon that it was unclear if the man had criminal intentions, or was mentally ill.

At press time, it was not known whether or not the man is a resident of Beverly Hills.



DOUBLE DEBATE— Fraternal twin brothers and Beverly Hills High School freshman debaters Evan and Seth Pizzurro had a perfect 3-0 record in their first Open Division competition at Western Bay Forensics League's Open Congress/Debate Tournament at Narbonne High School. *Photo by David Finnigan*



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Maddy is a sweet little 4-yr-old Bichon mix full of love. Nino is 8 months; a blue and white Pit Bull As goofy as a puppy! Betty is a 4-yr-old Shih-Tzu gentle and affectionate little girl. Perci is a cute year-old Brussels Griffon-Terrier Mix

Wags and Walks is a West LA rescue organization: for more information or to volunteer or foster, contact: info@wagsandwalks.org. To adopt visit www.wagsandwalks.org/adoption-application/





LIBOW STEPS UP—Longtime Beverly Hills real estate agent and local philanthropist Michael J. Libow was honored by the City Council on Tuesday, in large part for his generosity in making substantial donations to all five Beverly Hills Unified School District schools. Pictured, from left: Mayor Julian Gold, honoree Libow, Becky Weinberg, Councilmembers Nancy Krasne, Lili Bosse and Willie Brien, and Vice Mayor John Mirisch. "While thrilled to have been recognized by my peers in the City, my greatest satisfaction comes from the knowledge that I give with the only expectation being that of knowing that I have helped my community of Beverly Hills and its residents in some small manner," Libow told *The Courier*. "Paying it forward is a way of life for me as it was for my late mother before me. I honor her with each action I take."

Horace Mann Elevates Discussion On Critical Thought At Adults-Only Screening Of *Beyond Measure* On Wednesday

By Laura Coleman

On Wednesday, the Horace Mann PTA will host its second adults-only screening and discussion with the thought-provoking documentary film *Beyond Measure* at 7 p.m. in the school's Ron Brown Auditorium.

The evening succeeds last month's screening and discussion of *Race to Nowhere*, which was also directed by Vicki Abeles. That 2010 documentary cautioned parents and educators about the importance of fostering children's natural curiosity within the framework of a rigid institutional structure that pressures students to perform at the expense of critical thought.

"We're excited for this opportunity to dialogue with our community so all of our students can be successful," said Horace Mann Principal Harvey Oaxaca.

"It's really all about community-building; how we want our community to be and how we can get there together."

Following the screening, Oaxaca will join Superintendent Steve Kessler in a panel discussion, along with Horace Mann Assistant Principal David Foldvary, counselor Shelanee Fernando, and Beverly Vista Principal Christian Fuhrer.

Former California First Lady Maria Shriver called *Beyond Measure*, a "wake-up call" to America in its recounting of inspiring stories from the forefront of innovation in education.

"With both heart and smarts, Vicki Abeles showcases the courageous communities that are rejecting the childhood rat race and reclaiming health and learning," she described.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door or via eventbrite.com.

CHLA Seeks Help In Making Valentine's Day Bright For Its Young Patients

To make Valentine's Day a treat for its young patients, Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) is seeking the public's help.

CHLA is again gearing up to distribute hundreds of cards to its patients who can't experience the fun of the day at home or school because they're in the hospital.

Those who want to send cards just need to visit CHLA.org/VALENTINE, choose one of three card designs and provide their first name, last name, email address and a message.

Senders can use the pre-populated message "Wishing you a very Happy Valentine's Day!" or write in their own message.

"We offer ideas as well because jokes are extra fun to receive," says Wendi Kellaris, manager of CHLA's Volunteer Services Program.

For example:

Question: What do you call two birds in love?

Answer: Tweetharts!

Question: What did the calculator say to the pencil on Valentine's Day?

Answer: You can count on me!

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Luke."

"Luke who?"

"Luke who got a valentine!"

"There are so many things hospitalized children miss out on, so one of the most important responsibilities we have



An example of one of the Valentine's cards

is to bring a sense of normalcy to our patients," adds Kellaris. "When special events like Valentine's Day come around and our patients see they are getting valentines, just like their friends, they are absolutely thrilled. The valentines themselves are a wonderful surprise, but then to learn that people outside these walls sent them because they care about them, well, that is sometimes the best surprise of all."

The hospital will distribute the cards on Friday, Feb. 12, since Valentine's Day falls on a Sunday. Last year, the hospital received nearly 40,000 messages from across the U.S. and 100 countries.

Beverly Hills Police Arrest Five Men In Residential Burglary Attempt

By Matt Lopez

Beverly Hills police arrested five men last Thursday afternoon after an attempted burglary at a home in the 1100 block of San Ysidro Drive.

BHPD Lt. Lincoln Hoshino said the department received a call at 1:50 p.m. after a woman in the home said she heard a loud noise at the residence. After looking out from her second floor window, she noticed a man trying to kick in a window to the rear of the home. The man fled when spotted by the woman.

The police responded quickly, closed off traffic in the area and soon after, arrested five men who were fleeing in a getaway car a short distance from the residence, Hoshino said.

BHPD Sgt. Kurt Haefs identified the five men arrested as: Bernie Robins Jr., 21; James Lee Spencer, 19; Isaac Chase Chidress, 18; and Clarence Detrich Gilmore, 23, all of Los Angeles; plus Tielor Craig Smith, 21 of Pomona.

All five men were booked on suspicion of burglary and conspiracy.

Beverly Hills Names Nancy Hunt-Coffey Director Of Community Services

By Victoria Talbot

The City will promote Nancy Hunt-Coffey to take over as director of Community Services in March, following the retirement of Director Steve Zoet in March.

Hunt-Coffey has a bachelor's degree in English and Spanish literature from Occidental College and a master's degree in Information Studies from UCLA.

Hunt-Coffey worked at the city of Glendale for over 20 years as director of the Glendale Library. She came to Beverly Hills to run the library, where she promoted ebooks and audio books, self-checkout and returns and online classes and other innovative technology. She was promoted to assistant director of Community Services two years ago.



Nancy Hunt-Coffey

"Nancy has outstanding experience and leadership skills," said City Manager Mahdi Aluzri. "Her knowledge of the community and sense of fiscal responsibility are tremendous assets that will serve the Community Services Department and the City well in coming years."

Hunt-Coffey, 48, lives in Beverly Hills with her husband and two children.

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George Christy

Jay Kanter Archives



Tomoyuki "Yuki" Takei with producer Jay Kanter and Marlon Brando (who Jay discovered) enjoyed a Hollywood event in this undated photograph. Yuki is the hairstylist and makeup artist working with Jennifer Jones for 30 years. Every day for four hours, sometimes twice a day, and he traveled with her everywhere.

and Empress of Hollywood, Doris and Jules Stein, who we devoted our column to this last week.

And, oh, what interesting characters we meet, and know much more about many others that we know.

"Jack Warner was a great character, like all of them. They were remarkable guys, but they were monsters," David Geffen tells Jean Stein. "The movie business is a hard business, and you had to be a monster to create this industry."

Ten days after Barbara's mother died, David Geffen bought the Warner plantation-style mansionette in Beverly Hills, and invited his interior designer, Rose Tarlow, to tour it. "I showed her all the original furnishings. I said, 'See this floor? This floor was a gift from Napoleon to his sister.'

My designer said, 'Really? You think people give floors as presents to their family?' We walked into the dining room, and I said, 'This wallpaper was from the imperial palace in China.' She said, 'This is French wallpaper from 1870 or 1880.' I pointed to another piece and said, 'This is Chippendale.' She said, 'You're not going to scream at me, are you?' I said, 'What do you mean scream at you?' She said, 'The original is a Chippendale and is in the Victoria and Albert Museum. This was made at Warner Bros.'"

This from the Jennifer Jones chapter: "I met Jennifer Jones when I was twenty-six or twenty-seven," says Tomoyuki "Yuki" Takei, her makeup artist and hairstylist. "I traveled everywhere with her. I spent more time with her than anyone, even Norton ... It would take four

hours ... it was all for Norton. 'Norton deserves for me to be beautiful.' I did her hair and makeup every day, an incredible cost. For the cost of a whole year, you could buy a house in the Valley.

"And I did it for more than thirty years, every day, sometimes morning and night. And she didn't take off her makeup at night. She'd leave it on until I arrived. When she went to bed, she was all made up. Do you know why? This was not for Norton, this was for herself. She said it was 'in case I get sick at night and have to go to the hospital. Somebody's going to take a picture of me, and I don't want to be without makeup.' She did this every night."

The five chapters in *West Of Eden* simmer with Hollywood gossip, along with a plethora of true-blue recollections from the Who and the Who. Fascinating, and not to be missed.

Online at www.bhcourier.com/category/george-christy

"I went to visit Mother's grave to see how everything looked, and as I was driving out of the Jewish cemetery, I saw a chapel with a huge Nazi flag on it. I thought I was dreaming, and suddenly I felt a little scared, because the cemetery was completely deserted," recalls Barbara Warner Howard, the beautiful and stylish daughter of Warner Bros. Ann and Jack Warner. "So I drove around this chapel, and on the other side there were picnic tables and a film crew.

end, "*West Of Eden* is a gem. Predictably a classic." Exploring the lives of five California families through the mesmerizing remembrances of relatives, friends and observers. The Warners; the oil-rich Dohenys; the bewildering Jane Garland; Jennifer Jones who wed actor Robert Walker, David O. Selznick and Norton Simon; the Emperor

"They were shooting a movie, and they had just rented the building. I went back to the main office, and I don't believe I've ever been so angry in my life. I said, 'I don't care how much money they're giving you, you don't let them desecrate a Jewish cemetery by hanging a Nazi flag!' At the same time, it was hilarious. It was better than a Mel Brooks movie."

We are assuming that the cemetery is the Mount Sinai section at Forest Lawn.

Barbara's is among hers and other remembrances in the Warner Bros. chapter in Jean Stein's just-published oral histories, *West Of Eden, An American Place*. The Random House imprint is a triumph. And as we noted in our column last week-



Channing Tatum with wife Jenna Dewan Tatum



Dolph Lundgren and Jenny Andersson



Josh Brolin and Kathryn Boyd

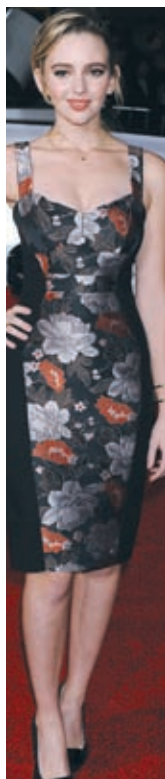


Celebrity Photo/Scott Downie

Amal Clooney and George Clooney attended the world premiere of the Coen brothers' *Hail, Caesar!*, presented by Universal Pictures and Working Title Films at the Regency Village Theatre



Alison Pill with husband Joshua Leonard



Natasha Bassett



Caitlin Muelder



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Ann Saltzman Marks 35 Years Of Volunteering At Cedars-Sinai

Most days, visitors will find former Beverly High graduate and longtime resident Ann Saltzman, smiling and welcoming them to the Helping Hand Gift Shop at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

For 35 years, she has delighted in personally selecting the store's jewelry, including hard-to-find clip-on earrings.

Saltzman's family came to Beverly Hills via Pittsburgh and she grew up on Rodeo Drive.

She and her late husband, Mel raised two sons on north Elm Dr., carrying on the BHHS tradition. Saltzman was involved in both the Hawthorne and Beverly High PTAs.

"I am blessed to give back and have the opportunity to reconnect with so many of my Beverly Hills friends and neighbors," says Saltzman. "Several volunteer with me at the Gift Shop; and it's 'old home week' when, so often, we get a surprise, spontaneous reunion going. It's a wonderful bonus standing behind standing jewelry case reminiscing about early Beverly Hills."

Saltzman is a board member and past president of the



Ann Saltzman

Helping Hand of Los Angeles, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology to further its research efforts and raise awareness for women's and babies' healthcare issues.

Funds generated through shop sales go directly to support the department.

Saltzman is currently advising on the details of the annual Mother's Day Luncheon.

The Helping Hand gift shop is on the Plaza level at Cedars-Sinai.

Women's Heart Disease Subject Of Symposium

Pacific Heart Institute of Providence St. John's Health Center and Have a Heart, Save a Heart will host The Women's Heart Symposium from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Casa del Mar Hotel, 1910 Ocean Way, Santa Monica.

