

Busing Is Back for Revere Students



(Left to right) Jack Bentley (6th grade), Blake Pecsok (6th), Luke Shuman (7th), Milo Dunne (6th), Finn Dunne (7th) and Brady Hall (6th) are among the Palisades students taking the parent-sponsored bus to Revere.

Photo: Lesly Hall

Many older residents remember taking an LAUSD-sponsored bus from Pacific Palisades to Paul Revere Middle School. The buses went up and down the streets collecting students. Then, that busing stopped about the time of integration busing, and parents were left to find a way to get their kids to Allenford Avenue.

There are no continuous sidewalks for kids to walk on or a safe lane for kids to bike along Sunset Boulevard, arguably one of the most dangerous thoroughfares in Los Angeles, leaving almost no choices for parents but to drive/carpool.

Around 2008, Revere parents urged LAUSD to sponsor buses from the Palisades, to help alleviate the traffic chaos along Allenford every morning and afternoon that traps neighbors in their home. LAUSD would not pay for it.

This year, a parent-sponsored bus that holds 52 kids has been implemented. The cost for daily roundtrips for the school year is \$1,600 and the bus makes seven stops, the first in the Highlands and the last at the Palisades Branch Library. The bus is full and has a waiting list.

Bicyclist Killed On Pacific Coast Highway

A fatal hit-and-run accident occurred on Pacific Coast Highway near Temescal Canyon Road on September 1, at about 11 p.m.

Police said that a jeep struck a man on a bike, perhaps a transient. According to a person who did not wish to be named, the victim was dragged by the vehicle after impact. Police think they will find the driver, who did not stop to render aid.

All north- and south-bound lanes of PCH were shut down from Sunset Boulevard to Temescal Canyon until about 6 a.m. Friday.

Hearing Held for 16815 Bollinger

By SUE PASCOE
Editor

The City halted construction on the 16815 Bollinger “remodel” on a 7,887-sq.-ft. lot in April. A sign posted on the property gave the reason as “construction done without permits or inspections.” The house, which was called a remodel, was almost entirely demolished, and framing was well underway when construction was halted.

Owner Christopher Rhoades of Helios DRE Joint Ventures, LLC, requested a hearing to appeal the decision, stating that the L.A. Department of Building and Safety erred or abused its discretion in issuing a Notice to stop work.

Rhoades, who purchased the home for \$2.15 million in June 2015, was represented

by attorney Kevin McDonnell of Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell.

“All the plans show which walls are being removed and the demolition,” McDonnell told Theodore Irving, the Zoning Administrator who presided over the hearing on September 1.

“We had a permit,” said McDonnell, who argued that Building and Safety had the plans and had signed off on it.

McDonnell said that when the owner asked why construction had been shut down, Building and Safety told him there is a 50 percent rule about remodels. That, if more than 50 percent of the building is

taken down, it is not a remodel.

McDonnell said he looked at the laws and could not find this rule. “Where is it codified?” he asked, noting that no one in the City could answer him. Instead, he was told that “Building and Safety had told them that City Planning had made a mistake.”

The contested home in Marquez is located in the Coastal Zone. All homes in that zone must go through the Coastal Commission, according to Irving, the Zoning Administrator. The question is whether the owners are given an exemption (which happens in the case of many remodels) or

(Continued on Page 22)



City building laws have been questioned regarding construction at 16815 Bollinger.

Postal Customer

*****EGRWSSSEDDM*****

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Pasadena, CA
Permit #422

the MARGULEAS TEAM

For each home sold, we give 10% to one of these charities

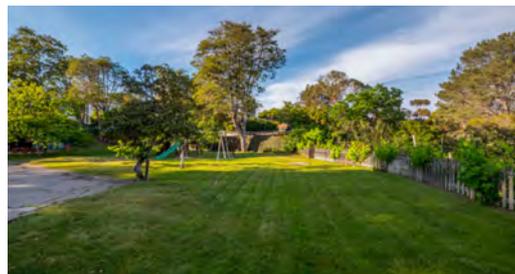


help us reach our goal of donating **\$1 Million** dollars.

AVAILABLE PROPERTIES



OCEAN VIEW ESTATE
IN RIVIERA
\$11,489,000 | 1495Capri.com



1 1/2 ACRE DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITY WITH 8 LOTS
\$8,900,000 | 608Marquette.com



BRAND NEW CAPE COD
WITH OCEAN VIEWS
\$6,499,000 | 14800McKendree.com



NEW CONSTRUCTION
OVERLOOKING CANYON
\$6,389,000 | 15225DePauw.com



TROPICAL OASIS WITH
MAGNIFICENT VIEWS
\$6,399,000 | 468Surfview.com



STUNNING BRAND
NEW ESTATE
\$5,995,000 | 901Muskingum.com



ELEGANT ARCHITECTURAL
WITH OCEAN VIEWS
\$3,325,000 | 1329Goucher.com



STUNNING SLEEK
ARCHITECTURAL
\$3,350,000 | 17041Bollinger.com



SPANISH RANCH WITH
AMAZING VIEWS
\$2,990,000 | 11994ChalonRoad.com



HIDDEN RETREAT WITH
OCEAN AND CITY VIEWS
\$1,949,000 | 1101Kenter.com



PALISADES HIGHLANDS WITH
CANYON VIEWS
\$1,270,000 | 1663MichaelLane.com



CHEERFUL HOME
WITH OCEAN VIEWS
\$14,000 MONTH | 16661Charmel.com



ANTHONY MARGULEAS
310.663.1446 | Showings@AmalfiEstates.com
AmalfiEstates.com



#1 Palisades Broker | Nearly \$1 Billion in Homes Sold | WSJ's Top 60 Agents Nationwide

CalBRE#01173073

Mokedden, 6, Selected 'Miss Frozen'

By LAURA ABRUSCATO
Contributing Writer
Photos by Lesly Hall

Blankets and sweaters covered children dressed in Olaf suits, Anna dresses and Elsa gowns as they lay on blankets at the Field of Dreams and watched *Frozen*, the final showing of the Movies in the Park season August 26.

Costumed children received tickets that were drawn from a basket before the film screened, and 10 lucky kids won beanie-baby-sized stuffed Olafs, the popular snowman character from *Frozen*.

The grand-prize winner, Mikaela Mokedden, 6, wore a blue Elsa gown and tiara, and won a two-foot stuffed Olaf plus the title "Miss Frozen Palisades." Her Olaf had company as her brother Cato, 5, won a smaller Olaf and was dressed like him as well.

Grandmother Sharon Simicevic said, "Mikaela loves the sisters [in the movie] because she has a sister."

Other winners included Sebastian Rood, Hailee Yancey, Zoe Nakamura, Willa Praver, Lily Abruscato, Sophiann Miller, Payton



Lina Rozells was one of the many Elsas at the movie.



Mikaela Mokedden was selected "Miss Frozen Palisades."

Chaiet and Ella Rich.

Palisadian Fati Adeli wore a hat to Movies in the Park, warm attire for a chilly night appropriate for *Frozen*.

"I come every year and every year and I improve it. Next year, I'm bringing chamomile tea," said the mother of Layla, 11, and Leena, 9. "I love to bring my girls. There's something special about outdoor movies."

Before the movie started, children were playing with small blue footballs provided by Santa Monica UCLA Medical Health Center and Orthopaedic Hospital and glow-stick necklaces from the new babysitting app Bambino.

Meanwhile, adults were handed \$5 Gelson's coupons, and two winners received free tickets to the Palisades Woman's Club Home Tour on November 20. Many attendees enjoyed free hot dogs, sponsored by Mike Skinner, and prepared by Palisades Recreation Center assistants Jeffrey Owens and Ashley Johnston. They served more than 250 hot dogs and ran out of buns.

Johnston enjoyed her first season working at Movies in the Park and is a fan of *Frozen*.



Hugh Dodson with daughter Emerson came to enjoy the movie.



Everyone dressed up for Frozen: (left to right) Cleary Herzlinger, Dana Fein (Marquez Elementary 2nd grade teacher) holding granddaughter Rachel and Sumner Fein.

"I called my sister after I watched it and was crying, saying 'It's about sisterly love,' Johnston said. "The songs from *Frozen* are forever in everyone's head."

Troop 23 Boy Scouts Emmett Kallmeyer

and Gregory Gold, both Palisades High sophomores, were selling drinks and snacks to earn money for their Eagle Scout projects—Kallmeyer plans to build benches and planters for Palisades Presbyterian Church and Gold will build cages for plants at Marquez Elementary.

"Growing up here, I thought something like this would be great to do," said David Williams, a co-founder of Movies in the Park. "I had seen the movie *Doc Hollywood* with Michael J. Fox and there was a scene where the community was watching an outdoor silent movie. I thought that would be a blast.

"Our first movie [in 2003] was *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* and we were hoping 50 people would show up. Almost 500 came and it's been this way ever since," said Williams, who estimates that more than 800 people came for *Frozen*.

There was a hefty initial investment in a movie screen, projectors and other equipment that was upgraded a few years ago. Williams encourages people to visit the Movies in the Park Facebook page to submit movie ideas. Although the movies are free, donations are greatly appreciated.

Post 283 Newsletter Takes First Place at National Convention

The *Post 283 Newsletter* has again taken first place in national American Legion competition.

The latest award (for Legion posts in the 250-750 member category) was announced on August 29 at the American Legion National Convention in Cincinnati. Posts in St. Louis and St. George, Utah, took second and third.

This was the first year that *Post 283 News Graphics* Director Manfred Hofer had his work entered in the contest, and he took second place for his layouts.

Since the *Post 283 Newsletter* came into existence under then-Commander Scott Wagenseller in 2014, it has won at the state level three years in a row. On the national

level, the newspaper took first place two years ago and second last year.

The monthly paper, with Sue Pascoe as editor, strives to present stories that illustrate Post 283's mission of supporting veterans, national security, youth and Americanism. Contributing to the paper have been writers Laurel Busby and Jared Morgan.

The paper was mailed to every household in Pacific Palisades through July, when the new executive board decided to send it only to members.

Wagenseller is also founder, owner and publisher of the *Palisades News*, published the first and third Wednesday of every month and mailed free to every household in town.



American Legion District 24 Commander and past Post 283 Commander Scott Wagenseller accepted the first-place plaque for the *Post 283 Newsletter* on behalf of Editor Sue Pascoe at the National Legion Convention.

Photo: Jared Morgan

Incline Reopens in Time for Labor Day

By SUE PASCOE
Editor

Santa Monica Mayor Tony Vazquez welcomed a gathering of media and neighbors at the top of the California Incline at 9 a.m. on September 1.

“It gives me great pleasure to see so many people,” he said. “It took 17 months and \$17 million to complete the Incline. Ninety percent of the funding came from the Federal government—and it is open in time for Labor Day weekend.”

Built in 1930, the Incline ramp was deemed structurally deficient about two decades ago, but plans to replace it were delayed. Finally, in April 2015, the Incline was closed for replacement construction.

Vazquez thanked Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi, Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer for their efforts in securing Federal funding. He then introduced L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

“I’m pleased to be here,” Kuehl said. “I live in Santa Monica and the Incline has been my way to get to the ocean.”

“The Incline is not only iconic and symbolic, but it’s a connector,” said Kuehl, who noted that the Incline was previously known as the Sunset Trail because it had been a trail to the ocean.

“Thanks to the Federal government for the use of our tax dollars to build this,”



L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl spoke at the Incline opening. Photos: Sue Pascoe

Kuehl said, calling the new Incline a multi-modal transportation artery built for pedestrians, bikes and cars.

The seismically-sound structure is now about 51 feet wide—an increase of more than five feet—and includes wider sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

“The Incline never had a bike lane before,” said Luis Morris, who works in Santa



Santa Monica Mayor Tony Vazquez tried out the newly constructed bicycle lane on the Incline.

Monica’s mobility division. “For those of us who live on this side of town we can now bike down to the pedestrian bridge and cross to the beach and the bike path. It’s definitely much safer.”

Senior transportation planner Michelle Glickert said, “This was definitely a team effort. This project came about because people voiced the need—there were strong voices.”

The first vehicle up the new Incline was a Big Blue Bus. Once it broke through the

ribbon at the top of the hill to cheers, a group of cyclists riding Santa Monica’s Breeze Bike Share bikes, waved and headed down the hill. Morris said they planned to use the bike path to reach the beach bike path and then continue to ride to City Hall to begin their work day.

Pedestrians, skateboarders and bike riders were allowed on the Incline roadway from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first vehicles went up/down the Incline at 5 p.m.

ELLEN McCORMICK

FEATURED LISTING



123 S. Woodburn Drive, Brentwood | Offered at \$6,995,000

A Spanish hacienda that has been transformed into an exquisite statement of timeless elegance. 6 BD + 4.5 BA + Pool/Guest House + Pool/Spa.

Please see www.123Woodburn.com for more info.



ELLEN McCORMICK

Distinguished representation of the Westside since 1984.

ellenmccormick.com

(310) 230-3707 | ellen@ellenmccormick.com
CalBRE# 00872518



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY | California Properties
HomeServices

©2016 An Independently owned and operated franchisee of BHH Affiliates, LLC.

Prop O Project to Resume on Temescal

By SUE PASCOE
Editor

After a Prop O two-phase project was begun in 2011 to clean and reuse stormwater runoff in Temescal Canyon Park, construction activity will finally resume after an almost two-year delay.

Kendrick Okuda, the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering Proposition O Implementation Program Manager, spoke at the Pacific Palisades Community Council meeting on August 25.

He said the next phase will take about a year and involve construction of a new water-treatment building (near the existing restrooms) just north of PCH on Temescal Canyon Road.

The Temescal project was designed and approved after voters passed Prop O in November 2004. The Clean Water Bond authorized \$500 million in general obligation bonds for projects that included cleaning storm water before it entered Santa Monica Bay.