Heart disease is the #1 killer of women. The goal of the symposium is to raise awareness of women's heart disease by employing cutting-edge technology, hosting creative educational programs and encouraging community participation in health and wellness programs.

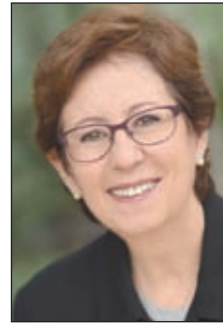
The charity hopes to engage supporters who can help share its findings and passion to prepare and inform women across the globe.

The symposium will include lectures by doctors Shephal Doshi, Sarina van der Zee, Nicole Weinberg and, Richard Wright; panel discussions, breakfast and lunch, gifts and prizes.

There is no cost for the event, but a \$20 donation to Have a Heart, Save a Heart charity is requested.

Jaclyn Biegel To Head CHLA's Center For Personalized Medicine

Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) has named Jaclyn Biegel, PhD, a leading academic expert on pediatric brain tumors, rhabdoid tumors and cancer cytogenetics, as the director of the Center for Personalized Medicine at CHLA.



Jaclyn Biegel

A professor of Pathology (clinical scholar) at USC's Keck School of Medicine, Biegel also serves as chief of CHLA's new Division of Genomic Medicine in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

The mission of CHLA's Center for Personalized Medicine is to unravel the genetic basis of disease and set new standards for using genetic profiles to effectively diagnose, treat and care for children.

Biegel's expertise in identifying the risk factors and genetic triggers that predispose patients to certain diseases is helping advance the long-term promise of personalized medicine: therapies, even cures, for diseases that currently have no treatment.

Biegel is known for her

work with rhabdoid tumors, an extremely rare and aggressive form of cancer that can affect the brain, kidney and other soft tissues in children and infants. Over her academic career, Biegel has played a major role in developing diagnostic genetic tests for children

with hematologic malignancies and solid tumors.

"Understanding the cytogenetic and molecular makeup of bone marrow and tissue samples from children diagnosed with bone-marrow failure, leukemia and solid tumors is important both in helping clinicians make the appropriate diagnosis and also in determining prognosis and appropriate treatment planning," says Biegel, who also served as editor-in-chief of the scientific journal *Cancer Genetics*.

About 25 percent of patients with rhabdoid tumors, she explains, have no family history of cancer and yet are born with a genetic predisposition because they carry an abnormal SMARCB1 gene.

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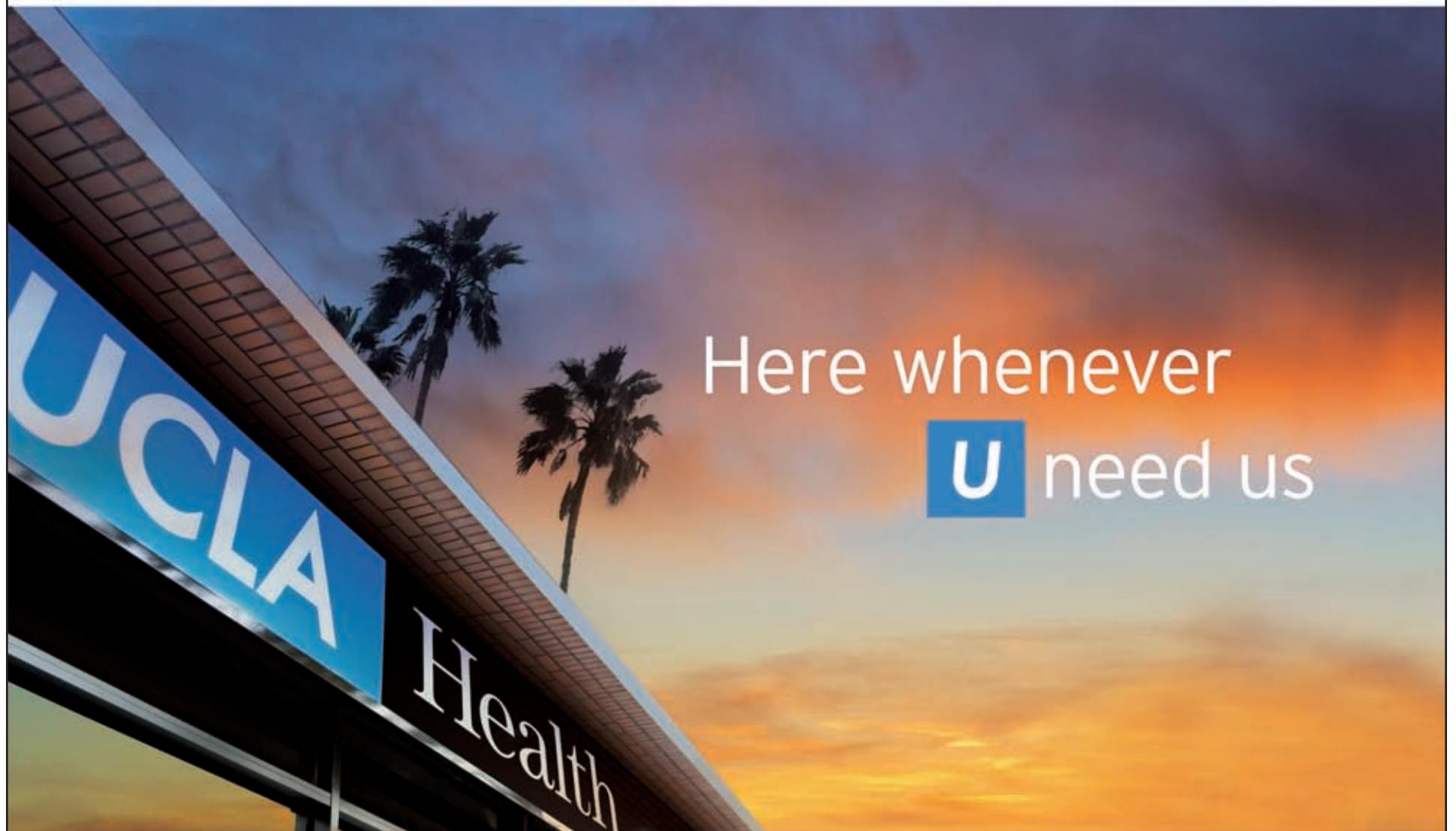
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Holocaust Memorial Museum Sets 'What You Do Matters' Dinner, To Honor Rosanna Arquette, Todd Morgan With National Leadership Award

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's "2016 Los Angeles Dinner: What You Do Matters" on Wednesday, March 2 at the Beverly Hilton, 9876 Wilshire Blvd. will honor actress Rosanna Arquette and Todd Morgan, senior managing director at Bel Air Investment Advisors, with its National Leadership Award for their contributions to preserving the history of the Holocaust and introducing millions of youth from the U.S. and around the world to the ongoing relevance of the Holocaust and survivors' legacies.

The evening begins with a 6 p.m. reception, with dinner at 7 p.m. Honorary dinner committee members include Steven Spielberg and Barbra Streisand and James Brolin. Dinner chairs are Linda and Tony Rubin, Jack Suzar and Linda May, and Bel-Air Investment Advisors.

The event will support the museum's comprehensive campaign led by honorary chair Elie Wiesel, that will allow the museum to make critical investments to keep Holocaust memory alive in the 21st century. More than 1,000 guests are expected to attend.

"It is truly an honor to be recognized by the museum for supporting Holocaust history and education. This is work I'm passionate about and, together with Rosanna, we strive to remind family, friends and colleagues of the urgency in preserving this history," Morgan said. "The museum's work in Los Angeles and nationally is critical in combatting rising anti-semitism, ongoing genocide and intolerable hate around the world."

"We are privileged to be able to



Rosanna Arquette and Todd Morgan

honor Rosanna Arquette and Todd Morgan for their work on preserving Holocaust history to reach today's generation of students in a meaningful and significant way," said Steven Klappholz, director of the museum's Western Regional Office. "Their support for survivors throughout the U.S. embodies the spirit of the museum's mantra 'What You Do Matters.' They help set the example for so many others to follow."

• Featured speaker for the evening is journalist Jeffrey Goldberg, author and national correspondent for *The Atlantic*, a columnist for *Bloomberg View*, and a leading commentator on foreign policy, national security and the Middle East. His April 2015 cover story for *The Atlantic* about rising antisemitism in Europe explored whether it can still be "a



Daniela Ruah

place for Jews who want to live uncamouflaged Jewish lives."

• The evening will include a "Pledge To The Future" segment that recognizes the museum's effort to ensure that "memory of the past leads to action in the present"—all in the hope of a better future as hate and Holocaust denial are rising in the U.S. and around the world.

Daniela Ruah will introduce the segment with a local survivor's artifact donation story; and Lili Haydn will provide an original violin performance.

Survivor David Wiener, his kids, and granddaughter Melanie will guide museum supporters in a candlelight inter-generational pledge.

In the 23 years since it opened, the museum has educated and inspired more than 38 million visitors, including more than 10 million children and nearly 100 heads of state. A permanent reminder on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. of what can occur when the world fails to take action, the museum inspires visitors to confront hate and indifference, end genocide and promote human dignity.

The museum's work is having a significant impact in Southern California and around the world. Hundreds of L.A.- area schoolteachers—and thousands more from all 50

states—are trained each year in how to make the Holocaust relevant and meaningful to young people. The museum's leadership programs are inspiring California judges, police and military officers to heed the lessons of the Holocaust and understand their roles as safeguards of democracy. The museum brings together policymakers, diplomats and heads of state to focus on ending the continuing scourge of genocide.

The museum is also presenting "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda" traveling exhibition from March 10-Aug. 31 at the Los Angeles Central Library, 630 West Fifth St.

The exhibition promotes new understanding about the nature and consequences of propaganda and illustrates the Nazis' use of the latest, most sophisticated technologies and techniques to disseminate propaganda. It chronicles their use of propaganda to win votes in a democracy, to consolidate power in a dictatorship, and to create a climate of indifference as they persecuted and systematically murdered Jews and others viewed as enemies of the state.

The dinner is open to the public, but advance registration is required. Tickets are \$500 per person. Registrations are due by Friday, Feb. 26 to ushmm.org/events/los-angeles-dinner. For more information, contact the Museum's Western Regional Office, 310-556-3222 or western@ushmm.org.

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BLUE RIBBON LADIES—Blue Ribbon of the Music Center hosted members to a recent evening at The Broad followed by an interactive dinner at Otium prepared by Chef Tim Hollingsworth. Pictured (from left): Raylene Meyer, Blue Ribbon Chair Carla Sands, Blue Ribbon President Julie Goldsmith, and Desiree Samuels. Meyer and Samuels are chairing the 46th Annual Blue Ribbon Children's Festival on the Music Center Plaza which is Feb. 17-19. *Photo by Ryan Miller*

Jewish Vocational Services Los Angeles Taps City of Hope Executive Alan Levey As New CEO

By Laura Coleman

Former Vice President of Philanthropy at City of Hope Alan Levey has taken the reigns as CEO for Jewish Vocational Services Los Angeles following an installation ceremony last month.

Levey takes over the role previously held by Vivian Seigel, who joined the agency in 1977 and served for 20 years as CEO of the local nonprofit leader in workforce development and advocacy.

"Under her stewardship, JVS has continually evolved by responding to the changing needs of job seekers and employers, developing innovative programs and best practices in the field," said outgoing Board President Jim Hausberg. "Today, the organization has an operating budget of \$17 million and serves more than 30,000 people a year. That is quite a tribute to her leadership."

Levey, who has tremendous experience across the corporate, philanthropic and nonprofit sectors, has for years been a JVS donor and volunteer.

"There is no one to whom I would pass the reigns who is more qualified or a better fit," Seigel said.



JVS LEADERS—(from left): CEO Alan Levey, CEO Emerita Vivian Seigel, Board President Harris Smith, and Immediate Past President James Hausberg at the Jewish Vocational Services L.A. Board Installation on Jan. 20.

Westfield Now Open At LAX T4

By Laura Coleman

Following a \$78.3 million investment by Westfield to transform nearly 76,000 square feet of dining, retail and common area at Los Angeles International Airport Terminal 2, as of this week, passengers can now enjoy the fruits of a 20-month-long redevelopment upgrade, the terminal's first in

nearly 30 years.

LAX, which saw 74.9 million passengers in 2015, is currently in the midst of an \$8.5 billion modernization.

"This spectacular new terminal will help us broaden our global reach even further," said Mayor Eric Garcetti.

The upgrade is projected to increase sales by 34 percent.



MAKE-A-WISH—Beverly Hills High School teacher Bryan Herbold croons a compelling rendition of The Righteous Brothers' *You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'* yesterday as part of the school's inaugural Make-A-Wish week fundraiser which included teachers performing karaoke songs. *Courier Photo by Laura Coleman*



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Richard Benjamin, Paula Prentiss Star In Special Valentine Fundraiser For Theatre 40

Stars Richard Benjamin and Paula Prentiss will bring the famed letters between 2nd President John Adams and his First Lady Abigail Adams to life when they star in *Dearest Friend*, at 8 p.m., Sunday and Monday, Feb. 14 and 15 at Theatre 40, in the Reuben Cordova Theatre, 241 S. Moreno Dr., on the BHHS campus.

"Dick and Paula were very enthusiastic about doing this *Love Letters*-esque show," says Theatre 40 Artistic Director David Hunt Stafford.

Theatre 40 board member Marion Zola, a book and screen writer plus film producer, compiled the show from hundreds of letters, written over 40 years that reflect the couple's intense love and give insight into the formation of America.

She's also written a narration that puts the letters in context, says Stafford. "The language and emotions expressed in the letters, often written when the couple was separated for lengthy periods of time and distance—with John in England and Abigail in Massachusetts—are remarkable," Stafford says. A letter from John Quincy Adams to John Adams (his father) at Abigail's death, "expressing how sorry he is that his wife has died, is indescribably beautiful," Stafford says.

The production is directed by Salome Jens who starred in *Blonde Poison* for Theatre 40 last year.

A fundraiser for the City's local theater company, tickets are available for a tax-deductible donation of \$65, and may be reserved by calling 310-364-3606.

Simon Back At The Catalina With 'From The Heart'

By John L. Seitz

With Valentine's Day coming up, it's only natural that Beverly Hills songstress Maggy Simon will be reprising her popular "From the Heart" one night only performance, Wednesday (Feb. 10) at Hollywood's Catalina Jazz Club, 6725 Sunset Blvd.

The show is loaded with all-time romantic classics and new Broadway hits as Simon belts them out one by one with crowd-pleasing verve. She will be accompanied by the Tom Grief Orchestra in a 90-minute, Jack



Maggy Simon

Simon-produced show.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for dinner with showtime at 8:30, p.m.

For reservations, call 323-466-2210 or visit: www.catalinajazzclub.com.

Maggy Simon, who spent many years at Universal Studios, is an executive boardmember of the Center Theatre Guild Affiliates, Club 100 of the Music Center, and the Henry Mancini Institute.



A MUSICAL JOURNEY WITH ROOT 66 ALL STARS—Richard TBear and the group brought their eclectic blend of uniquely American rock to Typhoon Saturday, at the Santa Monica Airport. From left, back row, Max Butler (organ), Joe Sublett (tenor sax), Paul III (bass). Front row from left, Robbyn Kermesse (vocals), Denny Seiwell (drums), Richard TBear (keyboard, vocals), Gia Ciambotti (vocals), Mark Pender (trumpet, Jon Woodhead (guitar).
Photo by Casandra Church

Typhoon Rocks With Sounds From Root 66

By Victoria Talbot

A new sound has emerged in Los Angeles, bringing together some of the world's best musicians under the banner of Root 66.

Merging the unique regional American rock from across the nation, and through the past five decades, Root 66 is the brainchild of Richard TBear.

Songwriter/singer TBear's career includes seven solo albums and work with The Blues Brothers, Richie Havens, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Cher and a host of producing and composing credits.

TBear called in the troops, drawing on the talents of eight veteran performers to bring this musical road show to life, crossing the country from Baltimore and Detroit, to Southern rock and New Orleans, and ending up on the sands of California.

Root 66 has twice played Typhoon, noteworthy for the background of small planes whizzing past the runway while inside, the aromatic fragrance of exotic Pan-Asiatic cuisine floats through the musical notes.

This night was a sell-out with standing room only. Tables were almost under the stage to accommodate the over-

flow crowd.

TBear's smokey voice dominated the sets, but the rocking vocals of Emmy-award winning Robbyn Kermesse (Eric Clapton, Joe Walsh, Stevie Wonder, Celine Dion), and soul-singer Gia Ciambotti (Bruce Springsteen, Lucinda Williams) playfully teased the melodies until their own solos.

Max Butle, whose credits include Second City, American Repertory Theatre, Danny Kortchmar, Arlen Roth and more, added organ harmonies.

Each performer is a consummate professional, producing a smooth big-band sound with the fascinating tenor sax of Joe Sublett (Rolling Stones, Taj Mahal, Bonnie Raitt, Elton John) and full-tilt boogies of Mark Pender, with a resume that includes the late David Bowie and 32 years with Conan O'Brien.

Guitarist Jon Woodhead has toured with Leon Russell and Ace; bassist and songwriter Paul III has performed with Alicia Keys and Christina Aguilera. Their smooth riffs electrified the harmonies, with drummer Denny Seiwell, founding member of Paul McCartney's Wings, keeping the beat.

Guitar Virtuoso Jesse Cook Introduces Selections From Latest Album At Saban Tonight

Guitar master Jesse Cook, who loves creating hybrids, combining genres like jazz and flamenco and ancient instruments with modern technology, returns to the Saban Theatre, 8440 Wilshire Blvd, for a 9 p.m. concert tonight.

In his concerts, Cook works to show "the diversity of material from different periods of my career," he says. Including songs from his nine albums, "shows the journey that has a nice arc to it."

For his latest album *One World*, Cook composed and produced 11-tracks, mixing drum loops and metallic and electronic sounds with world instruments like the Armenian duduk.

"Combining different styles is my gig," says Cook. "I sort of figure 'why fight it.' I love it."

Cook's group of five musicians "manages to create a huge sound without resorting to a backing track," he says.

To recreate the world music sounds of his albums, Cook has, in addition to



Jesse Cook

his dazzling guitar technique, another guitarist, a violinist, a bassist, Colombian percussionist, and a member who plays the accordion, pennywhistle, keyboards and other instruments.

With numerous solos and duets, the show climaxes with a rumba party. "Some of our music is thoughtful and introspective; and some is danceable and hard to hear without wanting to

get up and move," says Cook.



Audience members can also expect to hear Cook singing on more of his songs, and to enjoy his hits including *Café Mocha*, *Bogota By Bus* and *Mario Takes A Walk*, which Cook says, "has taken on a life of its own," adopted by Olympic skaters and even used in a Bollywood film.

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Townscape Partners to Hold Public Meetings on Proposed Frank Gehry Project

By Victoria Talbot

The City Council has directed staff to plan a series of public meetings that could decide whether a development designed by world-renowned Pritzker-prize winning architect Frank Gehry will end up in a 6.5 acre area in the

City's Industrial/Entertainment District, east of City Hall.

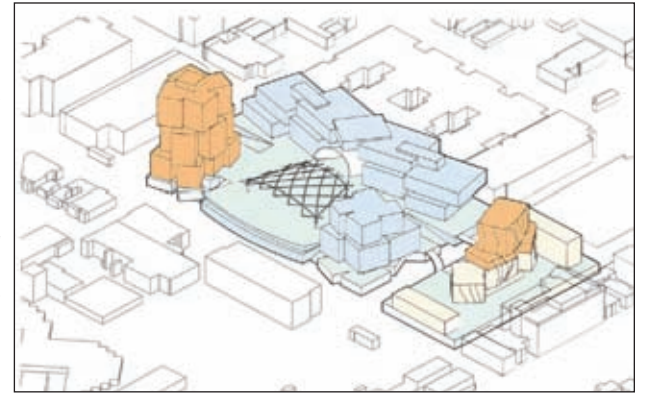
The proposed development would include 500,000 square feet of entertainment, media and tech office space, 150 residential condominium units, 50,000 square feet of neighborhood re-

tail and restaurants, a 3-acre park and a 180-room five-star hotel.

The site is currently used for parking and public works, Lakeshore Entertainment, Employees Credit Union, the new shallow groundwater wells and the Magen David Temple. Most of the site represents the last undeveloped City-owned land in Beverly Hills, and this process begins the discussion about how residents would like to use the land for the future, or how they might like to preserve it as the last green space in the City.

The proposal states: "We believe the location will prove to be highly attractive to 5-and 6-star hotel flags because of the ability to completely control the environment while simultaneously being within walking distance to the Golden Triangle. However, it is critical that all of the other elements be part of this synergistic environment in order to transform the hotel's surroundings into a location suitable for a five-star product. . . More specifically, by establishing a new office and residential population, all of which is centered around the major public park, as well as the elimination of inferior uses that denigrate the area, will transform part of the town..."

The City owns about 6.5 acres of the proposed development and Townscape Partners seeks a 99-year ground lease to develop the property.



Townscape's proposed development

Townscape Partners asked for a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to select a ground-lease development tenant for the City property. The RFP process could include RFPs matching the proposal, or completely different long-term development on the site identified through the public process. The process could be an opportunity for the public to identify other uses, such as green space or municipal uses as discussions take place throughout the City on the future of this important segment of the City's portfolio.

"This proposal will give the opportunity for our community, through many public meetings, the ability to share their vision for how they want our City's last remaining open space property to be used," said Councilmember Lili Bosse, noting that it is important that the public decides.

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OUTLOOK BEVERLY HILLS



The 2015 Pasadena Showcase House of Design is a 1918 Mission Revival estate "thought" to have been designed by Myron Hunt.

Tickets for the 2016 Pasadena Showcase House of Design are now on sale. Tickets cost between \$35-\$45 and may be ordered by mail, online at PasadenaShowcase.org or by calling 714-442-3872.

The 2016 showcase will be open to the public April 17-May 15, except Mondays.

This year, the Pasadena Showcase revisits a 1918 Mission Revival estate "thought" to be designed by architect Myron Hunt for restaurateur Leon C. Riggs. Once known as Dryborough Hall, the estate made its Showcase debut 29 years ago in 1987.

Twenty interior designers and eight exterior designers will transform the home's main 16,000-square-foot residence with six bedrooms, five bathrooms and its 2,032-square-foot two-bedroom/two-bath guest house. The two-acre property includes mature trees, a horse corral, an outdoor barbecue area, pool and spa.

In addition to home tours, the event features a restaurant and the Shops at Showcase.

Theatre 40, now celebrating its 50th anniversary has announced Member Month, part of t40too, a season-long series of readings and other events.

Producing t40too, in conjunction with artistic director David Hunt Stafford, is Stewart J. Zully who initiated Theatre 40's one-act festival in 1990, that ran for 11 years. Zully is currently directing *Two Sisters*, by Gail Louw, at the theatre.

Member Month consists of writings either by or directed by Theater 40 members.

- **Wednesday, Feb. 10, A Quartet**, written by Dan Clancy, will be directed by Bruce Gray.

- **On Tuesday, Feb. 16, Tales From The City**, will be read. The night will consist of the play *The Liar's Punishment*, written by and directed by Leda Siskind, and a collection of writings, *The Soft Click And Other Stories*, by Dan Leslie and directed by Melanie MacQueen.

- **On Wednesday, Feb. 24, Pompeii**, by Christopher Franciosa, will be directed by Zully. All reading will be at 7:30 p.m., at the Reuben Cordova

stage, on the BHHS campus. Suggested donation is \$5. For reservations, e-mail playwrightworks@aol.com. For more information, visit www.theatre40.org



Balloons by Dr. Seuss (Ted Geisel).

The exhibition "Oh, the Places You'll Go/For The Love of Seuss" will run Feb. 12-28 at the EC Gallery Beverly Hills, 299 S. Beverly Dr.

Twenty-five years have passed since Dr. Seuss's last book *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* was published. To mark this milestone, the exhibit highlights the scores of places and eras Dr. Seuss has taken readers through his lifelong adventure into "logical insanity."

In his final book, Ted Geisel gathered his favorite unpublished sketches, pinned them up on the cork walls of his studio and then set about finding a way to make them connect. The result was the most powerful graphic work he had done in many years.