Construction on Phase 1 of the Temescal project began in January 2012 and was initially supposed to be completed a year later at a cost of \$14.9 million. That phase involved taking Storm water flowing through the existing storm drain beneath Temescal Canyon Road and diverting it through a hydrodynamic separator before going into a 1.25-million-gallon detention tank, which

would then discharged it into a sewer system that leads to the Hyperion Treatment Plant in Playa del Rey.

In March 2013, while construction was underway on the underground tank, worker Gilbert Vargas, 50, lost his life when dirt caved in around him. A second worker was injured in the accident. The project was shut down temporarily during an OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) investigation.

New project manager Katie Doherty said that Phase I was completed in April 2015, under budget, at about \$14.2 million.

An old Prop O Website initially had Phase II as being completed by July 2015 at a cost of \$3.7 million. (The new projection for completion is fall 2017, with a total cost of \$4.4 million.) Visit: lacityprop.org.

Doherty explained the higher cost. "The new treated stormwater line associated with our project will run parallel to the irrigation main line so it is efficient to do replace both at the same time.

"The existing irrigation main line has been problematic for the Department of Recreation and Parks for some time and replacing it will ensure the new treatment system we are constructing functions properly," she said.

Doherty was asked about the delay between the two phases. "Work on Phase II began as Phase I was nearing completion,"



Construction material to be used for Phase II of the Temescal Stormwater Project is near the playground in lower Temescal Canyon.

Doherty said. "The duration between Phase I and Phase II reflects the time needed to hire a consulting firm, design, permit and award the project. This project also required a protracted easement acquisition phase."

She was asked about the easement. "We were required to obtain an operations and maintenance easement for the stormwater storage and treatment facilities being installed by this project within the park

property.

"The easement acquisition process for these facilities did take longer than initially anticipated," Doherty said.

As part of the project a submersible pump will be installed to take water out of the existing 1.25-million gallon tank (located below the playground), to be used as potable water for irrigation. A new irrigation line will be laid on the east side of Temescal Canyon Road and five trees will be planted.

An old Prop O website provided the following detail, "This Project includes the construction of: a 120-ft. stormwater line from 500 gallon per minute pump located inside an existing underground reservoir to the treatment building; a 31'4" by 13'4" (416.3 square feet) treatment building (to include two peristaltic booster pumps; self-cleaning 200 micron filter with a flow capacity of 2,000 gpm; 490 gallon double-contained tank on a raised platform; treatment agent will be sodium-hypochlorite at 12.5% solution); constructed with a fire suppression system; an exterior air conditioning condenser unit will be installed; a 2,530-ft. treated water distribution line from the treatment building to the existing Temescal Canyon Park Irrigation System, most of which, 2,372 feet, will be located within the right-of-way of Temescal Canyon Road."

DAN URBACH PRESENTS

14924 Camarosa Drive
Pacific Palisades • 7bd/7.5ba
OFFERED AT \$12,695,000
www.14924Camarosa.com



900 Enchanted Way
Pacific Palisades • 3bd/2ba
OFFERED AT \$1,800,000
www.900Enchanted.com



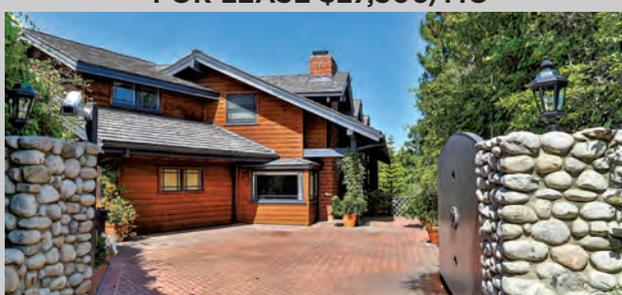
REDUCED

1588 Michael Lane
Pacific Palisades • 3bd/2.5ba
OFFERED AT \$1,199,000
www.1588MichaelLn.com



NEW LISTING

1710 San Remo Drive
Pacific Palisades
5bd/5.5ba
FOR LEASE \$27,500/MO



Dan Urbach
Luxury Property Specialist

310.230.3757

info@DanUrbach.com

www.ExclusiveRealtor.com

881 Alma Real Dr., Ste. 100

Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Dan Urbach
REAL ESTATE



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices

California Properties

CalBRE #01147391

When the most respected brand in the world, **Berkshire Hathaway**, puts its name on a real estate sign, that's good for the market and great for Buyers and Sellers.

SPECIALIZING IN PACIFIC PALISADES, BRENTWOOD, SANTA MONICA

Heard About Town

Potrero Canyon Dogs

Someone wrote on NextdoorPalisades that she and a friend walk three large dogs in Potrero Canyon every evening. Supposedly, the public is barred from this canyon; "No Trespassing" signs are posted because it is considered an active construction zone. But I guess those who live along the Canyon rim don't have to follow the rules. Maybe the LAPD can enforce the law, or the City can simply open the canyon to everyone?

Social Media Attacks

There's a man on social media who is quick to attack whenever somebody questions any aspect of the Caruso project. Like, we can't even ask a question without his giving some nasty reply. I wonder if he works for Caruso?

(Editor's note: We asked Caruso's spokesperson Liz Jaeger if the man in question was on the payroll. "No, he's not," she said.)

County Beach Passes

In response to the "County Beach Passes" item in the August 17 News, L.A. County does have a beach parking permit program, and not just for seniors. Call (310) 821-1081, or stop by L.A. Beaches and Harbors at 14110 Palawan Way in the Marina. Visit: beaches.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dbh.

Candidate Forum

I attended the candidate forum at the Community Council meeting on August 28. Every person running read a statement. Five of the people (Areas 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8) were running unopposed, so why waste time asking them to comment? They are automatically elected; it doesn't matter what they say.

Mansions vs. McMansions

Someone shared this link with me about the difference between mansions and McMansions. (mcmansionhell.com/post/149128564511/mclean-virginia?is_related_post=1). One of the areas they poked fun at were the columns that were either the wrong size or the wrong style for the house. Then I walked down the street and saw that a construction company had just added the wrong style columns to a too-big house on a too-small lot. I started laughing because it was the perfect example of a McMansion.

If you'd like to share something you've "heard about town," please email it to spascoe@palisadesnews.com

ANN CLEAVES



VIEWPOINT

Rezoning: What You Need to Know

By MIKE BONIN
City Councilman, 11th District

(Editor's note: the following zoning information was sent via email from the Councilman's office.)

The Planning Department is working on two separate programs to address concerns about the size of houses in the City's single-family (R1) neighborhoods: 1.) amending the Citywide ordinances (BMO and BHO) that regulate the development of single-family homes, and 2.) adopting new single-family zone options that will be applied to neighborhoods subject to Interim Control Ordinances (ICOs).

The two ordinances that regulate the size of houses in single-family neighborhoods in the City are: 1.) the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) and 2.) the Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO). The BMO applies to single-family neighborhoods that are not located in designated hillside areas and are not in the Coastal Zone. The BHO applies to single-family neighborhoods that are located in designated hillside areas.

The Planning Department has prepared amendments to the Citywide BMO and BHO that are intended to tighten the rules governing development of single-family houses and address concerns from residents that new development is out of scale with existing neighborhoods.

At the same time as those amendments were being developed, the City adopted ICOs for a number of neighborhoods and they are currently being evaluated for rezoning under these new single-family zones. At the request of Councilman Mike Bonin, the Planning Department recognized that Pacific Palisades

should also be considered for rezoning at this time, even though it is not currently covered by an ICO. The Planning Department agreed to rezone the areas of Pacific Palisades that wanted regulations different than proposed amendments to the Citywide BMO and BHO would provide.

The first draft of the new single-family zones included six options (R1-A, R1-B, R1-C, R1-D, R1-E, and R1-F). Based on community feedback from throughout the City, the Planning Department has refined the proposed zones to create additional options. According to the chart prepared by the Department, there are now nine zone choices for R1 properties in non-hillside areas, and three zone choices for R1 properties in hillside areas.

Pacific Palisades includes areas that are covered by the BMO and the BHO. For the BMO areas (i.e., the non-hillside properties that are not located in the Coastal Zone), the Planning Department is recommending the new single-family zone of "R1V1" (Single-Family, Variable Mass, Variation 1). This zone allows the second story of a house to vary in its location above the first story and provides for an FAR ranging from 0.65 to 0.55, depending on the size of the lot.

For those R1-zoned properties located in the hillside areas, the Department is recommending a zone change from R1 to "R1H1" (Single-Family, Hillside, Variation 1). This zone provides for an FAR ranging from 0.50 to 0.30, depending on the slope band areas of the property.

A public meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13, at the Henry Medina Building, 11214 Exposition Blvd. (90064) to discuss proposed zone changes for the Palisades. Open house is 5:30 p.m., presentation at 6 p.m. and public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Thought to Ponder

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

— Mother Teresa

PALISADES NEWS

Founded November 5, 2014

869 Via de la Paz, Ste. B
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
(424) 744-8497
www.PalisadesNews.com

Owner

Wagenseller Publishing
Publisher

Scott Wagenseller
swag@palisadesnews.com

Editor

Sue Pascoe
spascoe@palisadesnews.com

Features

Laurie Rosenthal
LRosenthal@palisadesnews.com

Graphics Director

Manfred Hofer

Digital Content and Technology

Matt Sanderson

Advertising

Jeff Ridgway
jeffridgway@palisadesnews.com

Grace Hiney

gracehiney@palisadesnews.com

Advisor

Bill Bruns

Contributing Writers

Laura Abruscato, Debbie Alexander,
Laurel Busby, Libby Motika

Contributing Photographers

Wendy Price Anderson, Lesly Hall,
Bart Bartholomew, Shelby Pascoe

A bi-monthly newspaper mailed on the first and third Wednesday of each month. 14,500 circulation includes zip code 90272 and Sullivan, Mandeville and Santa Monica Canyons. All content printed herein, and in our digital editions, is copyrighted.

Online: palisadesnews.com
Member, California Newspapers Publishers Association



EDITORIAL

Homeless Strategy Is Working in the Palisades

Jeff Kositsky, the new czar in charge of moving thousands of homeless people off the streets and into supportive housing in San Francisco, is taking an approach similar to what is going on in Pacific Palisades.

According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Kositsky has created an Encampment Resolution Team that is dedicated to clearing the city's homeless encampments.

Simultaneously, he's working "to streamline the efforts of the more than 70 nonprofit agencies that work with city government on everything from shelters to job programs. That will help get people more efficiently into drug rehab beds, mental health centers and housing."

Kositsky is also establishing an integrated tracking system that will show every service a homeless person has been connected to including jail, rehab, food agency and housing. "That can eliminate repeat tries at something that didn't work and illuminate each person's most severe problems so a realistic approach can be crafted to help him or her," the *Chronicle* wrote.

Kositsky said it may take as many as two years for his system to be fully operable, but he noted that integrated tracking programs in Houston and Salt Lake have been successful.

The Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness (PPTFH), established last fall, is using a similar approach. After raising money to hire two OPCC social workers in January, the task force's first step was to find the homeless in the Palisades and identify them.

The next step was to increase local law enforcement, by not allowing the homeless to live illegally on the beach or in high-hazard fire zones, such as the brush-covered hillsides above PCH. Once homeless people aren't allowed to "camp out," they are more likely to accept housing.

A reality to overcome is the fact that even if someone is offered housing and accepts, it can be one step forward, two back. The two social workers said at a recent PPTFH meeting that one homeless individual took several weeks to become accustomed to sleeping inside. He would spend a night indoors, then go back to the street for a few nights and then come back. Gradually he has transitioned to housing.

Last fall, in an interview with the *Post 283 News*, Veterans Administration spokesman Vincent Kane noted that the VA adopted a "Housing First" program in 2011. "When someone is in permanent housing, statistics show hospitalization and other costs are less," Kane said.

Nationwide, the program has had an 84 percent success rate with veterans since its implementation. "There has been a 33 percent decrease in homeless veterans on the streets," Kane said. "It has been a game changer."

Kane said the program was inspired by Malcom Gladwell's *New Yorker* February 2006 article, "Million Dollar Murray."

The article detailed the travails of an ex-Marine who had a chronic drinking problem and kept cycling in and out of hospitals and prisons. Reno police reported that often he was sent to an emergency room because of intoxication. Sometimes he would stay in the hospital for days, while he was stabilized. Local police tracked both the number of times Murray stayed in the hospital and the expense over 10 years for police time, paramedics and medical costs. The total was almost \$1 million dollars.

That same problem exists in the Palisades, with emergency and medical personnel repeatedly called to help homeless who have similar issues. Jessie, who lives by the bus stop at Vons and PCH, has had repeated runs to the emergency room, but on August 30, he finally got into a car with a social worker and is headed to housing and services.

Although some residents in the Palisades would prefer to see the homeless simply carted off to a new location or put in jail, and others think the best way to help the homeless is to feed them or give them cash—the real game changer in this town has been the PPTFH approach.

Aided by Palisades volunteers, the LAPD and the OPCC social workers are continually identifying the homeless living here and making contact. Names and stories are exchanged and those living on the street and in the canyons are given choices.

Our homeless people are being tracked, much like San Francisco is going to be doing, and offered housing, much like the VA is doing.

If our homeless can't follow the law, they will be removed from the town. But, these same homeless can also choose services that are readily available in Santa Monica and on the Westside. Every homeless person who comes into contact with the police is given a business card (printed by PPTFH) with a number that goes directly to the two social workers.

Clearly, the Palisades model of compassion, law enforcement and services is working (and is already being emulated by Malibu). Seventy-nine homeless individuals have been identified here, and 17 have chosen housing.

We urge everybody to help PPTFH complete its funding of the social workers for 2017 (an additional \$20,000 is needed)—and donate towards a third full year (\$120,000) by visiting its website: pptfh.org.

A vast amount of money will be required to address the various homeless issues at the city, county and state level in the coming years. But right now, the problem exists in our community, the need is immediate—and the Task Force strategy is on the right track.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bike Lane on Temescal

Regarding your August 17 story ("Eliminating Car Lane on Temescal Not Holzer's Idea"), safety is a goal that involves efficient traffic flow. Alternative means of transportation, such as biking, benefit us all. If the bike lane on Temescal Canyon Road can be justified, why not take a bit out of the park, not the road? No one uses that downhill side anyway.