For more information, call 310-278-7117 or visit <http://ecgallery.com>

The Hammer Museum will present *Deep Night with Dale Seever* at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16 at Hammer host Dale Seever (James Bewley)



In this live talk show about characters and creatures of the night, host Seever (James Bewley) interviews guests about their areas of expertise and the personas that fascinate them most.

With comedian Kate Berlant (*Just For Laughs*), composer Cyrus Ghahremani (Comedy Central) and medical librarian Megan Rosenbloom (Death Salon).

There will be music by Nina Tarr (Nightswim) and a cash bar throughout the evening.

Seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis. Hammer programs are free.

For more information, visit <http://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2016/02/deep-night-with-dale-seever/>.

The weekly update of local and Southland events.

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important, I want to recognize our outstanding team who are essential to the DNA of The Peninsula Beverly Hills – they are the soul of the hotel and the reason behind this remarkable achievement."

All round, Beverly Hills is the place to stay in Los Angeles according to the "Best Hotels" list, with Hotel Bel-Air taking the #2 spot, Montage Beverly

Hills named #3, The Beverly Hills Hotel named #4 and L'Ermitage Beverly Hills named #5.

"I am delighted, but not surprised, to see that U.S. News & World Report has chosen four of our hotels in their top five," said Mayor Julian Gold. "I have always known we have the best hotels; it is nice to see that others agree."

For the full list, visit: http://travel.usnews.com/Hotels/Los_Angeles_CA.

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million in prepaid ground rent, said Deputy City Manager David Lightner. The financial impact of the resulting project is as yet undetermined, as it is in preliminary stages. But, wrote Lightner: "The potential for the City of a significant Frank Gehry designed campus along with a potentially significant near-term and long-term revenue source to fund municipal priorities would appear to make this proposal worth considering."

Gehry told City Councilmembers; "None of the projects I asked to do here worked out," he said. The reference was to some failed attempts to build in Beverly Hills in the past.

The next steps include forming a deposit agreement to fund several public meetings, a series of informal public review meetings to explore public opinion, a City Council review of public input and a decision whether to proceed with an RFP.

Said Mayor Julian Gold, "While we thank Mr. Gehry and Townscape Partners for their interest in the undeveloped City public works land on Foothill Drive, before the City Council makes any decisions, we need to understand what, if anything, the residents want on that land. We will move forward with public outreach to determine the answer."

Some residents already expressed strong feelings about the project.

"We don't need a retired mayor-lobbyist (Tom Levyn) to conduct the outreach," said resident Larry Larson. "That's tilted to one side. Let's find out what the public really wants. Recreation and Park Commissioner Robbie Anderson also spoke in support of preservation."

"Former Mayor Tom Levyn wants to build a million square feet of hotels, condos, offices, retail, etc. on one of the last city-owned pieces of property that should be preserved for future use. What's wrong with a park until we figure it out? Are we for sale? Don't we have enough hotel space?"

Vice Mayor John Mirisch agreed with a park. "Frank Gehry is an icon, but we shouldn't be developing this property," he said. We don't need to try to squeeze every nickel out of every square inch of our property. Instead, I'd like to see most of the five acres converted to passive green space, including our dog park, for all of our residents to enjoy. We do not have enough green space in our City and a park, rather than more development, would be a way to address this and enhance the quality of life for all of us."

The proposed development is bordered by Foothill Road to the west, Third Street to the south, Alden Drive to the north and Maple Plaza to the east and an approximately 1.6-acre site bordered by Foothill Road to the west, Third Street to the north, an alley to the south, and the Beverly Hills Post Office Building to the east.

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Or if you want to treat your hands get the **Rodeo Manicure**, which includes an enzyme mask for anti-aging and a reflexology treatment to relieve bodily stress from your fingertips.

Nothing Says 'I Love You' Like A Diamond, And The Mizrahi Brothers Are Here To Help

After a successful holiday season, brothers Yaniv and Raphael Mizrahi of Mizrahi of Beverly Hills are looking forward to Valentine's Day.

The holiday of love gives them a change to show off their atelier's (at 9615 Brighton Way) selection of heart-shaped gifts designed to make any giver a hero.

Their Modern by Mizrahi line features necklaces, bangles, rings and pendants priced from \$300-\$1,000, perfect for Valentine's Day giving and offered in stylish presentation boxes.

Created for the fashion-conscious woman, the Modern by Mizrahi line also features stackable rings and bands, tennis bracelets, and pendants in white and rose gold.

Having supplied jewelry stores and wholesalers with fine loose diamonds for more than 10 years, the brothers have developed an intimate knowledge of the gems. They specialize in fancy colored diamonds in pink and yellow—the rarest kind.

At Mizrahi of Beverly Hills, the emphasis is on quality. Their diamonds are natural, never enhanced and from non-conflict sources. All the diamonds, from princess cut to round brilliant, are GIA and EGL certified.

The company is also known for restyling, upgrading and updating current pieces to make them more fashion forward; and creating unique, custom-designed pieces, that include spectacular engagement rings.

And since value is another Mizrahi of Beverly Hills standard, customers who want to upgrade a piece with half-carat diamond to a two carat diamond get credit for the smaller diamond. "We buy what you have and give you something more," says Raphael Mizrahi.

Mizrahi of Beverly Hills is open by appointment from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.,



A heart-shaped diamond necklace.



A teardrop-shaped diamond pendant



A heart-shaped pink diamond ring.

Monday-Friday. Appointments allow the brothers to provide the best customer service, privacy and personal attention. "We want to make shopping with us a fun experience," says Yaniv Mizrahi.



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SPORTS

Beverly Hills High School Unveils CIF Basketball Championship Banners As Normans Pound Hawthorne

By Matt Lopez

On the same night that Beverly Hills High School honored its two CIF Southern Section boys basketball championship teams, the 2016 edition of the Normans continued their march toward a third CIF crown.

After unveiling banners for both the 1969 and 2015 CIF Southern Section championship teams, Beverly Hills High's boys basketball team on Wednesday went on to dominate Hawthorne in a 76-43 Ocean League win at the Swim Gym.

Matt Reskin led the Normans with 12 points, nailing 4 of his six 3-point attempts in the victory. The Normans led by 16 at halftime and never really looked back.

Mason Daniels added 11 points and five assists for BHHS and his brother Maddox, along with Daniel Zahabian, each added nine.

It marked the third-straight win for the Normans (16-7, 6-1), who host Lawndale tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Swim Gym.

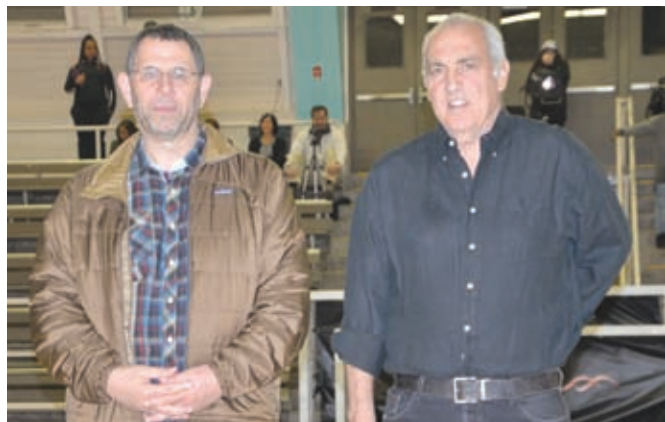
BHHS is currently locked into second place in the Ocean League, with a key showdown looming on Feb. 9 at Santa Monica which will go a long way toward determining the league champion. If the Normans beat Lawndale tonight and Santa Monica next week, they will forge a tie atop the league standings with the Vikings.

Before tipoff of Wednesday's game,



Mason Daniels leads a fast break against Hawthorne.

Photo by David Berke



Ed Carmin & Jason Newman.

Photo by David Berke



Denzel Holt mans up on a Hawthorne guard.

Photo by David Berke



DODGEBALL— As part of Make-A-Wish week at Beverly Hills High, with Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles, students participated in a dodgeball contest. Pictured, (from left) at the dodgeball tournament during 'Wish Week' at Beverly Hills High School: Leila Kashfi, Maia Yosef, Jessica Moghaddam, Ohry Moosiki, Mishelle Arakelian, ASB Advisor Mark Mead, Eliana Martin, Aaron Barzi, James Marzouk, Blake Ackerman and Gabe Goldstein.

the school paid tribute to the two greatest boys basketball teams in school history by unveiling championship banners for both that will be hung permanently in the Swim Gym.

First up was a long overdue honor for the 1969 team. Jason Newman and Ed Carmin, members of that championship team, were on hand for the honor.

Last year's team made a magical run to an Ocean League title and a CIF Southern Section championship, buoyed by star transfer Chance Comanche, a top prospect who went on to



New banners for Beverly Hills' 1969 and 2015 CIF Southern Section champions.

Photo by David Berke

Arizona, and underclassmen like Denzel Holt, currently a senior captain on the Normans.

Opportunities Fair Helps Parents Find The Perfect Summer Experience For Their Children

The Summer Opportunities Fair 2016 will be a chance to meet Jill Levin, the local Tips on Trips and Camps advisor, for personalized advice and ideas. Attendees will be able to visit with camp and program directors to explore the myriad summer options for children and teens and get them excited about summer 2016.

Tips on Trips and Camps is a free service representing more than 600 sleep-away camps and teen programs. "For 45 years we have helped thousands of families find fabulous summer programs for their children," says Levin.

What types of programs will be there?

- Traditional and Specialty Camps
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- Language Immersion

- Teen Travel
- Outdoor adventure
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Volvo of Santa Monica Unveils New, State-Of-The-Art Showroom

By Matt Lopez

Making car buying as stress-free as possible is usually one of the first things a car dealership will mention in its advertisements.

So, instead of just saying it, Volvo of Santa Monica plans to show it with its new, high-tech, state-of-the-art showroom at its dealership at 1631 Santa Monica Blvd, at the corner of 17th and Santa Monica Boulevard.

The Kasra family, owners of Volvo of Santa Monica, are sure the Scandinavian-style showroom, will do just that for customers of the family-owned dealership, which celebrated a grand opening with its new showroom last night, Feb. 4.

Volvo of Santa Monica has been serving the local community for the last 50 years, with the Kasra family in charge the last several years. The Kasras have lived locally for more

than 10 years and owned local dealerships for more than 20.

Before visitors are greeted by longtime general manager Zeke Hayam and his friendly management staff, including Frank Khou and Lambert Villanueva, they will enter the crystal clean, newly-designed facility, the first of its kind in the state of California and immediately see eye-popping visuals like a new big-screen television, surrounded by comfortable, luxurious European-style furniture.



A peek at the new showroom

Don't take a seat in front of the TV before trying some of the dealership's delicious, freshly-brewed coffee, tea and tasty breakfast snacks that will make you feel like you're sitting in your own living room.

Of course, feeling at home is one thing, but driving off the showroom floor with a new, or pre-owned, car is something completely different.

With a lineup of vehicles like the 2016 Volvo XC90, *Motor Trend's* 2016 SUV Of The Year, Volvo of Santa Monica

appears to have the complete package.

"Volvo has been going through an extremely drastic, positive change,"

Hayam said of the vehicle lineup for Volvo, which has spent more than \$10 billion in research and development. "I really feel like we are the flagship of safety, technology and comfort."

The XC90 is the crown jewel, but there are stellar options like the dynamic XC60 sedan, an 2016 IIHS Top Safety Pick. Those, and much more of Volvo's lineup, are available now at Volvo of Santa Monica.

"Expect a no-pressure, friendly staff, and that's not a



Volvo of Santa Monica

clique, that's how we run it," Hayam said of potential Volvo customers. "Our only goals are to fill your need and exceed your expectations."

Volvo of Santa Monica (www.volvoofsantamonica.com) and its new showroom are open now at 1631 Santa Monica Blvd, at the corner of 17th and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Sales are open seven days a week and service is open Monday-Saturday in the same location. Call 310-496-1157.

METRO

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determined that putting a subway station along Santa Monica Boulevard, the "preferred" route planned as part of the \$5 billion L.A. County subway expansion project, was not viable due to the discovery of the purported faults. Instead, in 2012, Metro codified in its Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) that the only alternative was to run a subway tunnel under the high school to a Century City portal at Constellation Boulevard and Avenue of the Stars. By Metro's own estimations, that change is costing the agency \$200 million more.