Trish Sobul

Gateway Project Has Temescal Concerns

(The following letter was sent August 6 to Jessie Holtzer, Councilman Mike Bonin's Mobility Deputy, regarding the contemplated bike lane on Temescal Canyon Road.)

I was delighted to see that you, the Council office, and LADOT are taking a look at Temescal Canyon Road (articles last week in the *Palisades News* and *Palisadian-Post*). From what I read, your focus at this point is primarily on a bike lane to extend the City's bike network.

I would like to encourage you to expand your scope to include overall pedestrian, bike, bus and traffic safety on Temescal, particularly with respect to Palisades Charter High School.

The school's students, faculty, staff, families and visitors

are by far the primary users and stakeholders who would be impacted by any changes to Temescal Canyon Road. And positive changes are much needed.

For several years, the school and a dedicated group of volunteers called the Pali Gateway Committee have been making safety and aesthetic improvements and proposals for the front door of the school along Bowdoin, and in particular at the intersection of Bowdoin and Temescal.

As a Pali parent, I have been helping to lead the design side of the effort. The project has garnered wide support within the school community and alumni, and in the Palisades community at large.

The Bowdoin-Temescal intersection is one of the most heavily used, and often most chaotic, in all of Pacific Palisades. We have ongoing and serious concerns about the safety of our students and school community who cross at Temescal by the thousands each week. I believe the intersection has a significant record of accidents.

I want to suggest that the primary focus for any re-striping or reconfiguration of Temescal should be the numerous safety issues in the vicinity of the Bowdoin intersection: pedestrian congestion, crosswalk design, bus movements, signalization, left turns, U-turns, and speeding among others, particularly during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. This would certainly

accord with the City, LADOT and Councilman Bonin's Vision Zero plan to improve street safety for both cyclists and pedestrians.

No doubt a bike lane should be part of that consideration, particularly to the extent that it can calm traffic and improve safety for all users. But any consideration of bike users (who are primarily recreational and mainly there on weekends) must also address the much more widespread, persistent and everyday threats to pedestrian safety at Temescal and Bowdoin.

I believe that during your community meetings, Pacific Palisades Community Council Area 4 Representative Rick Mills encouraged you to speak with Palisades High to open up a conversation with the school about the potential redesign of Temescal Canyon Road. In fact, this is a conversation that the Pali Gateway Committee has been hoping to initiate with the Council office for some time, so your proposal provides a perfect opportunity to do so.

Doug Suisman

Palisades News welcomes all letters, which may be emailed to letters@palisadesnews.com. Please include a name, address and telephone number so we may reach you. Letters do not necessarily reflect the viewpoint of the Palisades News.

Letters

(Continued from Page 7)

Senior Beach Passes Available

An annual County Beach Pass for L.A. County beaches, including Will Rogers Beach at PCH and Temescal, is available for \$25 for seniors. You can purchase one by mail or in person. Your car registration and \$25 is required. The beach must have an attendant who will read the pass to allow the driver to enter the lot. A list and map of all eligible beaches is provided with T&Cs and hours for their use. Contact: L.A. County Dept. of Beaches and Harbors, 14110 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey. Call (310) 821-1081 or visit: beaches.lacounty.gov.

Karen Ridgley

Speak Up for the Trees

Based on the letter the *Palisades News* published in its last edition ("Ficus Trees and Hearing"), I followed up with a strong email to the individuals named in the letter (Tim Tyson in Urban Forestry and Public Work's Ron Lorenzen ron.lorenzen@lacity.org), clearly stating my opposition to the cutting down of trees on Sunset and Swarthmore in order to build an underground parking lot.

I received a quick response from Tim (tim.tyson@lacity.org) stating that there will be a hearing, regarding cutting the trees, but it may not be for 60 days. I trust the *Palisades News* will announce the meeting to the community. It would be great if we can get the project scaled back to save some or all of the trees, especially the large ficus by the Mobil station. Please encourage those not able to attend the meeting to send emails to the two named in the letter as it was certainly effective.

Gina Ladinsky

India: Fabulous and Funny

Having just returned from a shorter trip to India than Pepper and Joe Edmiston took, I'd have to say Pepper nailed it in her article in the *News* ("India: Chaos, Color and Cholera," July 6).

Our trip was the Golden Triangle: Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. The country is amazing, the food terrific and we stayed in 4- and 5-star hotels. All our destinations had fantastic public monuments, temples, mosques and forts, and of course we visited the Taj Mahal. We saw fantastic animals, though not in a national park. In Delhi we mostly saw cows, cats and dogs but in Jaipur—on the streets, on the roads, tethered or loose—there were cows and camels, donkeys and horses, monkeys and dogs, cats and goats.

On the freeway from Jaipur back to Delhi, we stopped for a wedding party crossing the freeway, a funeral party crossing the freeway and a herd of about 60 goats, with the goat herder. On the two-lane surface streets, everybody vied for the narrow space—cars, tuk tuks, motorcycles, bikes, trucks, an occasional cow, children selling balloons, pedestrians and oncoming traffic. Intersections defied physics.

One day in Delhi, in an 11-hour span, we spent five hours at monuments and six hours in traffic.

All in all, a stunning country where one-fifth of the world's population lives. Lots of problems and lots of beauty.

Alice Clement

Why Potrero Is Not Completed

I have the true reason the City has taken "close to 30 years" filling Potrero Canyon and creating a park. The City's former Principal Sanitary Engineer (circa 1990), now the City Engineer, had prior knowledge that Potrero

Canyon is on a surface level earthquake fault (actually 4 meters deep) discovered by C. F. Richter and his team in 1930, as documented in his report in that year, "The Earthquake in the Santa Monica Bay."

The "slope failure at 211 Alma Real" was because that home sits *exactly over* the earthquake fault. A Google Earth satellite shot taken July 31, 2007 shows the Potrero Canyon fault (indicated by an orange line courtesy of a Caltech/USGS earthquake fault overlay software program).

So why has the Bureau of Engineering dragged its feet almost 30 years? Because this satellite shot clearly shows that the 1924 Coastal Interceptor Sewer (CIS) that runs under PCH was severed during the Northridge quake in 1994. And that even 13 years later the City had not repaired it, even though the City of L.A. received federal funds to do so.

This photograph also shows the reason for the (continuing) fecal coliform pollution in Santa Monica Bay. The CIS, with its hundreds of micro-cracks caused by over 150 tremors of 3.5 or greater since Northridge, has allowed the fecal coliform to travel via capillary action under the sand and directly into the bay.

This shot also proves what the *Palisadian-Post* wrote about six years ago that fecal coliform (broken down human feces) acts the same way in the ocean as it does in a septic tank: scum layer on top (to the left), clear in the middle, and sludge layer on the bottom (the brown seen resting on the ocean floor under the orange line). This is what the City Engineer has been afraid of all these years, but the public is unaware. I discovered this deception six years ago while researching the non-viability of the Temescal Canyon Park Stormwater Diversion Project.

Patrick Hart

(Editor's Note: To view the area Patrick Hart is referencing, please go to palisadesnew.com)

DURBIN & SPECTOR



FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS

Steve Durbin

310.612.9190

steve@stevedouglasdurbin.com

Joyce Spector

310.749.8827

spectrjoy@gmail.com

 **Gibson**
INTERNATIONAL



FARMERS
INSURANCE

Home • Auto • Life • Business

**Call today for a
no-obligation insurance review!**

(310) 454-0805

High Value Home Specialists



Michael C. Solum

*Principal
Insurance and Financial Services Agent*

881 Alma Real Dr., Suite T-10
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

(310) 454-0805 (T)

(310) 459-0505 (F)

(310) 663-4616 (C)

msolum@farmersagent.com

www.farmersagent.com/msolum

License #OG51003

PATS ON THE BACK FOR PALISADIANS



Red Cross nurse Adela Camargo took blood from donor Dan Huntington. Photo: Lesly Hall

Blood Drive a Success

The second annual community-wide blood drive, hosted by Amalfi Estates and the Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce, was held on August 10 at the library.

Last year, Amalfi hoped to reach 37 donors, but only 26 people were able to give blood. This year's target was 37 to 50, Jade Devot'e, executive assistant, told the *News* in July.

Thanks to help from Palisades residents,

"more than 50 people donated blood" in August, Devot'e reported.

Community Council Area 6 candidate Eric Marshal wrote on NextdoorPalisades, "Just wanted to post how proud I am of our community—the turnout for blood drive was so high that people were being turned away! Huge thanks also to the American Red Cross and all the sponsors for making this happen!"

The *News* echoes his sentiments.

Quilters Give It A Home Touch

Dorothy Miyake and her crochet group—Sandy DiSpirito, Judy Kaneko, Renee Kussner, Cathy Dunn, Sally Kaplan and Sally McCardle—crocheted 11 afghans and gave them to the Palisades High College Center to give to the 11 students who were highlighted in the *Palisades News* Editorial in June.

We wrote: "Some of the families who have kids going off to college are struggling to raise enough money to cover the gap between the scholarships and the cost for books and other necessities. Other kids have to pay for everything on their own; their parents can't help. "Most of these kids won't start out with new sheets and a comforter in their dorm room—instead, they will pack something in their suitcase and go. (Of course, some of them don't have a suitcase.)

"What if... we treat these kids, 'our' kids—because they've been part of our community as students—to a gift card to Bed Bath and Beyond or Target or Amazon? They aren't asking. They aren't looking for a handout. This would simply be a gift—another luxury most of these kids aren't used to."

Additionally, enough Palisadians donated to these students that the College Center employees were able to purchase \$125 Target gift cards for each teen.



Three of the quilts given to 11 June graduates at Palisades High.

You did it, Palisades! Not only did you give 11 kids the means to buy new linens and toiletries for their dorm rooms, the crochet group provided a personal gift put together with love.

Backpack Drives Are Successful

Marie Steckmest of Palisades Cares led a backpack and school-supplies drive for School on Wheels, a 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides tutoring services and school supplies to thousands of homeless K-12 students in six Southern California counties. Thanks to the generosity of Palisadians, 30 backpacks, filled with school supplies went to kids who were thrilled to have a new start to the school year.

(Continued on Page 10)

JEWELRY & WATCH APPRAISER AND BUYER

INSURANCE AND ESTATE APPRAISALS
I MAKE HOUSE CALLS



Paul Shikhvarger G.G.
GIA Graduate Gemologist
Member: NAJA

WANTED TO BUY

IMMEDIATE PAYMENT

ESTATE JEWELRY, WATCHES, DIAMONDS,
COINS, GOLD, SILVER AND PLATINUM

WATCH BATTERY REPLACEMENT

Call: 310.684.2862

845 Via De La Paz, Suite 5, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

ALL SERVICES DONE BY APPOINTMENT



Solar
SUNTRICITY
Electricity from the Sun

- * **Zero Money Down**
- * **You Own it, Not a Lease**
- * **Hedge against Utility rate increases**
- * **30% Federal Tax Credit**
- * **Reduce your Electric Bill**
- * **Be Green and Save Green**
- * **Residential & Commercial Rebates**



Lighten Your Electric Bill with Solar!

Your Local Palisades Solar Company

Free Quote (310) 459-7062

The **HERO** Financing Program provides homeowners a unique opportunity to make home energy improvements through property tax financing. Benefits include flexible terms, tax-deductible interest, transferability when the property is sold and consumer protections.

California Award Winning Contractor
Licensed, Bonded & Insured. 35 years in Business
License #369267 B1, C10, C46 - Solar Contractor
Joyce@SolarSuntricity.com www.solarsuntricity.com





Members of the Assistance League supplied 870 backpacks. Palisadian Mary Ann Lessin is second from the left in the green shirt.

Backpacks

(Continued from Page 9)

“An Archer 6th grader and former Marquez student and her mom took them to School on Wheels,” Steckmest said, noting that next up for Palisades Cares is a toy drive in December.

Palisades resident Mary Ann Lessin, a member of the Assistance League of Santa Monica, helped the group stuff 870 backpacks with school supplies, grooming supplies and a book that were delivered to the Santa Monica/Malibu School District as well as Westside schools that are part of Los Angeles Unified School District. Assistance League of Santa Monica (assisting since 1937) runs an upscale thrift shop at its location on 15th Street in Santa Monica to generate funds for the community programs.

Deadzone Diner Offers Free Food, But No Service in Temescal Canyon

Palisades residents walking along Temescal Canyon Road on August 28 were able to enjoy a free breakfast at the Dixie Deadzone Diner. This impromptu eatery was set up near the playground, just north of PCH.

Thanks to sponsorship by Dixie (the paper products company), about 300 people ate muffins, croissants and breakfast burritos and enjoyed coffee and juice.

Two other locations were chosen for the pop-up diners in Los Angeles: The Vault at the Reserve Lofts downtown and Bronson Caves in Griffith Park.

“These are all places with little or no cell signals, so people could enjoy their meals and each other’s company without the distraction of phones,” said Teresa Bossong, brand building leader for Dixie Consumer Products.

In order to identify “deadzones,” the company worked with a network monitoring service that analyzes mobile phone performances in markets across the country to help determine the locations of actual cellular dead zones. Waiters and waitresses wore shirts with the logo “Great Meal, No Service.”

“Temescal Canyon Park was a great setting and we were excited to see all of the people who came out just for our event



Palisadians enjoyed free food in Temescal Canyon.

Photo courtesy Dixie Consumer Products

and the meaningful, face-to-face conversations that took place,” Bossong said.

She praised the company’s advertising agency, Droga5, for helping to develop the idea and bring it to fruition.

“The diners are an extension of our ‘Be More Here’ campaign, which encourages people to connect with each other during mealtime and focus on the moments that matter most,” Bossong said.