In addition, multiple reports have questioned the safety of a Constellation Boulevard station. Wu called Metro's failure to adequately consider those reports "inconsistent" with the agency's earlier decision where it chose to eliminate a Santa Monica Boulevard station as an option based on only one report that suggested it could be unsafe.

"There's a level of skepti-

cism that is not displayed with respect to the Constellation station," Wu stated. He characterized such actions as "seemingly arbitrary in terms of some of the actions taken."

Wu further criticized the FTA for its failure to analyze construction emissions, explain things in a timely fashion to allow for timely comment from Beverly Hills residents and other interested parties, or provide for a re-evaluation of risk-assessment.

Wu specifically directed FTA attorney Jared Pettinato, with the U.S. Dept. of Justice, to provide him in writing with a separate document detailing how the staging area beside the BHHS athletic field will be utilized. He also directed attorneys for the City and the BHUSD to provide information detailing the specific size of the field abutting the planned staging area.

Last October, the Court of Appeal ruled that it was affirming the trial court's denial of the BHUSD's and the City's challenges to Metro's FEIR.

Judge Wu emphasized that was "a different case." This lawsuit, he explained, deals with the environmental effects of tunneling under Beverly Hills High School as part of Metro's Purple Line extension project.

Despite investigations by the CGS and others debunking the existence of active faults under BHHS, the supposed existence of which Metro used to eliminate the Santa Monica Boulevard station option, Metro refused and continues to refuse to reexamine the ostensibly inaccurate report on which it based the decision to run a subway tunnel directly under the high school. As a result, the BHUSD has spent millions of dollars en route to putting the proverbially "\$200 million" smoking gun into the hands of both a federal and a state judge in an effort to force Metro to reconsider its FEIR.

"Metro will certainly comply with the Judge's final ruling and all legal requirements," Metro spokesperson Dave Sotero informed the *Courier*.

PAY RAISES

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approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for each unit did little to address those pension obligations.

"Our hands are somewhat tied and the problem is being exacerbated, the unfunded liability continues to get worse and worse," Mirisch said, noting the bargaining units need to "work with us to figure out creative solutions to continue to provide fair and sustainable pensions."

City spokesperson Therese Kosterman told *The Courier* that the \$184 million pension liability is made up of \$114 from safety employees and \$69 million from non-safety.

That is down from \$191 million as of June 30, 2013, which Kosterman attributed to "the good earnings year in 2013-14."

In addition to increasing the City's health insurance, life insurance (for MEA, Supervisors, Confidential and Safety Support), Deferred Compensation (for all full-time employ-

ees), and long-term disability (for MEA and Safety Support) contributions to each employee, staffers will see a 2 percent cost-of-living increase each of the next two years, a 2.5 percent increase in year three, and a 3 percent increase in year four.

The council last approved a 10 percent pay increase in 2014, when a two-year agreement was reached by the bargaining units. That increase was touted as an offset to a change in the Public Employee Pension Reform Act, which requires government employees to make their own eight-percent salary contribution toward their pension – an expenditure that had previously been covered by the City of Beverly Hills.

Mirisch also voted against that increase, stating he felt it was "exploiting a loophole to circumvent the law's intent."

The employee pay hikes approved Tuesday are retroactive to Oct. 1, 2015 and run through Sept. 30, 2019.

VALENTINE'S DAY

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French pastries and champagne. Call 310-860-7940.

• **Spaghettini & the Dave Koz Lounge:** Enjoy dinner and a special Valentine's Day performance by jazz vocalist Gregg Arthur from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call 310-424-4600.

• **Spice Affair:** Enjoy a special four-course dinner (\$75 per person) from 5 to 11 p.m. Call 310-400-6800 and reference BHCVB.

• **Spago** offers a multi-course meal that can be upgraded with a bottle of champagne, souffles or mille-feuilles for two. Each couple receives homemade chocolate bark. \$145 per person, call 310-385-0880.

• **Avalon Hotel Beverly Hills:** Viviane offers a special three-course prix-fixe menu

with Cavier Amuse Bouche (\$72 per person). Call 310-407-7791.

• **Culina** offers a four-course prix fixe menu (\$95 per person). Call 310-860-4000.

• **Il Cielo's** annual Valentine's Day Dinner features dense heart-shaped flourless chocolate cake, draped with belgian chocolate ganache (\$160 per person). Call 310-276-9990.

• **Fleming's Steakhouse** offers a prix-fixe menu Feb. 12-14 (\$59.95 per person) with exclusive LVE wine by John Legend and Raymond Vineyards. Call 310-278-8710.

• **Lawry's The Prime Rib** offers a special Valentine's Day prix fixe menu for \$125 Feb. 13-15. Call 310-652-2827.

• **Morton's The Steakhouse's** special steak and lobster menu (\$55 per person) Feb 12-14. 310-246-1501.

• **Mr. Chow** has a semi prix fixe menu (\$95 per person). Call 310-278-9911.

• **Mr. C** offers a romantic Cipriani four-course dinner, with bellini at arrival, and live music by the Santa Booker Quartet (\$135 per person). Call 887-334-5623.

• **SIXTY Beverly Hills:** Caulfield's Bar and Dining Room offers special Valentine's Day dinner, cocktails, desserts and live music. Call 310-388-6860.

• **La Dolce Vita:** Dig into a four-course prix fixe menu, with Italian and Californian wine pairings. Available Feb. 12-14. Call 310-278-1845.

• **208 Rodeo:** Enjoy a four-course prix-fixe menu (\$90 per person) with live jazz and soul music from the Jerome Dean Trio. Call 310-275-2428.

• **Mastro's:** A romantic

steak and seafood dinner at this upscale chophouse might be just the thing for diners in search of a Beverly Hills spot that features nightly live entertainment. Call 310-888-8782.

• **Canon Club:** The new

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ANOTHER BIRTHDAY!?



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BIRTHDAYS—Barbara Hershey, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Greta Feigler, Robin Blake and Jane Bryant Quinn (Feb. 5); Tom Brokaw, Carol Katzman, Fabian, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Patrick Macnee, Rip Torn, Robert Townsend, and Shirley Arconti (Feb. 6); Garth Brooks, Chris Rock, Ashton Kutcher and James Spader (Feb. 7); Nick Nolte, Mary Steenburgen, and Robert Klein and (Feb. 8); Mia Farrow, Judith Light and Joe Pesci (Feb. 9); Roberta Flack, Laura Dern, Joyce Essex, Greg Norman, Mark Spitz, Leontyne Price, and Robert Wagner (Feb. 10); Dona Powell, Mumsey Nemiroff, Lee Barab, Ori Blumenfeld, Jennifer Aniston, Sheryl Crow, Sergio Mendes and Burt Reynolds (Feb. 11); and belatedly Barbi Benton Gradow (Jan. 28).



Frances Allen's Desert Roundup

Every child should have a friend, someone to share experiences with ... good and bad. Sadly, there are many who are bereft of such friendship. They also blame themselves, unjustly, for the state of their lives and the dysfunction of their family unit. Fortunately, there's the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage and its Children's Program offering an unique prevention program for kids, parents and families to begin the healing process. Known the world over for its treatment of people suffering from various forms of addiction, the center in also offers a program recognizing the clear evidence that addiction is a disease that tends to run in families.

The Children's Program helps kids learn they are not at fault for their love ones' addiction and allowing them, with the help of Beamer, to become kids again. Through the use of games, role-play and fun activities, children learn to identify and express feelings, develop self-care skills and deepen communication with their parents.

The Beamer Award was created to recognize individuals who have made a lasting impact on the children, their families and the community.

Beamer, a light bulb-shaped cartoon character, faces many challenges due to addiction in his family. These form the basis of many different modalities and media which teach children various ways to cope positively with family addiction by finding safe people who can help.

There is also a new interactive website allowing the children to reinforce what they learned and continue to stay connected to Beamer after completing the program.

All this takes funding, especially when no one is turned away from the Children's Program due to an inability to pay.

That's one of the reasons why the Betty Ford Center presents an Annual Awards Gala; this year held at the recently refurbished Ritz Carlton Hotel in Rancho Mirage.

Everything at the gala was Beamer, from the larger-than-life character who introduced the evening's festivities along with the Desert's chief meteorologist Patrick Evans, taking pictures with the guests, to the placement of breath-mint-filled light bulbs as table favors.

Even the individual battery-powered chandeliers used as table centerpieces were unique and reflected the class and style of the evening's co-hostesses, Madeline Redstone and Jan Salta.

Most impressive was the honoree, the woman credited with being the driving force behind Betty Ford's establishment of the facility that bears her name— her daughter Susan Ford Bales, who served as a boardmember of the center from 1992 to 2010, the

last five as board chair. The evening's headline entertainer was comedian/game show host Howie Mandel who impressed a packed ballroom with his monologue and spontaneous repartee with the audience.

You can learn more about the Betty Ford Center's four-day Children's Program and other children's activities at 760-773-4105. It's a deal Howie Mandel would want you to take.



CHILDREN'S BURN FOUNDATION – The March 8 Giving New Hope benefit for Children's Burn Foundation in The Beverly Hilton will honor philanthropists Sandy and Larry Post (above) and Doug Mancino.

Debora Alessi, founder/CEO of Beverly Hills-based Face Forward, and philanthropist Annette Shapiro are among eight women who have joined author/filmmaker Catherine Gray in launching the latter's 360Karma.com, aimed at promoting the empowerment of women.

Others are Ann Boroch, a health and wellness expert; Christina Baldwin, former Navy Seal who now trains Olympians; Beverley Hyman Fead, 14-year cancer survivor and author of *Aging In High Heels*; Bonnie Bruckheimer, long-time producing partner of Bette Midler; Heidi Shink, human rights/community activist and author; and Karen Reed, a trailblazing entrepreneur who is starting a new National Singles Day holiday.

A fundraiser to support the 360Karma venture will kick off Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m., with a disco-themed party at the The Mint, 6010 W. Pico Blvd., featuring Pamala Stanley. Visit: www.360Karma.com.



Joan Mangum

Wolfgang Puck's Chinois on Main in Santa Monica was the location for the Council of the Children's Burn Foundation's general meeting and luncheon to discuss its upcoming 21st annual Giving New Hope benefit.

The March 8 event at The Beverly Hilton is co-chaired by Kathy Toppino and Tracy B. Smith. the foundation will honor philanthropists Sandy and Larry Post with the "Giving New Hope Award" and Doug Mancino, its chairman of the board the past 20 years, with the "Spirit of Humanity Award."

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TREE CUTTING

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public notification for cutting trees on a state highway or City property. No consideration of notification or permitting is mentioned, though several lawyers were involved in the e-mail threads.

Konheim and the BHLC began meeting with the City on Parcels 12 & 13 as early as July 2014, when two meetings were scheduled, to which Councilmember Willie Brien and former City Manager Jeff Kolin were invited.

Conversation began in earnest following Konheim's purchase of the BHLC in Aug. 2015 combined with the approaching start for the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction (SMB) project, scheduled to begin in March 2016.

Concerned about traffic from upcoming construction of Metro's La Cienega Station, City Council directed staff that SMB construction be completed prior to Metro's incursion to avoid regional traffic issues.

On Aug. 23, Chuck Heffernan, Vice President of Psomas (engineering consultants on the SMB project) e-mailed Lightner and City Engineer Mark Cuneo with SMB plans for parcels 12 & 13 – including storm drain easements, a bus stop easement and the removal of trees on 13 – and the staging of construction vehicles, employee parking and placement of a construction trailer on 12.

The letter includes parcel maps from Psomas and references specifically, to "the property line being 3-feet behind the existing curb which is being reconstructed" on SMB.

This is the first of three parcel maps Lightner and Aluzri received in the ensuing months that referenced the City's easement on North Santa Monica Boulevard. However, as late as Dec. 5, Aluzri, who holds a Masters in Structural Engineering from USC, told *The Courier* that he did not know if the City had an easement on the North side of the parcels.

On August 28, Lightner sent Konheim and his attorney George Muhlsten an email requesting a copy of the ALTA survey (prepared December 2014) for the properties. Lightner and Aluzri received the survey on Sept. 7.

In addition to property lines, the ALTA survey also maps every tree and shrub on the property, including the kind of tree, its circumference, and ownership.

In a return e-mail, Lightner furnished Aluzri, Konheim and Muhlsten with "65% progress set of drawings for the portion of the Santa Monica Boulevard reconstruction project adjacent to Parcels 12 & 13," including details of the City easement on the north side of the parcels.

On May 7, e-mails from Gruen Associates, a landscape consulting firm, suggest that 12-13 individual trees would be removed for construction. On July 1, a detailed description of the trees was provided to the Lightner from Gruen. "Most of the trees and shrubs

observed were in moderate condition," said the memo.

Staff, Konheim Set The Plan

At the same time, BHLC commissioned a report from Arborist Peter Ashley (the "Ashley Report"), dated Aug. 22. Pflzgraf's assessment of the report, dated Oct. 6, concurs that the eucalyptus should be removed, as well as "large trees in contact with the curb."

Again, on Oct. 16, an e-mail thread between Lightner, Zoet, Aluzri and Pflzgraf contains a 1922 Tract Map and enlarged portions of the ALTA survey detailing the northern easement on Santa Monica Blvd.

The Ashley Report states, "No trees were tagged, no measurements were performed, no diagnostic hazard analyses were performed (strength tests, core samples, etc.), no soil or tissue samples were analyzed and photographs were not modified." [Editors note: *Unstated is that some of the photos are not of trees on this property.*]

Zoet e-mails the Ashley Report and Pflzgraf's analysis to Aluzri on Oct. 6 saying, "Although he doesn't clearly state it as such . . . it is his recommendation . . . to remove all trees from both parcels for public safety. We recommend that the property owner remove all the trees on parcels 12 and 13."

After ownership of the BHLC shifted to Konheim in August 2014, he pursued a RAW plan with Union Pacific Railroad and the DTSC held a public meeting on the draft RAW at the Beverly Hills Public Library on June 17, 2015.

Subsequently, public comment exposed inaccuracies in the Draft CEQA Initial Study. There were "enough inaccuracies that if we were challenged we would likely lose in court," said Senior DTSC Scientist and Project Manager for the site Tedd Yargeau. The public also expressed strong opposition to removal of the trees and any subsequent development.

With PR impact in mind, Lightner e-mailed Pflzgraf, Zoet and Aluzri, "Can you estimate the approximate number of existing trees that would remain on Parcel 13 if this plan is fully implemented." Pflzgraf responds, "Approximately 70 trees plus the shrubs would remain."

Beginning Oct. 2015, e-mails reveal that Konheim began to call Zoet and Lightner several times a week, and sometimes, several times a day. He also called Aluzri. On Oct. 7, Zoet apologizes for an unscheduled visit made by Konheim to the City Manager's office with Pflzgraf.

At the same time that Konheim, Zoet, Aluzri, Pflzgraf and Lightner are planning to remove the trees, Zoet was negotiating to replace the trees, depending on DTSC's position, with Konheim footing the bill.

Staff notes that the trees function to screen residents from SMB. There are no emails, however that acknowledge the protection from the toxic soil.

A Nov. 2 email from Zoet to Aluzri and Lightner acknowl-

edges that, "To lessen public impacts this should be coordinated with the removal and public notification process." He says, "Lyn confirmed his willingness . . . to plant 36 [inch] of a tree of our choosing."

A draft of a tree-cutting memo being prepared for City Council, referred to but not among the documents received, is dated Oct. 29, from Zoet to Aluzri. It has a caveat that, "We can[t] (sic) initiate anything until we get a better understanding of what processes and practices will need to be taken as a result of the notice that the property is under regarding the arsenic findings."

With the pressure from Konheim, Zoet repeatedly asks Lightner to contact the DTSC about the trees. Lightner contacts Yargeau on Nov. 5 about the toxic soil, plans for SMB staging and the removal of trees on Parcels 12 & 13.

Yargeau responds Nov. 6, requesting a diagram of the tree plans to determine if they are on arsenic-impacted soil, asking when SMB work is planned. Lightner responds that SMB work is to start at the beginning of 2016. Yargeau says staging on 12 "is ok if you were to lay down an asphalt cap on parcel 12 covering the entire parcel . . . that works as an interim remedy."

Lightner sends an email to Cuneo: "DTSC is ok with 2-year construction use of Parcel 12 if we lay down an asphalt cap. . . Not yet resolved on process for full removal of a tree stump on Parcel 13."

A Nov. 6 email from Zoet to Lightner and Aluzri revisits public notification. "I'd advise that we don't start removal until early December. . . I've been having conversations with Lyn [Konheim] to this effect and I think he's more understanding that that's a realistic timeframe. Mahdi, please advise when you're comfortable in notifying CC [city council]."

By Nov. 17, Konheim is calling Lightner and Zoet several times a day. That day, Aluzri tells Zoet and Lightner to "finalize the memo and send it over and I forward to CC."

But Yargeau has not yet responded to Lightner since receiving the diagram of the proposed work and tree trimming. Lightner also has never told Yargeau that the trees will be removed.

On Nov. 18, Yargeau tells Lightner, "we would need to treat this as an interim remedy which would need the 30-day public notification as before. We would also need to go through the CEQA process again and likely another public meeting. . ."

Hours later, Zoet tells Aluzri and Lightner that Konheim, "Does not want to wait any longer with respect to removing the trees." Immediately following, Konheim called Lightner, who informed him of Yargeau's DTSC email.

The next e-mail is dated Friday, Nov. 20 at 5:20 p.m., to the Mayor and City Council that, "Lyn Konheim will be removing trees on his property

and it is expected to be done very soon. As far as planting any new trees, we were informed by DTSC that it would require a remediation plan to be developed. . ."

A memo from Zoet, previously published in *The Courier* in its entirety, is attached. In it he states, "Mr. Konheim has the right to remove the trees on his property. . . Mr. Konheim has offered to incur the costs of removing the trees within the City's right-of-way. . . and further offered to provide and plant approximately 50 City-designated 36" box trees. . ."

Zoet states that there will be a notification process before the City's trees are removed and then reminds council and the mayor that the property is toxic. "Staff has consulted with the State Department of Toxic Substances Control and will comply with their guidelines. . . "As there is no need or intention to grind the stumps or roots associated with the trees that will be removed there is no soil disturbance and thus no concerns on the part of the DTSC regarding the tree removal process."

There are only a handful of emails between Yargeau and Lightner, and not one mentions cutting down all the trees, or any of the trees.

Trees Go Down, Residents Take Notice, Memo's Fly Through City Hall

On Saturday, Nov. 21, at 11:56 a.m., Hunt-Coffey e-mails Aluzri, Zoet, and the Beverly Hills police Watch Commander that they are receiving complaints in regards to the tree removal. She includes the Zoet memo.

At 7:59 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 23, Aluzri writes David Yelton and Raj Patel in planning, Nestor Otazu in Code Enforcement, Hunt-Coffey, Zoet, Lightner and Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene, "Now that the trees . . . are gone, we need to get enough landscaping and the appropriate fence in place. . . " Aluzri includes the Hunt-Coffey email and the Zoet memo. At 8:20 a.m., the memo is forwarded by Healy Keene to her executive staff. "Make sure CSRs (customer service representatives) are aware of the tree removal in case they receive any calls."

The spin control begins in earnest at 9:51 that morning, when Assistant Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich sends an e-mail to all of the planning staff, copying Hunt-Coffey's letter, which is reproduced and sent, by the end of the day, to everyone in the City.

Zoet e-mails Konheim at 8:41 a.m.: "I understand that you initiated the removal of all non-City trees over the weekend," sharing the council memo and reminding him of his promise to replace the trees.

The Cover Up

Finally, on Tuesday, Nov. 24, a call from *The Courier* to Aluzri and Zoet begins the slow chain of events that, two weeks later, on Dec. 6, leads to the spraying of Soil Sement to

manage dust on the property.

In the interim, e-mails from *The Courier* are forwarded from Aluzri to Deputy City Manager Cheryl Friedling, Director of Communications for the City. Friedling forwards them to Communications Manager Therese Kosterman. "Can you please deal with Victoria? Here's the info... thanks!!!"

Friedling writes to Zoet, "We're on it... no need for Ken or anyone to call (Vicki) back. Therese actually started working with her on this yesterday."

Pflzgraf never returns the call from *The Courier*.

On Nov. 24, Kosterman told *The Courier*, "there was a right-of-way permit issued" for traffic, the trees were "on private property," the "owner contacted the DTSC and presumably followed procedure." Every statement was false.

On Nov. 24 at 6:32 p.m., *The Courier* forwarded Aluzri an e-mail from Yargeau, which states the trees could be "trimmed, not cut," and finally, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24 at 8:49 p.m., Aluzri writes Lightner, "This is very different than what they told us about the City trees. Please call this person from the DTSC and find out what they are talking about."

"The DTSC . . . informed me that . . . NO work was to be done without a new community profile, CEQA plan, RAW plan, 30-day public review and comment period "Any work has to be under our oversight and approved by us," said "DTSC Supervisor Sayareh Amir. The case has been referred to our legal department and a cease and desist order has been issued."

On Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 11:43 a.m. Aluzri wrote to the Mayor and council members, "In response to an email I was forwarded (by Vicki Talbot) from DTSC I asked staff to follow up with them on our understand that only disturbing the soil through new plants or grinding the stems and roots requires remediation. . ."

The spin control included an e-mail from David Lightner Nov. 25 to Susan Healy Keene, "If you are getting questions please coordinate with Therese and Steve . . . so that we have a consistent message."

Finally, Aluzri's e-mails state the cutting happened on private property and it was the landowner's responsibility. The ALTA survey and other maps and references make clear that it was not private property.

Then, on Dec. 1, Aluzri sends an email to Zoet and Lightner asking, "Can you please let me know where we got the impression that DTSC is ok with cutting the trees as long as the stump and roots are not removed causing disturbance of the soil . . .?"

Zoet responds, "Mahdi, this was discussed by Mr. Bruce Howard, legal counsel to Mr. Konheim, during the meeting. . . on Oct. 23."

Editors note: The Courier will leave it up to its readers to decide whether this was intentional or incompetence on the part of City staff. Next week: PART 2.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

T.S. No.: 2014-05376-CA
A.P.N.:4342-020-014
Property Address: 305
North Elm Drive, Beverly
Hills, CA 90210

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL
CODE § 2923.3(a), THE
SUMMARY OF INFOR-
MATION REFERRED TO
BELOW IS NOT
ATTACHED TO THE
RECORDED COPY OF
THIS DOCUMENT BUT
ONLY TO THE COPIES
PROVIDED TO THE
TRUSTOR.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
TO PROPERTY
OWNER:
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT
UNDER A DEED OF
TRUST DATED
04/07/2005. UNLESS
YOU TAKE ACTION TO
PROTECT YOUR PROP-
ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD
AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF
YOU NEED AN EXPLA-
NATION OF THE PRO-
CEEDING AGAINST
YOU, YOU SHOULD
CONTACT A LAWYER.

Trustor: ISAAC
JACQUES R' BIBO,
TRUSTEE OF THE
ISAAC JACQUES
R' BIBO REVOCABLE
LIVING TRUST DATED
OCTOBER 16, 1998
Duly Appointed Trustee:
Western Progressive,
LLC
Recorded 04/19/2005 as
Instrument No. 05
0902273 in book ---,
page--- and of Official
Records in the office of
the Recorder of Los
Angeles County,
California,
Date of Sale: 03/02/2016
at 11:00 AM

Place of Sale:
BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN
LOCATED IN CIVIC
CENTER PLAZA, 400
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA,
POMONA, CA 91766

Estimated amount of
unpaid balance and other
charges: \$ 1,100,667.81

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC
AUCTION TO HIGHEST
BIDDER FOR CASH,
CASHIER'S CHECK
DRAWN ON A STATE OR
NATIONAL BANK, A
CHECK DRAWN BY A
STATE OR FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION, OR A
CHECK DRAWN BY A
STATE OR FEDERAL
SAVINGS AND LOAN
ASSOCIATION, A SAV-
INGS ASSOCIATION OR
SAVINGS BANK SPECI-
FIED IN SECTION 5102
OF THE FINANCIAL
CODE AND AUTHOR-
IZED TO DO BUSINESS
IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest
conveyed to and now
held by the trustee in the
hereinafter described
property under and pur-
suant to a Deed of Trust
described as:
More fully described in
said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other
common designation of
real property: 305 North
Elm Drive, Beverly Hills,
CA 90210

A.P.N.: 4342-020-014

The undersigned Trustee
disclaims any liability for
any incorrectness of the
street address or other
common designation, if
any, shown above.