Even though Dixie has no immediate plans for additional pop-up diners, “we are encouraging people everywhere to establish their own Deadzone Diners, whether it’s in their homes or in places with no cell signal where they can enjoy a meal without distractions,” Bossong said.

Recipes from the chef and “The Chew” co-host Carla Hall are on the Dixie website: Dixie.com/deadzonediners.

Now also
 Thursdays 4-6 p.m.

CHABAD OF PACIFIC PALISADES
HEBREW SCHOOL
Where Judaism Comes Alive!

SUNDAY MORNINGS: 10:00AM - 12:00PM BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-12	CHABAD OF PACIFIC PALISADES 17315 SUNSET BLVD PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272
---	---

Jewish History, Jewish Holidays, Jewish Pride!
 Aleph Champ - Hebrew Reading Program
 Hands-On Lessons, Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation

To enroll your child or for more info:
info@ChabadPalisades.com • 310-454-7783 • www.ChabadPalisades.com

LEARN IT!

LIVE IT!

LOVE IT!

YOUR CHILD DESERVES THE BEST!

We are a family and community school in the heart of the Palisades where nature meets nurture.

MUSIC DISCOVERY FOR BABIES
 INFANT AND TODDLER CENTER
 PRESCHOOL
 TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN
 KINDERGARTEN

Spacious coastal location on a 2.5 acre campus surrounded by natural beauty. Reggio inspired, infused with Jewish values, where children can explore, question, and discover new ideas. Respect and unconditional love is our top priority.

PALISADES JEWISH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
 17315 Sunset Blvd. Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
 310-454-7781 • info@pjecc.org
PJECC.ORG

NOW ENROLLING
 SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017

Free Programs for Seniors at Library

The Palisades Alliance for Seniors, in conjunction with the Palisades Branch Library, is offering free programs to seniors on the second and fourth Monday of every month, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Attendees are invited to stay and socialize after the program, which is held in the community room.

On September 12, the topic will cover home modification and adaptation in order to allow seniors to stay in their home. September 26 will cover issues regarding Elder Abuse.

Visit: palisadesalliance.org.

Lieu Aids Applicants

Congressman Ted Lieu will help qualified high school seniors with military appointments to the U.S. Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy and West Point.

The deadline to apply is October 31. Those applying must have three letters of recommendation (at least two academic), an official high school transcript, SAT or ACT scores (official), a one-page essay explaining why the individual wishes to attend a Service Academy, a resume of extracurricular activities, a current photo and a completed application form.

Call Ashley Dominguez at (323) 651-1040 or email ashley.dominguez@mail.house.gov or visit: lieu.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations.

Food for Thought Resumes

Food for Thought, the evening edition, will return at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, in Janes Hall at the Palisades Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Douglas Edwards. He will speak on "Understanding, Undertaking: End of Life Option Law." He will provide pertinent information for children, grandchildren and seniors.

Edwards helped pass legislation that resulted in the Advanced Directive for Health Care that is now a standard life-planning law across the nation. He is now active in educating people about life planning for a part of life few people have anticipated or prepared for.

Ordained in the Presbyterian Church, Edwards is the director of the nonprofit Church Outreach. He is a Licensed Marriage, Family and Child Therapist who, for more than 30 years, has specialized in spirituality, aging, parenting and attention disorders.

Call (310) 454-0366 to make reservations. Admission is free. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Grand Opening Scheduled for Democratic Headquarters

The Westside Democratic Campaign Headquarters will have a grand opening party on Wednesday, September 7, at 1627 Montana Ave. (corner of 17th St.) in Santa Monica.

The festivities will begin at 5 p.m., in order to coincide with MSNBC's Commander-in-Chief Forum, and will continue after 7 p.m. with welcoming remarks by State Assemblyman Richard Bloom,

County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, and other VIPs.

"Everyone is invited to join in as we eat, drink, and socialize between 5 and 8 p.m.," said spokesperson Adam Wolman.

As in past presidential election years, the Palisades Democratic Club is partnering with Democratic clubs from West L.A., Malibu and Santa Monica to fund and operate the headquarters space.

Preschool Available At Recreation Center

For parents who have children ages 3 to 5, there is a preschool option at the Palisades Recreation Center. The day runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and the cost is \$340 per month.

Children will learn shapes, colors, alphabet recognition and letter sounds. For the younger children, there is hand-muscle training (tracing) that leads to the coordination, which allows a child to be able to write his/her name.

Numbers and counting are taught. During circle time, children become familiar with the months of the year, the seven continents and their location.

Kids must be potty trained. Stop by the Rec Center, 851 Alma Real Dr. or call (310) 454-1412.

'Paint-Out' Set at Will Rogers Park

The Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore will hold a plein air paint-out on Saturday, September 10, at Will Rogers State Park. There is a parking fee.

A painting demonstration will be held at 9 a.m. by pastelist Bruce Trentham. Contact Trentham at bmtrentham@charter.net or Russ Hunziker hunz1234@mac.com.

Celebrating 12 Years!

From my family to yours,
THANK YOU for your continued support.



Ramis Sadrieh, MBA • Personal Technology Consultant
Chamber President 2009-2010 • PAPA President 2011, 2012



Technology for You![®]

Solutions from Us!

Dependable, Quality Service • In Home or Office
Consulting • Sales • Installation • Maintenance

(310) 597-5984

www.technologyforyou.com

- ☑ MAC and PC Hardware/Software Installation, Repair and Training
- ☑ Setup Wireless/Wired Networks and Home-Theater Systems
- ☑ Authorized Dealer of DELL and SONY Computers and Electronics
- ☑ Configure Smartphones, Tablets, and Other Gadgets

Excellence in Real Estate

PEPE

PEKAR/ELLIS
REAL ESTATE GROUP

Gibson
INTERNATIONAL

310.496.5955 | www.pekarellis.com
15207 Sunset Blvd. Suite A, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272



RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

Search For More Listings at ColdwellBankerHomes.com



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$19,995,000

Stunning 180 degree ocean view Spanish estate rich in Hollywood history, 6 bed 9 bath
Christopher Damon | Joyce Rey (310) 230-2427



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$8,399,000

Country French manor. 30,500+SF lot in prime Riviera Amalfi rim. Ocean and canyon view!
Fran Flanagan Properties (310) 801-9805



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$6,290,000

18084 Sandy Cape Dr. 5+5 w/pool. Private w/Ocean & queens necklace view throughout.
Amy Hollingsworth & Jamie Leff (310) 230-2483



SANTA MONICA
\$5,875,000

Life's a beach! Unbelievable opportunity to own on the sand. Also avail lease \$19,500/mo
Gregory Pawlik (310) 480-4144



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$4,695,000

Architectural custom home w/high-end finishes & soaring ceilings www.1014glenhaven.com
Anca Bradford (310) 339-8973



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$4,265,000

East Coast Traditional w/5bd+4.5ba in El Medio Bluffs. Also available for Lease \$17,500/mo
Jaleh Azarmi (310) 573-7452



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$3,595,000

862 Hartzell 4+4 Quality craftsman on oversized lot in ABC streets. Great open floor plan.
Amy Hollingsworth & Jamie Leff (310) 230-2483



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$3,350,000

Ocean View Bluffs Home. Private, one level 4+4 home set on huge flat ocean view lot.
Marta Samulon (310) 230-2448



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$2,599,000

Mid-century 4+4 home on spacious 1/3 of an acre lot. Backyard w/ a sparkling pool and spa.
Lexie Brew | Liz Keenan (310) 804-9081



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$1,875,000

Mid-century modern w/walls of glass, vaulted ceils & cinder-block details. Lrg front yard.
Michael Edlen (310) 230-7373



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$1,595,000

LARGE 1-story with Great Views! Upgraded 3+3.5
www.2040palisades.com
Sharon & John (310) 573-7737



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$1,050,000

Palisades crown jewel light filled with soaring ceilings one bedroom plus sleeping loft.
Marie G. Peterson (310) 230-2453



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$985,000

Highly desirable "C" plan sits on the rim and offers stunning views of the mountains.
Nicolas Beauvy (310) 573-7473



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$795,000

Panoramic Ocean Views on one of the last build-able lots in coveted Castellammare.
Adam Katz (310) 230-2415



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$12,500/MONTH

Medit with large living, dining & family rooms. Private yard w/pool, spa, bbq & views!
Michael Edlen (310) 230-7373



PACIFIC PALISADES
\$8,000/MONTH

Wonderful ocean & city lights view home, Castellammare area. 4+2.5 w/granite kit & bath.
Marie G. Peterson (310) 779-0889

PACIFIC PALISADES
(310) 454-1111
15101 W Sunset Blvd
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THESE HOMES CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE OFFICE TODAY.



PALISADES HIGHLANDS
(310) 459-7511
1515 Palisades Drive
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Beckwith Sells the Family Business

By BILL BRUNS
Palisades News Adviser

Gary Beckwith, a lifelong Palisadian, has sold his Beckwith Insurance Agency on Via de la Paz, ending 65 years of family ownership—the second longest such business in town behind Norris Hardware (founded in 1923).

The new owner, Joseph Esparza of Coast to Coast Insurance Services, LLC, took over the office on September 1 and will retain the Beckwith Insurance name.

Beckwith, whose father Bob founded the business in a tiny office on Sunset in 1951, joined the agency in 1975 and, in 2005, brought aboard his oldest son, John.

Now 64, Gary Beckwith told the *News* that he had been contemplating retirement in “the next year or two, whenever John was ready to take over.”

But on Father’s Day, John and his wife Jessica, a native of Phoenix, announced that they had decided to move to Arizona where they can afford to build a new home and be close to her parents, while enjoying “less traffic and a slower pace of life.” The couple, who married two years ago, have a one-year-old daughter and a son who is expected in February.

John, who was an assistant coach for

Homeless Task Force Meeting September 15

The Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness (PPTFH) will hold a community meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, in the Palisades Library community room, 861 Alma Real.

The PPTFH’s new officers will be introduced and the progress of its application for 501(c) 3 nonprofit status will be explained.

Speakers will include LAPD Officers Rusty Redican and Quenten Blanton, who will update the law enforcement work being done on the town’s beaches, bluffs and hillsides.

Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) social workers Glanda Sherman and Maureen Rivas, who have been in the field with the Palisades homeless since January, will report on their work (supported financially by the PPTFH) and share some success stories.

The PPTFH will present Google Maps that will show locations that allow law enforcement and the Outreach Team to identify and remove encampments, while offering services to the homeless.

The program will also allow time for feedback and discussion. Time will be devoted to questions, concerns and priorities of the audience.

Visit: pptfh.org.



Gary Beckwith and his son, John, at Beckwith Insurance.

Photo: Lesly Hall

Loyola High School’s powerhouse volleyball team for 11 years, doesn’t have a job lined up in Arizona, but he has several leads and “I may also try to coach.”

The sudden move “caught me by surprise,” Beckwith admitted, but he simply fast-forwarded his retirement plans and set about selling the business. “I just wanted to get it over with and help John move.”

Working with a business broker, Beckwith found Esparza, who owns several other insurance agencies. They closed the sale within about 30 days (“my lawyer and

my accountant didn’t think it could happen so fast,” Beckwith said), and last Wednesday Beckwith was quietly preparing to depart.

“I thought my biggest headache would be clearing out the furniture, but [Esparza] is going to take it all—I just have to pack up my pictures and go.”

Beckwith and his wife, Patty, a dietician who works primarily with the pediatric diabetes center at UCLA, will continue living in their Alphabet neighborhood home that was built in 1926 but has been upgraded over the years.

“My grandparents moved here in 1923, and my father was in the first kindergarten class at Palisades Elementary,” Beckwith said. After the war, Bob worked for a friend in the insurance business, then opened his own business and, in 1992, moved his growing agency onto Via—into a building that replaced the Tocaloma gym and swimming pool where Gary learned to swim.

Said Beckwith, “We were fortunate to have a landlord like Ted (Mackie),” who owns a bike repair shop in the same building. “We paid reasonable rent year after year; otherwise it would have been a struggle.”

So what will Beckwith do with his sudden free time? “I don’t have any retirement plans yet—it all kind of happened quickly,” he said. “But my dance card is filling up fast.” He’ll soon be flying to Mexico to go deep-sea fishing off Cedros Island, then will travel to South Carolina to visit his middle son, Michael, who is married with two young children. Father and son may also go bass fishing. Then at Thanksgiving it’s off for Hawaii, where the Beckwith’s youngest son, Brian, lives with his wife, and more deep-sea fishing beckons.

“It’s all exciting,” Beckwith said. “I can’t wait.”

Yet he also retires with fond memories of the family business that he ran so well for so long. “I have been here for 41 years and I’ve been very passionate about serving my clients [about 850], many of them friends and relatives,” he said on his final day. “I still have some of my dad’s original customers, their kids, and their grandkids. I’ve tried to do right by everybody.”

Castellammare and Miramar Street Names

By MICHAEL EDLEN
Special to the Palisades News

(In 1990, Randy and Betty Lou Young published a limited edition book titled Street Names of Pacific Palisades & Other Tales. This short series of summaries of these names is based on that book.)

The Castellammare area above Pacific Coast Highway and west of Sunset Boulevard was developed in two sections in 1925-26. The steep coastal slopes were originally to have mainly grand Italian Renaissance-style homes and the more gently sloping Castellammare Mesa on top had less pretentious homes.

Bellino: may be named after a city in Italy; it means “pretty” in Italian.

Breve: “short” in Italian.

Castellammare: a coastal city on the Bay of Naples; it means “Castle by the Sea.”

Coperto: “covered” or “hidden” in Italian.

Giardino: “garden” in Italian.

Lecco: named for an industrial town in a beautiful setting on Lake Como.

Los Lions: a misspelled “Leones” which means “lions” in Spanish.

Monte Grigio: “grey mountain” in Italian.

Notteargenta: “silvery night” in Italian.

Porto Marina Way: “entrance to sea coast” in Italian.

Posetano: a picturesque cliffside town on the Amalfi Coast in Italy.

Quadro Vecchio: “old painting” in Italian.

Revello: an old Italian hillside town above the sea.

Sabbiadoro: “sand of gold” in Italian.

Sentimiento: “sentiment” or “regret” in Spanish.

Stretto: “narrow” or “straight” in Italian.

Tramonto: “setting sun” in Italian.

Vicino: “nearby” or “neighbor” in Italian.

The Miramar Estates in 1926 were intended to mainly be prestigious Mediter-

ranean-style homes on a series of natural terraces from what is now Sunset Boulevard to the top of Paseo Miramar.

Alondra: “lark” in Spanish.

Catalonia: a province in Spain.

Espera: “wait” in Spanish.

Lucero: a city in Italy, means “to shine.”

Paseo Miramar: “walk to a view of the sea” in Spanish.

Resolano: “sunny place” in Spanish.

Via Florence, Via Maria, Via Nicolas: these were a small and unstable area with only a few homes.

Vista Pacifica: “view of the ocean” in Italian or Spanish.

Michael Edlen has been ranked in the top one percent of all agents in the country with more than \$1.5 billion in sales and more than 1,250 transactions. He has tracked Pacific Palisades sales and historic events for 30 years. Call (310) 230-7373 or email michaeledlen.com.

State of the Palisades Homeless Examined

By SUE PASCOE
Editor

Late in 2015, when the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness (PPTFH) asked the community to help fund two social workers for three years at \$120,000 a year, many residents donated, but others questioned whether this grass-roots approach would actually get the homeless off the streets and out of the canyons.

Nine months into the program's first year, the efforts by law enforcement and two OPCC social workers—hired by the PPTFH—is succeeding. Slowly, one by one, the homeless are getting help.

Of the homeless the PPTFH has tracked, the social workers have reached out to 79, know their names and speak with them about getting services. So far 17 have accepted services or housing.

The PPTFH's initial success has relied on the work of social workers Glanda Sherman and Maureen Rivas, supported by law enforcement and PPTFH volunteers.

In particular, the beach bicycle patrol team of Rusty Redican and Quenten Blanton is proving effective. They approach the homeless who are living in high-hazard fire zones along PCH or camping on the beach, and tell them they can't stay.

Then, Sherman and Rivas visit these homeless individuals and offer shelter and services in the Santa Monica area.

Jimmy Dean, who had lived in lower Temescal Canyon just under Larry McNally's home off Radcliffe for the past three years, was recently moved off the streets.

"That site has been occupied for approximately the last seven years," McNally said. "First by a fellow named Thomas Brothers, who would steal women's undergarments and display them on a clothesline.

"He was arrested after leaving a handwritten solicitation for sex with young girls, on a dozen or more addresses on Radcliffe," McNally said. "After him, a female homeless person named Jimmy Dean moved in. She

had legally changed her name from Chante Michele, though that may not be her name either."

McNally said that both Brothers and Dean would rant and rave throughout the night. With the canyon-wall acoustics, residents living above could hear nearly every word.

McNally estimated he called the police 25 times. He said he never approached either person, because "I didn't want potential retaliation. The male homeless person found his way up to my neighbor's door, after she had yelled at him to quiet down.

"I'm going to assume that most of the canyon dwellers are armed in some fashion for their own safety," McNally said. "Probably not guns, but maybe knives or something. Either way, between the fire hazards and mental-health issues, it's not a safe situation."

He didn't fault the LAPD, nor Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore, because "I believe that until recently all issues in the Palisades were left to Moore to handle and it was impossible to be scouting through the woods dealing with the homeless only to have his hands tied by the laws regarding it, plus maintaining his normal duties regarding burglary and other crimes."

McNally contacted the PPTFH about Jimmy Dean. Social worker Rivas came to the sight of Dean's encampment and spoke to the homeless woman and asked if she would like services or housing. She refused.

Later, LAPD's Redican and Blanton visited Dean and told her that it was illegal to live in the posted high fire-hazard zone and she would have to take her belongings and leave. (Signs read "Restricted Entry, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, Trespassing and Loitering Forbidden by Law, LAMC 57.4908.81.")

Rivas then returned and asked Dean again if she would reconsider housing. This time she agreed, and she's now off the street and receiving services.

"The program is working. It takes time,



OPCC social workers Maureen Rivas (left) and Glanda Sherman (right) help a homeless woman find housing.

but it is working," said PPTFH's new president, Doug McCormick. "It's the combination of service and enforcement."

Three members of the PPTFH—Sharon Kilbride, Patrick Hart and Nancy Klopner—have divided the Palisades into five areas and each of them regularly visit homeless encampments and have mapped the sites out. They share the information with LAPD and the social workers.

"There is constant visitation and a constant revolving window of opportunity," said Kilbride, who explained that as soon as a site is vacated, the group must be vigilant, because other homeless will move into the "primo" sites.

PPTFH has paid for business cards that are being handed to the homeless and to residents. The number, (310) 460-2630, goes

to a voicemail, and the social workers pick up the messages.

"It is meant to be for both the homeless (to ask to be connected to services and housing) and residents to let the Outreach Team know about encampments," said McCormick, who hopes that the Chamber of Commerce will soon make the cards available to businesses.

Additionally, the PPTFH Board meets with the social workers and LAPD officers once a month to discuss the person(s) they want to target for help the next month. On August 30, the meeting centered on the best way to help the following homeless during September: Timmy; a young girl (dubbed Pretty Blond) who so far has not allowed workers to approach her; Dexter; Brennon and Leron.

(Continued on Page 15)



Sotheby's

INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Cece Healy Webb

Broker Associate | BRE #: 01510746

310.463.0302

cecewebb@me.com

www.cecewebb.com

PACIFIC PALISADES BROKERAGE | 310.454.0080
15308 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
sothebyshomes.com/losangeles

Max loan amount: \$2.25 Million

New The ^ Reverse Mortgage

Use for Refinance or Purchase

Ken Adler

(Pacific Palisades Resident)

**MORTGAGE CAPITAL
ASSOCIATES**

a Quarter Century of Excellence

11150 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064

(310) 873-2660

www.kenadler.com • kadler@mtgcapital.com

Licensed by the Department of Business Oversight under California Residential Mortgage Act
NMLS #261698, NMLS #3294



Homeless

(Continued from Page 14)

Local Do-Gooders' Actions Keep Timmy on Sidewalks

At the monthly PPTFH strategy meeting at the end of August, helping Timmy in September was prioritized because of the number of complaints received about his urination in front of passers-by, the sidewalk garbage/clutter he lived with on Alma Real and later Sunset, and the occasional rants he goes into.

He had relocated to Brentwood for a few months, before being booked for trespassing on private property, according to Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore. Once he was released, he returned to Pacific Palisades.

It seems that although Timmy is lucid and can carry on conversations, at other times he appears to have mental health issues. PPTFH members have had interaction with him and say he is smart.

A big problem in getting Timmy to accept services, including transitional housing, is that several people in the Palisades enable him by giving him food, money, goods and company, which makes it harder for the social workers to get him off the street.

In the past, Timmy has said he would move if he could have a place near a Wells Fargo bank and a grocery store like Ralphs. He also said the environment must be non-threatening and have no Mexicans, Asians or blacks.

"Which is funny," said OPCC social worker Maureen Rivas. "I'm Mexican and Glanda is black," referring to her co-worker, Glanda Sherman.

Rivas and Sherman, who speak with Timmy regularly, are now going to bring in workers from the Department of Mental Health to speak with him. This is sort of a last option for a homeless person with whom they feel they have hit a "brick wall."

Leron in Front of Ralphs

You may have seen the heavy-set young black man holding a "Food" sign at the back of Ralphs' parking lot, across from the 881 Alma Real building.

When Officer Rusty Redican stopped to



A long-time homeless man, who had made the bus stop in front of Vons his home, has agreed to take services and find a safer living environment.

speaking to the man, Leron, several women came up to Redican and complained that Leron had asked them for sexual favors. Another woman, driving by, saw Redican speaking to Leron and stopped in the street; she rolled down her window and shouted that she, too, had been approached.

Members of the PPTFH were asked what women are supposed to do if that happens. Call 911? Stick around to make a citizen's arrest when the LAPD shows up?

PPTFH vice president Sharon Browning responded, "There are no 'standard' guidelines that I'm aware of for what to do. As a former social worker, what I would recommend is the following: 1.) Do not engage with the person verbally or with eye contact or react in any manner, remain calm and get as far away as soon as possible. 2.) Immediately call 911 to report the incident and if you do not feel comfortable doing this, call the PPTFH connection line at (310) 460-2630 and leave a detailed message about the incident. The OPCC outreach team will alert the police."

Reporting the incident is essential for follow-up work to eventually deal with the person. If the incident is not reported, then there is not sufficient information to take action.

Caruso Dirt Most Likely to Fill Potrero

Two recently released letters indicate that the excavated dirt from the underground parking lot for Caruso Affiliated's Palisades Village project will provide fill for Potrero Canyon Park.

On August 31, two letters were made available on the DTSC Envirostor web site that cleared the Swarthmore soil to be used as fill material.

One letter was from Tetra Tech BAS, the geotechnical company hired by Caruso to perform soil samples at the three-level parking lot site. The second letter was from the California State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to L.A. City Engineer Robert Hancock

Tetra Tech informed Caruso on August 9 that "Soil confirmation samples were collected at depths ranging between 2 and 25 feet from 11 borings at the Pacific Palisades village site. According to the laboratory analytical results, VOC's TPH-cc or California Title 22 Metals (with the exception of arsenic, which was within the California Background Range) did not exceed applicable regulatory levels.

"Additionally, SVOPCs, PCBs and asbestos were reported as non-detectable. Tetra Tech recommends the soil in the area of the soil confirmation sampling be classified as appropriate for unrestricted re-use as fill material."

Tetra Tech geologist Alison Koscak and Juan A. Guerrero, director of environmental programs, recommended that the state contact L.A. City Engineer Robert Hancock (who has long been associated with the Potrero Canyon Park project, which still needs fill dirt). "The City of Los Angeles has requested that your letter be issued as soon as possible."

An August 18 letter to Hancock from the state stated, "DTSC received a request from the Palisades Village Company on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works to evaluate soil confirmation sampling data to determine if soil excavated from the Site during redevelopment activities could be used as unrestricted fill

material on a city property."

It concluded: "Soil confirmatory samples were collected in July 2016 to provide evidence that impacts to the Site have been successfully remediated at the properties south of Swarthmore Avenue... VOC's or TPH-cc were not detected at or above applicable regulatory levels. Metals were reported to be within California Background Ranges. SVPCs, PCBs, and asbestos results were non-detect. Tetra Tech recommended that the soil at the properties south of Swarthmore Avenue be classified for unrestricted re-use as fill material.

"Based on the information provided, DTSC concurs with the Sampling Report findings and hereby approves use of the soil from the properties south of Swarthmore for unrestricted use."

The News spoke to DTSC's Senior Scientist Jose Diaz on August 31 and asked whether the state also did independent testing. Diaz said the state's determinations are based on Tetra Tech's report.

The 350-page report is available at: envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/.

Big Band Dance To Raise Money for July 4 Parade

Gary Greene and his Big Band of Barristers will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, in Mercer Hall at Palisades High School. Tickets are \$10 in advance at Eventbrite or \$15 at the door. Parking on campus is free.

Enjoy an evening of great big-band music and swing dancing as "America's #1 Legal Band" plays some of the most popular tunes of all time, including "In the Mood," "Stompin' at the Savoy," "Take the 'A' Train," "Moonlight Serenade" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo."

All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Palisades Americanism Parade Association to support the annual Fourth of July parade, concert and fireworks.



Adam Glazer
Lead Insurance Agent
Palisades Chamber of Commerce - President
Office: (310) 316-9428 ext. 57057
Cell: (310) 415-6087
adam.glazer@libertymutual.com
www.adambglazer.com
CA License: 0G90923



Liberty Mutual
INSURANCE
AUTO | HOME | LIFE

Call for a free no-obligation insurance review.

HOLLY DAVIS

PREVIEWS ESTATES DIRECTOR

Whether you are buying or selling a home, condominium or income property, I will produce the results you are looking for and have the right to expect.



310.230.7377
hollydavis@coldwellbanker.com
www.hollydavis.com
CalBRE #00646387




Five Women Ride Backbone Trail

By LAUREL BUSBY
Staff Writer

Five women, including 81-year-old Ruth Gerson, rode into Will Rogers State Historic Park last month after completing the first horseback ride of the Backbone Trail since its completion and official designation as a National Recreation Trail on June 4.

"I'm hoping this will inspire other to go for their goals," said Gerson, who lives in Agoura Hills. "I'm very grateful that even with all of my surgeries—eight of them to my left hip—I could ride that distance at my age."

Gerson said even though she "can't walk real good," riding still comes easy. She wasn't sore or otherwise bothered by riding her sure-footed, 19-year-old mustang, Crystal, along the 67-mile trail, starting in Pt. Mugu State Park. Gerson planned the trip, which included rides that varied from 8 miles to 14 miles per day with four friends, Jeanne Wallace, 73, Janet Peterson, 63, Tracey Potter, 53, and Kimberly Gustafson, 45.

Although all the riders made it through without incident, the ride is difficult, Gerson said. There are rocky portions filled with boulders, long climbs and a lack of water, which the group had to have brought in each evening by volunteers. Friends had also checked out parts of the trail beforehand for any debris, such as downed trees, then removed the trees to ensure the riders



Left to right: Jeanne Wallace, Janet Peterson, Ruth Gerson, Tracey Potter and Kimberly Gustafson complete the 67-mile Backbone Trail.

could make it through safely.

A favorite section for all of the riders was Saddleback Peak trail, "which has a lot of boulders and rocks," Gerson said. "It's not for everybody, because the horse has to be trail savvy. It's very challenging, but it's very pretty."