The sale will be made,
but without covenant or
warranty, expressed or
implied, regarding title,
possession, or encum-
brances, to pay the
remaining principal sum
of the note(s) secured by
the Deed of Trust. The
total amount of the
unpaid balance of the
obligation secured by the
property to be sold and
reasonable estimated
costs, expenses and
advances at the time of
the initial publication of
the Notice of Sale is:
\$ 1,100,667.81.

If the Trustee is unable to
convey title for any rea-
son, the successful bid-
der's sole and exclusive
remedy shall be the
return of monies paid to
the Trustee, and the suc-
cessful bidder shall have
no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the
Deed of Trust has execut-
ed and delivered to the
undersigned a written
request to commence
foreclosure, and the
undersigned caused a
Notice of Default and
Election to Sell to be
recorded in the county
where the real property is
located.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL
BIDDERS: If you are
considering bidding on
this property lien, you
should understand that
there are risks involved in
bidding at a trustee auc-
tion. You will be bidding
on a lien, not on the prop-
erty itself. Placing the
highest bid at a trustee
auction does not auto-
matically entitle you to
free and clear ownership
of the property. You
should also be aware that
the lien being auctioned
off may be a junior lien. If
you are the highest bid-
der at the auction, you
are or may be responsi-
ble for paying off all liens
senior to the lien being
auctioned off, before you
can receive clear title to
the property. You are
encouraged to investigate
the existence, priority,
and size of outstanding
liens that may exist on
this property by contact-
ing the county recorder's
office or a title insurance
company, either of which
may charge you a fee for
this information. If you
consult either of these
resources, you should be
aware that the same
lender may hold more
than one mortgage or
deed of trust on this prop-
erty.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Note: Because the
Beneficiary reserves the
right to bid less than the
total debt owed, it is pos-
sible that at the time of
the sale the opening bid
may be less than the total
debt

NOTICE TO PROPERTY
OWNER: The sale date
shown on this notice of
sale may be postponed
one or more times by the
mortgagee, beneficiary,
trustee, or a court, pur-
suant to Section 2924g of

the California Civil Code.
The law requires that
information about trustee
sale postponements be
made available to you
and to the public, as a
courtesy to those not
present at the sale. If you
wish to learn whether
your sale date has been
postponed, and, if appli-
cable, the rescheduled
time and date for the sale
of this property, you may
call (866)-960-8299 or
visit this Internet Web site
<http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file
number assigned to this
case 2014-05376-CA.
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ponements that are very
short in duration or that
occur close in time to the
scheduled sale may not
immediately be reflected
in the telephone informa-
tion or on the Internet
Web site. The best way
to verify postponement
information is to attend
the scheduled sale.

Date: January 21, 2016

Western Progressive,
LLC, as Trustee for bene-
ficiary
C/o 30 Corporate Park,
Suite 450
Irvine, CA 92606
Automated Sale
Information Line: (866)
960-8299 <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>
For Non-Automated Sale
Information, call: (866)
240-3530

Trustee Sale Assistant
WESTERN PROGRES-
SIVE, LLC MAY BE ACT-
ING AS A DEBT COL-
LECTOR ATTEMPTING
TO COLLECT A DEBT.
ANY INFORMATION
OBTAINED MAY BE
USED FOR THAT PUR-
POSE. 02/05/16, 01/12/16,
02/19/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE File No.
9126.20001 Title Order
No. NXCA-0103435 YOU
ARE IN DEFAULT
UNDER A DEED OF
TRUST, DATED
10/03/2007. UNLESS
YOU TAKE ACTION TO
PROTECT YOUR PROP-
ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD
AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF
YOU NEED AN EXPLA-
NATION OF THE PRO-
CEEDING AGAINST
YOU, YOU SHOULD
CONTACT A LAWYER. A
public auction sale to the
highest bidder for cash,
cashier's check drawn on
a state or national bank,
check drawn by state or
federal credit union, or a
check drawn by a state or
federal savings and loan
association, or savings
association, or savings
bank specified in §5102
of the Financial code and
authorized to do business
in this state, will be held
by duly appointed trustee.
The sale will be made,
but without covenant or
warranty, expressed or
implied, regarding title,
possession, or encum-
brances, to satisfy the
obligation secured by
said Deed of Trust. The
undersigned Trustee dis-
claims any liability for any
incorrectness of the prop-
erty address or other

common designation, if
any, shown herein.
Trustor(s): Brooke Heller
and Jennifer Strohman
Recorded: 11/26/2007, as
Instrument No.
20072595181, of Official
Records of Los Angeles
County, California. Date
of Sale: 02/26/2016 at
1:00 PM Place of Sale: In
the main dining room of
the Pomona Masonic
Temple, located at 395
South Thomas Street,
Pomona, CA The purport-
ed property address is:
1223 N. Hayworth Ave.,
West Hollywood, CA
90046 Assessors Parcel
No. 5554-011-011 The
total amount of the unpaid
balance of the obligation
secured by the property
to be sold and reasonable
estimated costs, expend-
es and advances at the
time of the initial publica-
tion of the Notice of Sale
is \$1,215,798.75. If the
sale is set aside for any
reason, the purchaser at
the sale shall be entitled
only to a return of the
deposit paid, plus inter-
est. The purchaser shall
have no further recourse
against the beneficiary,
the Trustor or the trustee.
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL
BIDDERS: If you are con-
sidering bidding on this
property lien, you should
understand that there are
risks involved in bidding
at a trustee auction. You
will be bidding on a lien,
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Placing the highest bid at
a trustee auction does not
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ship of the property. You
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the lien being auctioned
off may be a junior lien. If
you are the highest bidder
at the auction, you are or
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paying off all liens senior
to the lien being auc-
tioned off, before you can
receive clear title to the
property. You are encour-
aged to investigate the
existence, priority and
size of outstanding liens
that may exist on this
property by contacting the
county recorder's office or
a title insurance company,
either of which may
charge you a fee for this
information. If you consult
either of these resources,
you should be aware that
the same lender may hold
more than one mortgage
or deed of trust on the
property. NOTICE TO
PROPERTY OWNER:
The sale date shown on
this notice of sale may be
postponed one or more
times by the mortgagee,
beneficiary, trustee, or a
court, pursuant to Section
2924g of the California
Civil Code. The law
requires that information
about trustee sale post-
ponements be made
available to you and to
the public, as a courtesy
to those not present at
the sale. If you wish to
learn whether your sale
date has been postponed,
and if applicable, the resch-
eduled time and date for
the sale of this property,
you may call 877-484-9942
or visit this Internet Web
site www.U.S.A.-Foreclosure.com or
www.Auction.com using
the file number assigned
to this case 9126.20001.
Information about post-
ponements that are very
short in duration or that
occur close in time to the
scheduled sale may not

immediately be reflected
in the telephone informa-
tion or on the Internet
Web site. The best way to
verify postponement
information is to attend
the scheduled sale. Date:
January 27, 2016
NORTHWEST TRUSTEE
SERVICES, INC., as
Trustee Candice Yoo,
Authorized Signatory
2121 Alton Parkway,
Suite 110, Irvine, CA
92606 866-387-6987
Sale Info website:
www.U.S.A.-Foreclosure.com or
www.Auction.com
Automated Sales Line:
877-484-9942 or 800-
280-2832 Reinstatement
and Pay-Off Requests:
(866) 387-NWTS THIS
OFFICE IS ATTEMPT-
ING TO COLLECT A
DEBT AND ANY INFOR-
MATION OBTAINED
WILL BE USED FOR
THAT PURPOSE. Heller,
Stewart and Brooke and
Strohman, Jennifer
ORDER # 9126.20001:
02/05/2016,02/12/2016,0
2/19/2016

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ORDER # 9126.20001:
02/05/2016,02/12/2016,0
2/19/2016

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE TTD No.:
159074867539-1 Control
No.: XXXXXX56-1 YOU
ARE IN DEFAULT
UNDER A DEED OF
TRUST, DATED
07/14/2014 UNLESS
YOU TAKE ACTION TO
PROTECT YOUR PROP-
ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD
AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF
YOU NEED AN EXPLA-
NATION OF THE
NATURE OF THE PRO-
CEEDING AGAINST
YOU, YOU SHOULD
CONTACT A LAWYER.
On 02/26/2016 at
10:00AM., TITLE TRUST
DEED SERVICE COM-
PANY, as duly appointed
Trustee under and pur-
suant to Deed of Trust
recorded 07/14/2014, as
Instrument No.
20140722268, in book III,
page III, of Official
Records in the office of
the County Recorder of
LOS ANGELES County,
State of CALIFORNIA,
executed by SAMANTHA
FELD, AN UNMARRIED
WOMAN WILL SELL AT
PUBLIC AUCTION TO
HIGHEST BIDDER FOR
CASH (payable at time of
sale in lawful money of
the United States) at
Behind the fountain locat-
ed in Civic Center Plaza,
400 Civic Center Plaza,
Pomona CA 91766 All
right, title and interest
conveyed to and now
held by it under said
Deed of Trust in the prop-
erty situated in said
County, and State
described as: APN No.:
4336-021-013 The street
address and other com-
mon designation, if any,
of the real property
described above is pur-
ported to be: 9001
ROSEWOOD AVENUE,
WEST HOLLYWOOD,
CA 90048 The unde-
signed Trustee disclaims
any liability for any incor-
rectness of the street
address and other com-
mon designation, if any,
shown herein. Said sale
of property will be made
in "as is" condition, but
without covenant or war-
ranty, expressed or
implied, regarding title,
possession, or encum-
brances, to pay the
remaining principal sum

of the note(s) secured by
said Deed of Trust, with
interest thereon, as pro-
vided in said note(s),
advances, if any, under
the terms of said Deed of
Trust, fees, charges and
expenses of the Trustee
and of the trusts created
by said Deed of Trust.
The total amount of the
unpaid balance of the
obligation secured by the
property to be sold and
reasonable estimated
costs, expenses and
advances at the time of
the initial publication of
the Notice of Sale is
\$569,211.67 The benefi-
ciary under said Deed of
Trust heretofore executed
and delivered to the
undersigned a written
Declaration of Default
and Demand for Sale,
and a written Notice of
Default and Election to
Sell. The undersigned
caused said Notice of
Default and Election to
Sell to be recorded in the
county where the real
property is located.
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL
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present at the sale. If you
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your sale date has been
postponed, and if applica-
ble, the rescheduled time
and date for the sale of
this property, you may call
714-730-2727 or 916-
939-0772 for information
regarding the trustee's
sale, or visit this Internet
Web site www.servicelinkasap.com or
[www.nationwideposting.c](http://www.nationwideposting.com)
om for information
regarding the sale of this
property, using the file
number assigned to this
case 159074867539-1.
Information about post-
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occur close in time to the

scheduled sale may not
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in the telephone informa-
tion or on the Internet
Web site. The best way to
verify postponement
information is to attend
the scheduled sale. Date:
02/01/2016 TITLE
TRUST DEED SERVICE
COMPANY, As Trustee
BRENDA B. PEREZ,
TRUSTEE SALE OFFI-
CER TITLE TRUST
DEED SERVICE COM-
PANY 26540 Agoura
Road Suite 102
Calabasas, CA 91302
Sale Line: 714-730-2727
or Login to: www.servicelinkasap.com or Sale
Line: 916-939-0772 or
Login to: www.nationwideposting.com If the
Trustee is unable to con-
vey title for any reason,
the successful bidder's
sole and exclusive reme-
dy shall be the return of
monies paid to the
Trustee, and the success-
ful bidder shall have no
further recourse.. We are
assisting the Beneficiary
to collect a debt and any
information we obtain will
be used for that purpose
whether received orally or
in writing. NPP0272180
To: BEVERLY HILLS
COURIER 02/05/2016,
02/12/2016, 02/19/2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2015 320996

The following is/are doing busi-
ness as: EXEC EXPRESS
LIMOUSINE SERVICE 17601
Hamlin Street, Van Nuys, CA
91406; Gary Kratman 17601
Hamlin Street, Van Nuys, CA
91406; The business is con-
ducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
registrant(s) has begun to
transact business under the
name(s) listed herein on June
1, 1997: Gary Kratman,
Owner/Operator: Statement is
filed with the County of Los
Angeles: December 22, 2015;
Published: January 22, 29,
February 5, 12, 2015 LACCNC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2016 016306

The following is/are doing busi-
ness as: LAW OFFICE OF
SAHAR MALEK 424 S. Beverly
Dr. Beverly Hills, CA 90212;
Sahar Maleksaedi 8660
Burton Way #311, Los Angeles,
CA 90048; The business is
conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
registrant(s) has begun to
transact business under the
name(s) listed herein on JAN-
UARY 3, 2016: Sahar
Maleksaedi, Sole Proprietor :
Statement is filed with the
County of Los Angeles: January
3, 2016; Published: January 29,
February 5, 12, 19, 2016 LACCNC

NOTICE -

Fictitious name state-
ment expires five years
from the date it was filed
in the office of the coun-
ty clerk. A new fictitious
business name state-
ment must be filed
before that time. The fil-
ing of this statement
does not of itself author-
ize the use in this state
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I have emailed members of the Beverly Hills City Council after attending last week's Town Hall meeting over the chopping down of City trees on Lots 12 and 13 along Santa Monica Boulevard.