The trail doesn't have adequate camps

to accommodate riders, so Gerson, who planned the ride in about two months, had to provide alternatives for two of the five nights. They stayed in their horse trailers near a friend's home close to the trail one night; on another, they stayed and ate dinner at Calamigos Ranch, a conference center along the trail that Gerson's husband owns.

Friends also brought them dinner, including pizza, El Pollo Loco, and In-and-Out burgers for three nights. "We were fortunate that way," Gerson said. Throughout the ride, "we all enjoyed the views, and even though it was warm, there was a nice breeze because we were up pretty high." During the ride, they met hikers and bicyclists, who were uniformly nice.

The women also got along well. Gerson had selected riding mates with good senses of humor who were also horsewomen with a strong awareness of the abilities of their particular mounts. "Most people don't evaluate the condition of their horses well enough," Gerson said. "They also may not know how challenging this road is. Our

horses were tired, and they were in shape."

Gerson knew the trail from experience. She had done a somewhat different version of it 25 years before in just three days, trotting often as part of an endurance ride long before the full trail was finished. She also is experienced with backcountry riding in general as she and her late husband had taken week-long horseback rides often in the past. She also works with Backcountry Horsemen of California to repair trails throughout the state.

"I'm hoping that this ride will publicize the Backbone Trail and the National Recreation Trail so others will enjoy it," said Gerson, who will write a report on her group's ride to help the Santa Monica Mountains management address problems, including one portion of the trail that wasn't clearly marked.

"I'm also hoping the land managers will put in more trail camps, so other people can do longer distances."

For some pictures and further information about the ride and trail, visit: www.smmtc.org/publicity/bbtride2016.php



This is one of many views riders saw along the trail.



Quality Residential
Creations and
Renovations.

Turning Dream
Homes Into Real
Homes!



Pacific Palisades Specialist; New Residences, Additions & Remodels

Richard Blumenberg, AIA, LEED AP

310-459-0244

richard@rlbarchitecture.com

www.rlbarchitecture.com

Questions? Call for a no obligation Consultation

PALISADES NEWS

NEXT ISSUE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Send us your comments and suggestions to
spascoe@palisadesnews.com

Get Your Advertising in Place Now!

Contact Jeff: (310) 573-0150 • jeffridgway@palisadesnews.com

Grace: (310) 454-7383 • gracehiney@palisadesnews.com

THANK-YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS!

Please patronize them, and tell them
you saw their ad in the News!

Seeing Topanga Via Docent Eyes

By LAUREL BUSBY
Staff Writer

The unique ecosystem of the Santa Monica Mountains will be delineated and explored in a fall docent training program at Topanga State Park.

"It is the most wonderful naturalist education I can imagine," said Palisadian Read Howarth, who grew up in New Jersey and first took the training two years ago to learn about the vastly different landscape here. He now re-enrolls each fall to further his knowledge. "It is just phenomenal—the breadth of it and the quality of the instructors."

Experts in the field, including a Chumash elder and professors from UCLA, Pepperdine and Northridge, share their knowledge about local history, plants and animals in a series of six full-day classes and five three-hour walks. The training is replete with ex-

plorations of indigenous plants and animals, Howarth said.

For example, in a previous training Howarth learned about the Big Berry manzanita plant, which is pollinated by a local bumblebee. This bee actually detaches its flight muscles from its wings and then vibrates its muscles in a way that changes the buzzing's sound frequency to a middle C. That frequency makes the plant release its pollen.

Professor Doug Allen, a recently retired Santa Monica College professor, "brings out a black piece of construction paper and a tuning fork," Howarth said. Allen strikes the tuning fork next to the flower, and "you can see the pollen drop onto the paper. It's dramatic."

Graduates of the program, which costs \$85, can volunteer as docents either by helping out at the Trippet Ranch Visitor Center or by joining hikes as either a leader or assistant.

Docents are encouraged to create their own hikes, and Howarth has titled his the "Seven Wonders of the Santa Monica Mountains." During this hike, which he has only been able to lead once so far due to the park's already full schedule, he talks about some of the particularly intriguing animals and features of the local mountains.

For example, he discusses both acorn woodpeckers and Western fence lizards. The woodpeckers live in a communal society with up to three females nesting together inside a tree. "While the entire community helps in gathering and storing food and raising the young, that cooperative behavior only goes so far," Howarth said. "If one of the females starts laying eggs before the others, the other breeding females will push those eggs out of the nest until all are laying eggs at the same time."

The lizards are unusual in that they may be the reason that the incidence of Lyme disease is lower in local mountains than in



Topanga Park docent Peter Rice provides insights into Chumash culture and their rich use of the natural gifts of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Photo: Roy Jansen

other areas of the country, Howarth said. Ticks in the nymph state can feed on fence lizards, and research suggests a protein within the lizard's blood seems to neutralize Lyme disease in the feeding ticks.

The training also teaches about the local "Mediterranean" climate with its warm, dry summers and mild, rainy winters. "Though only 2.25% of the world's land area fits into the Mediterranean category, these regions have the richest biodiversity on the planet," said Howarth, a disability insurance broker and father of three grown children, who works with his brother Fred, also a Palisadian. "The Santa Monica Mountains represent one of the best intact examples of this bio-

logically diverse Mediterranean ecosystem."

The classroom and in-the-field training take place at the Trippet Ranch Visitor Center in Topanga State Park, with Saturday classroom training on Sept. 10 and 24, Oct. 8 and 22, and Nov. 5 and 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition, five interpretive walks are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 16, and 30, and Nov. 13.

Enrollees receive a one-year parking pass to Topanga State Park and invitations to various gatherings, hikes and workshops throughout the year. To register, visit: www.topangacanyondocents.org/register-now-for-the-fall/.



Susan, one of last year's docents in training, had fun holding a gopher snake during Pepperdine Professor Lee Kats' presentation on reptiles and amphibians at Topanga State Park.

Photo: Lucinda Mittleman



Topanga docents undergo classroom training.

New Listing



**631
Las Lomas Ave.
Pacific Palisades**

**3 Bedroom
3.5 Bath**

**Offered at
\$2,595,000**



BRETT C. DUFFY
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
881 Alma Real Drive, Suite 100
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
(310) 230-3716
brettduffy@bhhsca.com



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices
California Properties

©2016 An Independently owned and operated franchisee of BHH Affiliates, LLC. CalBRE# 01241284

FREE : Stroke Support Group

for Survivors, Caregivers & Families meets every
Thursday (1-2:30pm) at the Presbyterian Church
Stroke/TBI Survivors (Ages 18 & older) every other Monday, 2pm at University Synagogue

Contact Facilitator: Dana Rivera
(310) 428 4822 • danasusanrivera@gmail.com





AMAZING MUSIC STORE.COM

We Love to Teach! Guitar, Ukulele, Bass, Piano, Drums

ALL AGES, ALL STYLES!

Group & Private Lessons • Instrument Rentals & Sales

Est. 1980 • (310) 454-4669 • 867 Swarthmore Ave.

Thompson Rows on National Scene

By ELLIS BECKER
Special to the Palisades News

As the old yellow lights on the outside of the UCLA Marina Aquatic Center Boathouse light the courtyard, Pacific Palisades resident Jenna Thompson rolls open the gate to the facility and walks in.

She heads towards the large stone building, its walls lined with a dozen 60-ft. racing shells and various 20-to 30-ft. shells hanging from the ceiling. The boathouse, located in Marina Del Rey, is surrounded on one side by the Marina itself, and on the other, the shallow and murky waters of Ballona Creek.

It's nearly 5 a.m. on a school day in May. Thompson and her crewmates are in the midst of training for the U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships. Representing the Marina Aquatic Center Junior Rowing team, or MAC, they qualified for the competition by placing third in the Women's Varsity 8+ event at the U.S. Rowing Southwest Regional Championships. (The 8+ consists of eight rowers and a coxswain; the Women's Varsity is the top women's boat at the club.)

After her practice, Thompson will drive to Studio City, where she is finishing her senior year at Harvard-Westlake. Then she will drive back to the Marina for an afternoon training session.

Thompson has spent thousands of hours in this boathouse since she started rowing her freshman year. Since then she has earned countless medals with MAC, the Penn Athletic Club Rowing Association and the U.S. Junior National High Performance Team.

She says that her rowing career really picked up in 2014 when she was invited to the U.S. Junior National Team's high-performance summer training camp. There, she made the Varsity 8+ and placed third



Jenna Thompson (center) and crewmates train at Marina del Rey. Photo courtesy Jenna Thompson

at the U.S. Rowing Club Nationals.

The following year, Thompson went to Youth Nationals with MAC. There, she raced in the Women's Varsity 8+ her crew placed ninth in the nation. That summer, she raced with the Penn Athletic Club Rowing Association, and earned bronze medals in the Women's Varsity 8+ and Women's Varsity 4+ events.

In her senior year this June, and her last year at MAC, she again went to the U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships, but this time was much more special.

"Making Nationals for the second time my senior year is something I take great pride in, not for myself, but for my boat," Thompson said. "It was not an easy season, with injuries and other obstacles coming up left and right, but we persevered and pushed through the adversity which is, in my opinion, what the essence of rowing is all about."

Thompson's crew again competed in the Women's Varsity 8+, this time placing eighth

in the nation. Thompson sat in the stroke position, farthest to the back of the boat. As the stroke seat, her teammates followed her as she set the rhythm for the boat.

Despite her accolades, Thompson says her proudest achievement is more than just a medal.

"Being awarded Most Inspirational by my teammates and coach my junior year was a huge honor," Thompson said. "Since it was peer voted, it was extremely special to me that I was able to touch my team in that way."

Thompson's many achievements gained her much attention, and she was recruited

this year to row at Dartmouth for their women's team.

"I hope to contribute to the team in any way I can. Rowing for me is all about combining individual strengths to create a powerhouse team," Thompson said. "I hope to make a boat for the Head of the Charles Regatta, but mostly, I'm looking forward to bonding with my new teammates. I've met quite a few of them, and I can already tell that I've found a new family."

Over the years, Thompson grew close with her teammates and coach Zohar Abramovitz. She says that some of her closest friends are from rowing, and her favorite rowing memories "always involve my teammates. One day, our wonderful coach, Zohar Abramovitz, surprised us after a successful weekend race with cookies and a compliment circle instead of a hard workout. It really bonded the team together and set the tone for the rest of season—founded on respect, hard work and a lot of love."

On that school day in May when Thompson was preparing for the Youth Nationals, she was eager to return to the Marina boathouse for the afternoon training session. She was beginning to realize that after walking in and out of that boathouse for almost four years, she was going to be nostalgic leaving it behind for college.

She puts her things aside, pulls down a stationary rowing machine, and begins to row, happy to get back to work

Palisades High Sports Preview

By LAURA CARR
Special to the Palisades News

Girls Volleyball

Pali's girls volleyball team finished the 2015 season with a 12-0 record in Western League play and trounced its first two opponents in straight sets in the City Section tournament.

However, the Dolphins fell to eventual City champion El Camino Real in the semifinals, 3-2. El Camino routed Carson, 3-0, in the finals.

The Dolphins finished the season with an overall record of 22-2.

This season, Pali will be working with a young varsity lineup. Only four players return from last year's team, including middle blocker Angel Echipue, opposite hitter Emma Simms, libero Taylor Slutzker and outside hitter Maddie Fowler.

Coach Carlos Gray said that new contributors to watch include sophomore outside hitter Alex Latia and middle blocker/opposite hitter Chloe Pettigrew.

"We are very much a work in progress," Gray said. "It won't be how we're playing

in September that matters. Watch us in November!"

The Dolphins will open their season at Brentwood School on September 13. Their home opener will be September 16 against El Camino Real. JV plays at 2:30 and varsity at 4 p.m.

Cross Country

Palisades High School's boys and girls cross-country teams hope to capitalize on the confidence they gained last season by capturing back-to-back L.A. City Section team titles.

According to San Pedro Coach Bruce Thomson's pre-season rankings on the City Section track and cross country forum (nilstrom.com), both Pali teams are the top seed this coming season.

The Dolphin girls return five of last year's top seven runners, including sophomore Brittany Darrow, who placed seventh at the 2015 City championships, junior Kimia Samandi and seniors Shannon Lee, Tatum Colby and Chelsea Levi.

(Continued on Page 20)



Palisadian Jenna Thomson will row for Dartmouth.

Photo courtesy Jenna Thompson

Palisades Overpowers Sylmar, 21-7

The Dolphins traveled to Sylmar Thursday night and came away with a 21-7 victory, after being crushed by Sierra Canyon in their season opener.

“For us to go on the road and beat a Division I City playoff team was a great accomplishment for the team,” Coach Tim Hyde said.

Although Sylmar scored first on its opening drive with a 55-yard pass play, Pali’s defense pulled together the rest of the game.

“We played tremendous team defense by forcing six turnovers,” said Hyde. The Dolphins intercepted three passes (by Pierre Kaku, Oscar Romero and Noah Karp) and caused three fumbles (recovered by Quinn Perry, Dakota Hamilton and Jimmy Reyes).

The Dolphins scored their first touchdown of the season with 10 minutes left in the second quarter when quarterback Jonah Manheim threw a five-yard pass to Innocent Okoh. Jake Taitelman kicked the extra point.

Sylmar responded with a drive into Palisades territory, but Kaku intercepted a pass on the one-yard line. The Dolphins’ Romero intercepted another pass a minute before halftime, but the team couldn’t capitalize.

In the third quarter, Palisades recovered a fumble on Sylmar’s 16-yard line, and proceeded to score on Manheim’s short run.



Running back Innocent Okoh evades a Sylmar player.

Photo: Drew Vaupen

Taitelman kicked the PAT.

The Dolphins’ final score came midway through the fourth quarter on a 12-yard pass from Manheim to Kaku. Taitelman scored the extra point.

“I’m very proud of the way the team bounced back against Sylmar after the way

we played the previous week,” Hyde said. “The team was focused and we had a great week of practice.”

He praised seniors Reyes and Perry and

junior Karp for their performances.

Manheim, a senior, started at quarterback in place of the injured Gabriel Galef. “He showed excellent leadership during the game,” Hyde said, adding that senior Okoh ran for 108 yards.

“Cole Aragon and Syr Riley had outstanding games on the offensive line,” the coach added.

In the earlier game, Palisades JV beat Sylmar 12-8.

While most people had Labor Day off, the Dolphins were on the field working out.

“We now are focused on getting ready for a very physical and athletic Granada Hills team in the ‘Charter Bowl,’” Hyde said.

Friday’s game is called the Charter Bowl, because Granada Hills and Palisades were the City Section’s first charter high schools. The teams play for the coveted bronze Charter Bowl trophy, which the winning team is allowed to keep on campus until the next season.

Last year Granada Hills lost to Palisades 39-34, in the 10th annual showdown. JV plays at 4 p.m. and Varsity at 7 p.m. at Palisades High School’s Stadium by the Sea.

—SUE PASCOE



Need someone who speaks fluent insurance?

Trish Bowe CLU, Agent
 Insurance Lic#: 0606059
 860 Via de la Paz, D-1
 Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
 Bus: 310-454-0349

I can help you get the right coverage at the right price.
 Don't pay for unnecessary extras. I'm here to help make sure you understand your options so you can choose the right coverage without getting lost in translation.
Get to a better State®. Get State Farm®.
CALL ME TODAY.



1408286
State Farm, Home Office, Bloomington, IL



Palisades middle linebacker Noah Karp makes the tackle.

Photo: Drew Vaupen



Voted Best New Business 2015

BILL SHUTTIC

Certified Nutritionist • Personal Trainer • Herbalist
 Massage Therapist • Natural Practitioner • Life Coach

Offers His Personal Concierge
Ultimate Health and Wellness Program
 Right Here in Pacific Palisades!

Lose Weight • Feel Healthier • Reduce Risk of Disease

Call for Consultation (310) 413-0514



Board of Directors Member

www.ulti-health.com
 billshuttic@yahoo.com





ULTIHEALTH
 www.ulti-health.com

PaliHi Sports

(Continued from Page 18)

Darrow and Samandi are also regarded as contenders for the individual City title.

Head coach Bob Macias said that an incoming freshman, Sarah Bentley, should add depth to the team. Bentley is a product of coach Paul Foxson's distance program at Paul Revere, and Macias predicts that with further training, she will turn heads.

The Dolphin boys return their entire 2015 City championship team. Three of those runners, senior Jakob Pollack, sophomore Brent Smith and junior Ben Hamer, placed in the top eight at City finals.

Seniors Jack Hockley, Hunter Parker and Jonathan Flores, plus junior Jake Greanias, are also returning. Parker, the team's sixth runner at City finals, qualified for the State meet in the 800 meters this spring after finishing third in the City meet.

Hamer, Smith and Pollack earned a nod in the individual pre-season rankings. Newcomer Alec Stewart, a freshman, should shake up the varsity lineup.

Macias said that both teams have good freshman classes, although the boys usually take longer to develop.

Boys Water Polo

Coach Adam Blakis and his team were the subject of a query in an *L.A. Daily News* water polo story on August 30, when sports writer Tom Ciniglio asked: "Can Birmingham reclaim the L.A. City glory?"

He then answered his own question. "That's a tough road to hoe. Palisades has captured four consecutive L.A. City Section crowns, including a 19-3 victory over Birmingham in last year's final."

The water polo program at Palisades High is only six years old, but Blakis has seen his team claim five league championships, as well as four City titles.

Although Zach Senator graduated and is now playing water polo and swimming at Pomona College and Kian Lofti has enrolled at Loyola Marymount, Blakis still has a strong starting line-up. With the exception of one sophomore, Theo Trask, every starter is a senior, including Isai Elias, Lucas Silva and Gabriel Feizbakhsh. Playing goalie is Brandon Epp, another senior.

"They've been playing together for four years," Blakis said. "They are a cohesive group and know how each other plays."

As in many sports, Palisades dominates the league, which includes Banning, LACES, San Pedro and Venice. So Blakis seeks out tournaments to challenge his players and keep them sharp for the playoffs. The first of three tournaments is the Conejo Classic at Thousand Oaks this weekend, followed by a tournament in Malibu September 15-17.

On October 14-15, Pali travels to a South Bay tournament at Mira Costa. "We're one of the first L.A. teams to compete on a competitive level outside of the City," said Blakis, who is joined by assistant coach Kirk Lazaruk.

The Dolphins' first home match at the Maggie Gilbert Aquatic Center is September 26 against San Pedro.



(Left to right) Carly Weitz, Melanie Matayoshi and Camila Paleno are three key returnees for the up-and-coming PaliHi "Golfin Dolphins!"

Girls Golf Gears Up

When Palisades High School's long-time boys basketball coach James Paleno got off the court and onto the golf course, the winners were Dolphin golfers.

Three years ago, Paleno started a girls golf team at Pali. Two years ago, the Dolphins finished third in the Western League. Last season, they finished second in league—and qualified for the City Section finals.

This year, 32 girls tried out for team and Paleno had to cut to 18 because of space and funding limitations.

He said that seniors Sophia Eberlein,

Camila Paleno and Carly Weitz are returning, along with two sophomore returnees—Abby Brown and Melanie Matayoshi. "I also have three promising freshmen—Spencer Kellen, Mariana Paleno and Lillia Wiesmuller," Paleno said.

His predictions for this year? "Our expectations are to win our league; compete in City ad have some qualifiers for the SoCal Regionals," he said. "We have some very dedicated young ladies who aspire to play golf in college. I am very proud to coach them."

The Dolphins' first match will be September 9 against at Penmar in Venice.

LUXE HOME HEALTHCARE

Certified, Bonded & Insured Caregivers
Meal Preparation/Light House Keeping
Bathing/Hygiene Assistance
Medication Reminder
Alzheimer's Care
Personal Care

Skilled Nursing
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Speech Therapy
Medical Social Services
Certified Home Health Aides



Licensed by the State of California Department of Public Health



Call Fay Vahdani
Client Relations

Luxe Homecare, Inc.

881 Alma Real Drive, Suite 316A
 Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
 www.LuxeHomecare.com
(310) 459-3535



LUXE HOMECARE ASSISTED TRANSPORTATION

- ADA Compliant Wheelchair Van
- Ambulatory Transportation
- Wheelchair Transportation
- Doctor Appointment
- Outpatient Hospital/Clinical Visit
- Escorting to Hospital



Luxe Homecare, Inc.

881 Alma Real Drive, Suite 316A
 Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
 www.LuxeHomecare.com
(310)459-3535

Riviera Hires New Director of Tennis

On August 15, the Riviera Country Club announced it had selected a new director of tennis, Mary Pat Faley. She had replaced Pam Austin who was retiring after 12 years at the club.

“We are fortunate to have found Mary Pat!” said Jim Shumate, clubhouse manager of the Riviera Tennis Club. “She is going to enhance our tennis programs exponentially for men and women. We could not be more delighted to welcome our new team member.”

Faley, who worked as a tennis professional at Calabasas Tennis Center before coming to the Palisades, was the Southern California 2010 and 2011 USPTA Tennis Pro of the Year. She is a 25-year member of the U.S. Professional Tennis Association, one of the premiere speakers at the USPTA World Conference, a Tennis Channel celebrity and an elite member of the Babolat Advisory Team.

Shumate said she can be described in five words: “A spirit of boundless energy!”

The new director, who lives in Encino, played tennis at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, on a full scholarship and was sectionally and nationally ranked.

She has coached high school and college tennis, working with hundreds of players who have gone on to receive college scholarships and national rankings. Many of her students have become full-time tennis profes-



Mary Pat Farley is Riviera Country Club's new director of tennis. Photo: Remi Feldman-Garden

sionals at various clubs around the country.

Faley is also the author of *Winning in Tennis and Life* (2009) and a series of videos (2011). She went on to develop a new program, “Mary Pat’s Force of Three,” which helps tennis professionals run tennis drills for groups of four to 10 players of any level.

She is also sought out on the profes-

sional tennis speaking circuit. On her blog, she speaks about how tennis and life are parallels and gives five tips:

1. Work hard, play hard. I love tennis and what’s better than teaching tennis?! Find something you adore, something that not only pays your bills, but gives you that inner sense of meaning. It’s never too late to

reevaluate your career. There’s no rule that says that something you chose to do at 25 is the same thing you need to be doing at 50. If you desire a change of pace to make your life more meaningful, figure out how to do it, and make it a reality.

2. Be your best. No one can be you, so why not be the best version of yourself you could be? Take a few moments to think about what makes you you. When you come up with those special qualities, start practicing how to hone them and make them better.

3. Engage your passions. Schedule time into your day to make sure you’re doing something you are passionate about! The whole point of living your life is make it the best life you can—you have to enjoy every moment you are on this earth.

4. Balance. What happens when we’re unbalanced? We’re unhappy, stressed, our body is painful, our mind gets cloudy. But being balanced?! We become motivated, energized and enthusiastic! Find your balance. Whatever your balance looks like, invest in time to really tease out what specifically that means to you.

5. Find a mentor. If you’re in a funk, a mentor can help pull you out of it. I love being able to help and advise folks in their games of tennis.

Visit: marypatfaley.com or theriviera-countryclub.com.

Seeking Ferociously Curious Teens

90% of our seniors are accepted to their first choice colleges.





Preparatory Academy
& Accelerated | High Ability Program
Grade 8 - 12 • WASC Accredited

310.478.9900
www.aretprep.org



Rustic Night Gala Sept. 24

Plan to celebrate like an Uplifter at the annual Rustic Night from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, at the Rustic Canyon Recreation Center.

Citizen of the Year Sharon Kilbride and members of the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness will be honored. Cocktail attire is required.

Start the morning at 9 a.m. with Rusticoffee—and bring your instrument for a jam session on the front lawn.

Funds from recent Rustic Nights have helped in the refurbishment of tennis courts, the gym floor and stage lighting as well as installation of historically accurate French doors around the Patio.

The Rustic Canyon Park Board would like to refurbish the historic 1923 Uplifters Clubhouse, which is a centerpiece of the park, and all proceeds on September 24 will be used for the park.

For tickets visit: LAparksfoundation.org.

Did you miss an issue of the News?



Don't worry—You can always catch up with your favorite local paper online. All our issues are available on our website, www.PalisadesNews.com.

Just click on the “Our Newspaper” link and go to “Current and Past Editions.”

“The on-line edition of your complete newspaper is one of the most helpfully accessible and readable versions I have ever seen—from either a large newspaper or small.” —J.R.

www.palisadesnews.com

Bollinger

(Continued from Page 1)

whether a full hearing is held—which also means notifying neighbors.

In this case, since it was called a remodel, the project was given the exemption and did not need a hearing.

The City “checked the Coastal Commission box for exemption,” McDonnell said.

He argued that a *Los Angeles Times* story (“L.A. Lawmakers Plan to Grandfather in Hundreds of Granny Flats,” August 31), was applicable in this case. Basically, the City Council voted to grandfather in second units that were already approved or in the pipeline, as long as owners had already submitted their plans to the city. New units would have to follow a revised law.

McDonnell concluded the project should not have been stopped because there was no law and the City had approved all of the permits and plans. “They [City] need to adopt a new plan, but they can’t do it retroactively.”

Neighbor Jennifer Dersh spoke against resuming construction. “It’s been represented as a remodel, but it was demolished,” she said. “It’s all new construction.

“The City did the right thing by stopping construction. This was not a remodel no matter how you slice or dice it. The Coastal Commission exemption given was on the basis of a remodel.”

She dismissed McDonnell’s argument that the project was so far along that nothing could be done, stating “Framing is only 10 percent of a project.”

Claudia Olson-Michels lives next door to the project. “The entire home was taken down except one wall with studs,” she said. “This is brand-new construction, there is no way around it.”

She complained about the flapping of the plastic that was put over the wood when construction was stopped and the animals that had moved onto the property. “It’s a dump with raccoons,” she said. “I don’t like rule breaking. You say it’s a remodel to get things done faster and then you do what you want to do.

“But I want to see a solution,” Olson-Michels said.

Attorney Jack Allen spoke, representing neighbor John Wilson. “This is clearly not a remodel,” he said. “The owner should have had to get a Coastal Development Permit from the City.

“This will happen all over the Palisades until the City does something,” Allen continued. “They avoid having a hearing and a Coastal review [by saying it’s a remodel].

“The City investigated and found it wasn’t a remodel,” he said. “One remedy would be to tear the house down and start all over.”

McDonnell was allowed to respond. “This was done consistent with the policy at the time. Permits were issued and the

project was clearly more than a 50-percent remodel. Going forward, we should not be punished retroactively.”

A decision will be issued in eight to 10 weeks, but can be appealed to the West Area Planning Commission.

McDonnell was asked later why his client didn’t initially ask for a Coastal Commission hearing. He responded in a September 1 email:

“My client did not go through the Coastal Development Permit process because the City Planning Department provided the Coastal Development approval with the Exemption—then it took it away, causing all the problems.”

He added that he felt the City and Coastal Commission could handle retroactive Coastal Development Permit Exemptions the same way proposed for “granny flats.”

Chamber Polo Tourney Sept. 25

The 24th Annual Chamber of Commerce Polo Tournament will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 25 at Will Rogers State Historic Park and is free to the public. Parking is \$12.

There will be food trucks for everyone, a silent auction, free tours of the Will Rogers ranch house (11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.) and pony rides and Whirlie the Clown for the kids.

Polo is thought to have originated in Persia in 600 B.C. and was also played in China and India, where it was picked up by British colonists. Will Rogers loved the sport and huge crowds used to gather, not only at Will’s ranch, but also at the polo fields on land now occupied by Paul Revere Middle School.

On September 25, the action will begin at 10 a.m., with the championship match starting at 12:45 p.m.

Throwing in the ball before each match will be Chamber President Adam Glazer,

Steve Ghysels of Wells Fargo Private Bank, Mr. Palisades Evan Epstein and Miss Palisades Casey Longstreet.