There was already considerable apprehension expressed at last June's public hearing/meeting in the B. H. Public Library about any disturbance on the subject lots owned by Beverly Hills Land Company.

As Mayor Julian Gold and Councilmember Lili Bosse witnessed, apprehension turned to shock and outrage as Robert Tannenbaum carefully and impartially laid out the course of events leading up to the unauthorized and illegal chopping down of City trees within the two foot right of way on those lots.

Not only was the illegal act in deliberate abrogation of state and federal health and safety laws, but was, in one way or another, a deliberate act of derogation of local rights and restrictions, flying in the face of the citizens of this City and its governing body.

Many credible theories were put forth as to how the chopping of the trees could have been accomplished, despite the moratorium of any activity on the subjects lots. Further investigation will reveal all the of the facts leading up to this calamity.

I implore the City Council to take all necessary steps to:

(1) Fully and carefully review staff policies, procedures and the manner in which those policies were or were not followed to both avert unlawful acts in the future, but to hold accountable those staff members who were unquestionably derelict in their duties. Some may have been innocently negligent, but others may have been more deliberately side stepping their responsibilities. Without some consequences, the City is putting itself and its citizens at tremendous risk;

(2) Determine the extent of the liability of Beverly Hills Land Company for both the health hazards it created by disturbing the toxic soil, (including running heavy equipment over the area and uprooting some of the trees from the ground, entirely) and for the loss of the beautiful trees it destroyed. That company should be required to replant the chopped trees within the City's two foot right of way to restore that portion of Lots 12 and 13 to its prior condition. Those trees were not on BHLC property. They and the land they are/were on are owned by the City of Beverly Hills and its residents. BHLC is liable for not only the cost of restoration, but for any and all penalties for trespass, nuisance and for violations of applicable regulations and ordinances to both the city and the state. Obviously, the restoration must be done within health and safety guidelines to control the further exposure of toxins into the atmosphere. All work, whatever the cost, must be paid for by the perpetrator, BH Land Co.

(3) Substantially expand the notice provision to residents surrounding an proposed project from the deminimis 300 feet circumference; particularly when the issue is health and safety regarding airborne toxins that could affect much larger proportion of the city residents, not just the immediate neighbors; and

(4) Fully enforce the moratorium of activity on the subject lots and pursue a resolution and final disposition of the land in favor of the residents who have suffered greatly at the hands of the BHLC and been exposed to undetermined degrees of toxins by its callous, unlawful acts. A suggestion was put forth last night that the BHLC donate the land to the City. I fully support that suggestions so long as the City maintains the land as open space for the residents to enjoy as a natural barrier between Santa Monica Boulevard traffic and the residents and businesses on either side of that thoroughfare.

Linda Spiegel

Toxic Parcel Issue: It's time for our residents to sober up and realize that their focus and anger is misdirected. Your anger should be directed at DTSC, not solely at the staff in Beverly Hills government. Yes, City staff made errors but those performance shortfalls can be dealt with through existing performance appraisal mechanisms and established personal policies the City has in place. We don't need to spend thousands of dollars on outside consultants and attorneys do tell us errors were made.

At the Town Hall meeting, Robert Tanenbaum provided an outstanding presentation of the facts and timeliness. What more needs to be said regarding staff? If the City needs help with its performance evaluations on this matter, why not retain Robert--at least he lives close by and won't need a plane ticket or hotel to get here. I know other residents that have several years of human resources expertise that will donate their time to teach the City how to professionally evaluate

employee performance.

Here is why nothing will come of the land developers actions in cutting down 196 trees:

- DTSC is incompetent, a 2014 government audit found the department had major problems;
- DTSC according to the state of California has failed to live up to its mission;
- DTSC has consistently fallen down the job, putting polluters before public health and the environment according to the state audit;
- DTSC had more than 1,000 outstanding cleanup projects totaling \$194 million in 2014. Remember in 2004 DTSC agreed to a 17 year cleanup plan with the railroad;
- DTSC never collected \$13 million in fines were never collected by DTSC.
- DTSC never assigned senior environmental experts with advance degrees to ensure the health and safety of residents.

Per the state audit, 59-percent of DTSC staff is unqualified for their positions. SB 83 in 2015 established an Independent Review Panel to provide the governor and legislature with annual reviews and recommendations for DTSC. The state has no confidence in it so passed a bill to monitor it. That says it all.

I understand the developer retained Harvard Law graduate Bruce Howard of Latham & Watkins, who has been selected several times as a "super attorney." No wonder DTSC stated there are no consequences for removing 196 trees. I believe DTSC is so dysfunctional it is incapable of dealing with high power law firms. Imagine if Robert Tanenbaum was the attorney for DTSC. I think the consequences and follow through would be significant for the developer. We residents have the right to be angry and concerned, but need to realize that if we are looking to DTSC to help its a waste of time. It's time for pragmatism and not emotions. Lets not waste throwing away taxpayer dollars on outside attorneys and consultants.

If our City Council can devote countless hours to ensure our dogs will be able to play in a toxic free dog park, then the council needs to devote as much time to this issue to ensure the well-being of residents. We have the expertise and resources to get this done right here in our City with some very successful, highly educated residents that the council should utilize.

Howard Wallack

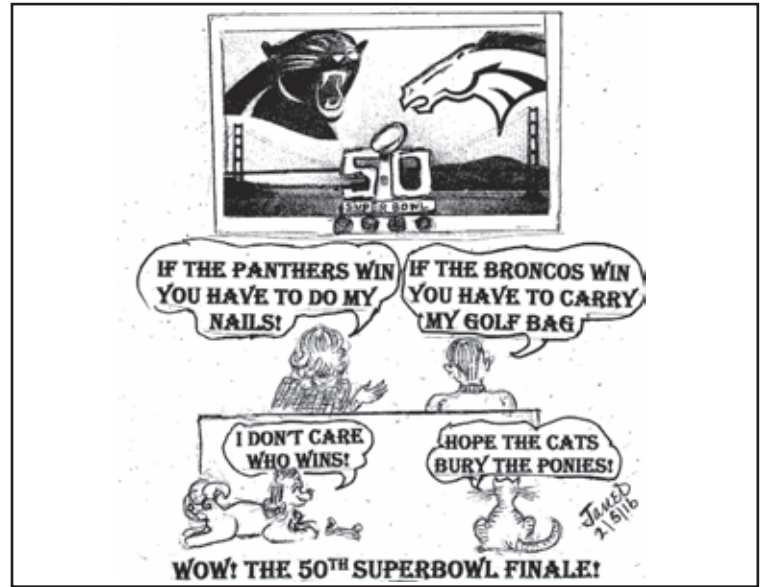
We are so fortunate to have the best children's library here in Beverly Hills I have ever seen. A truly magical garden of whimsy and mystery with white polished Formica bookcases and special reading room with grand murals, that would make Tim Burton proud. I have spent many hours at that library with our daughters Sofia and Olympia over the years but have also reattached myself to some of my favorite classic children's books like the Caldecott Award winning *Ginger Pye* by Eleanor Estes and *While Mrs. Coverlet Was Away* that I once ordered from the Arrow Book Club in grade school.

Also, very dear to my heart, are the illustrated cartoon style books by author Syd Hoff, including: *Danny And The Dinosaur*, *Oliver The Elephant*, *Julius The Ape* and *Sammy The Seal*. Hoff's animal characters all spoke to kids and adults and no one seemed fazed by this. His illustrations were so comical and reminiscent of "Rocky and Bullwinkle" cartoons of the '60s that I loved. Hoff was also a cartoon artist for magazines like *The New Yorker* and *Playboy* in the '50s and '60s. There are Syd Hoff book cover prints on the walls of our library as a tribute to his timeless appeal.

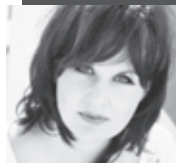
I remember watching the *Brady Bunch* TV show as a kid in 1969 and immediately recognizing Mr. Brady's architectural office as our very own Beverly Hills Public Library complete with color murals and fountains in front, as it used to look like before the remodel. I also remember being impressed at the actual "record" collection (meaning vinyl LPs) that the library offered back in the day, and I remember checking out the Jackson Five's ABC album and Beatles double white album in the early '70s and treating them very carefully as I already had a record collection of my own.

If you want to escape the rigors of the adult life and return to your own childhood a few hours, pay a visit to our children's library and maybe put a few Starburst candies in your pocket as I used to do. They don't melt and at least have a little "real fruit juice" in them. Many thanks to major benefactors like Lili Bosse and Michael Libow for their generous contributions to our spectacular literary wonderland.

Hal Lifson



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Astrology
By Holiday Mathis

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 5). You'll put yourself in a better position, and then start seeing things clearly. A friend comes along to help with this. The next four weeks will bring many exercises in perspective. A single decision will lead to a completely new you by April. May brings money, applause and emotional support. July puts a vendetta to rest. Cancer and Libra adore you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your issue will become a non-issue in a matter of moments. You have the answers and know how to apply them, so all you have to do is methodically walk yourself through this.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20). You need more support. The person who is busy patting himself on the back isn't going to have a hand free to applaud your achievement. You'll get it when you actively seek friendship with modest and attentive people.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19). Everyone needs attention. There are those around you who seem to need it more than others and for some strange reason that makes you less likely to give it to them. It's human nature. You'll use the principle to your advantage.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20). The conversation you really need to have is between you and you. The topic is, after all, a secret no one else really needs to know right now. You're entitled to your private world. They may want in, but you don't owe that to anyone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The thing that makes a bell a bell is its sound. The thing that makes a pen a pen is that it can write. As for you, you are a far more complex being and there is not one thing that you need to do to be who you are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're friendly, which will serve you well now since you don't know the ones you need to know to get the job done. When in doubt, introduce yourself. The one who can help you best is close at hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe you didn't mean to, but you tipped your cards, showing the fondness you feel for another through good-natured teasing or lighthearted banter. There's a unique bubble of fun around the two of you now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you want to laugh hard (and possibly clean up a horrible mess later), assume the rest of the world has your same ideas about what's appropriate to the situation at hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Stand your ground. You can afford to be cheeky at this point. Plus, you'll be endowed with the trust of the group for being strong in who you are. Of course, you're basically interested in impressing that one certain person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You lay all the groundwork perfectly and set yourself up with a fully functioning track to happiness. But still there are no guarantees. Doing the work isn't enough. You also must take a risk, climb on board and ride the ride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While seeking the very best that's out there, you may just find there is nothing but the best to choose from. Much depends on the fit and how well you know the particulars of what you need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The idea that begins in brilliance will end there, as long as you know to get out when the brilliance is still happening. You have several weeks to work this through.

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01/26 1900 Carla Ridge (\$11,600)	01/25 9500 Wilshire Bl. (\$2,735)
01/26 300 N. Maple Dr.	01/26 400 N. Bedford Dr. (\$42,300)
01/27 9600 S. Santa Monica Bl. (\$300)	01/29 100 N. Palm Dr. (\$3,225)
01/28 1100 San Ysidro Dr.	01/29 100 N. Palm Dr. (\$8,170)
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