The major sponsor of the event is Wells Fargo The Private Bank and silver sponsor is Hornburg Jaguar.

Teams will be sponsored by ADT Security Patrol; Amalfi Estates; Perennial Financial Services; Pacific Palisades Lions Club; and RLB Architecture.

Local participating businesses include Botham Plumbing & Heating, Brentwood Art Center, Gelson’s The Super Market, Horusicky Construction, Kay’n Dave’s Cantina, Katie O’Neill’s Fine Art Studio, Nell-Eez Carpet Cleaning, Technology for You!, Trish Bowe State Farm, Pacific Palisades Veterinary Center, Pacific Palisades Woman’s Club, Ultimate Health & Wellness and The Yogurt Shoppe.

Call (310) 459-7963 or visit: palisades-chamber.com.

Palisades Library Offers Free Subject Tutors for Students

This past summer at the Palisades Branch Library, teen volunteers were available to work with younger students. Because of the success of the program, this free service will now be available during the school year, too.

According to Librarian Annie Cipolla, there will be at least one teen volunteer tutor stationed at the Homework Zone tables adjacent to the information desk in the main reading room. That tutor(s) will be available from 3 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at 861 Alma Real Dr.

“For those unfamiliar with Homework Zone, the library provides free printing (normally .25 a page), most school supplies and now, free tutoring for students, grades 1-12 who sign into the Student Zone,”

Cipolla said. “Please contact me if your student needs specific tutoring help—we have students who are strong in math, science, English and writing.”

There is extended computer time to allow students to complete their homework and a librarian is available at the Information Desk to provide research support.

Today, Wednesday, September 7 from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Cipolla will offer a workshop on how to locate and use the library’s 180 databases, including “Live Homework Help,” which offers remote live support from subject specialist tutors from 3 to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

Call (310) 459-2754 or email acipolla@lapl.org.

I. Roman Accounting Services
Ilana Roman

Providing tax preparation, financial and management services to businesses and individuals.

- Bookkeeping & Payroll Services
- QuickBooks Pro Advisor

310.230.8826

fax: 310.454.8917
7 Aloha Drive
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

www.ilanaroman.com • iroman@ilanaroman.com



ATRIUM HAIR SALON

ASK ME ABOUT 'BURNING MAN'

'Best of LA' Magazine: Best Haircut

Customer Service #1

Tuesday-Saturday 9-5 For Appointments
860 Via de la Paz **424.272.9267**

Place Your Ad NOW in the
PALISADES NEWS
Special Section - September 21, 2016

Full-Color Pages, Full-Color Ads

Distribution to the entire 90272 Palisades Community
(by US Mail to 13,300 addresses & 1,200 distribution around town)

Special Section Pricing
(call for details)

Make Your Ad Reservation Today!

Ad Space Reservation Deadline **September 9**

Camera-ready Ad Artwork Deadline **September 12**

Contact for Information:

Jeff Ridgway
(424) 744-8497
jridgway@palisadesnews.com

Grace Hiney
(424) 744-8497
gghiney@verizon.net



Envirothon Team Nabs Third Nationally

By LAUREL BUSBY
Staff Writer

Palisades High's Envirothon team triumphed against teams across the United States and Canada this summer, garnering the Spirit Award, first place in wildlife, second in oral presentation and third overall.

Envirothon, which tests the environmental-science knowledge of high school students, has some similarities to Academic Decathlon in that it's an extensive test of knowledge. Yet it's also quite different in that instead of taking individual tests, the teens work in five-member teams that conduct hands-on experiments outdoors to delve into the local flora, fauna and terrain where Envirothon is conducted.

They analyze soil, test local water, examine both trees and wildlife, and investigate a fifth category, which this year was invasive species.

"The kids did great," said teacher Steve Engelmann, who has led the team for 11 years, including seven of those years winning the state title. "We got the Spirit Award for most enthusiastic and spirited. We were in the running anyway, but then two of the kids did a song and dance about the invasive Asian carp. That sealed it."

To be competitive, Pali's team flew to Ontario, Canada, five days early to get acquainted with the local plants and animals. However, Ontario's team still had "a huge advantage" in the competition and took first place overall, while relatively nearby Pennsylvania took second. Last year's competition took place in Missouri, where again the local team won first place overall.

"The kids were very pleased" with their finish this year, Engelmann said, and each team member earned a \$1,000 scholarship as a prize.

Pali's team, which won first place in California to earn entrée to the North American competition, consisted of four graduating seniors—Noah Alcus and Greg Gladkov (who will attend UC Berkeley), Yuko Nakano (Amherst College) and Makayla Michelini (Brown University), plus junior Caroline Bamberger.

The five joined Envirothon for varied



Taking a break along a trail in Algonquin Provincial Park are (left to right) Yuko Nakano, Greg Gladkov, Claire Dubin, Caroline Bamberger, Noah Alcus and Makayla Michelini.

Photo: Steve Engelmann

reasons. Alcus' older brother Zachary was a competitor, and so the team was a natural fit for Noah, who finds the field and science fascinating.

"I feel like knowing about the environment and just a little bit about science in general helps me know whether news items are just headlines or blatantly wrong information," Alcus said. "Having this background in environmental science makes me a lot more understanding of how the world is changing and about how our society is 50 years behind problems that are occurring right now."

Nakano checked out a number of PaliHi clubs before getting serious about Envirothon as a junior while a student in Engelmann's AP Environmental Science class. That year, the team also won state and placed 15th nationwide.

Bamberger said, "I went into the program

passively interested and ended up a member of the most spirited team of high school-level environmental scientists in North America (and China)." She also noted, "It has inspired me and kids from Montana to Manitoba to become actively involved in environmental science and explore new fields."

Exposing students to the ways environmental science is pertinent to various careers is part of the goal of Envirothon. For example, during the program over the years, its trainings and its competitions, Pali students have explored hands-on activities with a local wildlife biologist in Topanga Creek. They also met people from the Environmental Protection Agency and companies like Lockheed Martin, where environmental design is vital to winning government contracts.

"Environmental science applies to so many different areas—environmental de-



Steve Engelmann

sign, architecture, government, law, scientific stuff; it's important to everyone," said Nakano, who plans to become an attorney. "Even if you don't have a career in it, it applies to you if you're living and breathing."

Engelmann, a 27-year veteran teacher whose daughter Sasha was part of the first Pali team to win at the state level 10 years ago, said that for the hundreds of kids who compete, "they already understand so much about sustainability and conservation. . . . They'll probably go into a whole array of fields and take that knowledge with them."

He noted that for some science classes, students wonder how they'll use the information, but that never happens with environmental science. "Almost every day, somewhere someone is talking about it. I think they feel it's relevant."



Makayla Michelini and Caroline Bamberger showing off the Citizen Science Spirit Award.

201 Aderno Way
www.201aderno.com



3BD/2BA. Privacy & convenience with high ceilings & great floor plan. North of Sunset. Pristine condition with gleaming wood floors, bright windows. Split level with large living room/dining area + 1 bd suite on main level. Peaceful grassy backyard. \$1,900,000

FOR DYNAMIC REPRESENTATION, CALL JOAN!

Joan Sather
real estate



www.joansather.com
joan@joansather.com
310.740.0302
CalBRE #00575771

Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

ESTATES DIRECTOR &
WESTSIDE SPECIALIST SINCE 1988

PALISADES PLUMBING

Proudly
Serving the
Palisades for
Over 35
Years!



Follow
us on
Facebook!





HONESTY • INTEGRITY • PROFESSIONAL WORKMANSHIP

- Re-piping Specialists • Sewer, All-Drain Cleaning • Earthquake Shut-off Valves
- Repair Work • Sprinkler Systems • Installation of Sub Meters & Tankless Water Heaters



16626 Marquez Ave.
email: PalPlum1@aol.com

(310) 454-5548

Ray Church, owner
INCORPORATED — CA Lic. #385995

FIDM Displays Best Costumes In Television

By DANIELLE GILLESPIE
Palisades News Contributor
Photos courtesy of FIDM

With the Emmy Awards ceremony fast approaching on September 18, the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) is offering an exclusive look at this year's nominated costumes as part of its 10th Annual Art of Television Costume Design exhibition.

Featuring more than 100 costumes from 23 current television shows, the downtown L.A. exhibit includes the work of eight Emmy-nominated costume designers.

They are Anna Mary Scott Robbins (*Downton Abbey*), Terry Dresbach (*Outlander*), Michele Clapton (*Game of Thrones*), Ruth Carter and Diana Cilliers (*Roots*), Lou Eyrich (*American Horror Story*), Paolo Nieddu (*Empire*), Marie Schley (*Transparent*) and Daniel Lawson (*The Good Wife*).

FIDM Museum's curators work with the Television Academy to select the costumes, which will be on display until October 15.

"We know in terms of fashion what people are talking about, so we find out if we

can get those costumes, and there is also a buzz in the industry of who will possibly be nominated," said Nick Verreos, FIDM Museum spokesperson. "For example, *Empire* is such a strong fashion type of show that we knew it would be nominated, so we made sure to get it."

They also try to include shows that are in their final seasons such as *The Good Wife* and *Downton Abbey* and those that have a costume designer who graduated from FIDM. Alumnus Rachel Sage Kunin, the designer for *Jane the Virgin*, is featured.

This year's exhibit also has a Pacific Palisades connection. Palisades High graduate and actor Forest Whitaker's outfit is on display as part of *Roots*. Whitaker played the Fiddler in the 2016 remake of the 1977 miniseries about slavery.

Several Emmy-nominated designers attended the opening night of FIDM's exhibition on July 30 to talk with the press about their work with the press, including Marie Schley, Daniel Lawson and Lou Eyrich, who spoke with the *Palisades News*.



Emmy-nominated designer Terry Dresbach's costumes from *Outlander* are among 100 costumes from 23 television shows currently on display at FIDM until October 15.

Schley won an Emmy for *Transparent* in 2015 and is nominated again this year. The web-series comedy follows a family as they grapple with the fact that their father is transgender. Schley said she works closely with the



Emmy-nominated designer Lou Eyrich designed this floor-length fuchsia dress for Lady Gaga as part of the television show *American Horror Story*.



Emmy-nominated costume designers Marie Schley (*Transparent*), Lou Eyrich (*American Horror Story*) and Daniel Lawson (*The Good Wife*) attended opening night of FIDM's 10th Annual Art of Television Costume Design exhibition on July 30.

show's creator, Jill Soloway, and its writers when creating costumes.

"It's also a collaboration with the actors, and we talk a lot about what feels right," Schley said. "Sometimes a piece of clothing can make them feel more into their character."

To best reflect the characters, she often uses symbolism. For instance, the transgender husband's ex-wife Shelly (Judith Light) always wears pants.

"In a flashback, she turns to her husband, and says 'I want you to be the man in the family,' and she really plays that patriarch in the history of this family," Schley said. "She's the one who wears the pants."

Meanwhile, Lawson describes his work on *The Good Wife* as understated. The show is a drama about the wife of a Chicago state attorney, Alicia (Julianna Margulies), who returns to her law career after her husband was involved in a sex and corruption scandal.

Since the characters mostly wear business attire, Lawson makes slight changes in the length of their skirts and the height of their heels to help them stand out from each other.

"We got to the point, I am really thrilled to say, that we could pick up a garment in the shop and say 'that's Alicia's' or 'that's Diane' because all those tiny little elements would come together," Lawson said. Diane (Christine Baranski) is a senior partner at the firm where Alicia works.

In addition, Lawson, who was also nom-



Costume designer Marie Schley won an Emmy for her costumes for *Transparent* last year and is nominated for the award again this year.

inated for *The Good Wife* in its first season, considers acting style when outfitting the cast. He chose to dress Alicia in solid colors because "Julianna's acting is very subtle, elegant and beautiful, and I didn't want anything to interfere with that or pull the

audience away from what was going on in her face and her body."

As for Eyrich, she found inspiration for this year's *American Horror Story* from the set design. The show has a different storyline and cast every season. This past season,

subtitled "Hotel," took place in 2015 inside a 1920s hotel in Los Angeles. Lady Gaga played Elizabeth, a 111-year-old vampire.

"The set had old-world charm, and I wanted to play against it to show the modern world," Eyrich said, noting that she dressed Lady Gaga in colorful outfits to offset the darkness of the hotel.

A six-time Emmy nominee, Eyrich works closely with the creator Ryan Murphy, who has a clear idea of how he wants the characters to look. She also collaborated with Lady Gaga, who is known for her her own unique iconic style.

"We had a five-hour fitting the first time, and we talked about who her character was and how we could help her grow throughout the season," Eyrich said. "She really enjoyed being a part of the process. I loved working with her, and the entire cast. Everyone is amazing."

Eyrich has already won two Emmys for *American Horror Story*. She was recognized for the "Freak Show" and "Coven" seasons.

"It's both challenging and rewarding," Eyrich said. "Every season is different, so I think I nailed it this time, and then a new season comes, and I have to start all over."

FIDM is also displaying Eyrich's costumes from *Scream Queens*, which follows a sorority threatened by a serial killer.

To view the free exhibit, visit FIDM's Museum & Galleries, 919 S. Grand Ave. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information: (213) 623-5821 ext. 2224.

BREAKTHROUGH PIANO METHOD HAS STUDENTS PLAYING IMMEDIATELY!

- Australian-developed
- Popular, Classical, Blues, Jazz
- Children, Teens, Adults, Seniors

no-obligation

FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSION

RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW

Sep. 10 - 2pm Sep. 14 - 7pm Sep. 20 - 7pm
 Sep. 13 - 10am Sep. 17 - 2pm Sep. 22 - 10am

ADDITIONAL DATES AVAILABLE

310 454 1045



**PALISADES
MUSIC
SCHOOL**

Cluess' First Novel Highly Anticipated

By LAUREL BUSBY
Staff Writer

For a first-time novelist, Jessica Cluess had a particularly breezy time finding a publisher.

She contacted an agent via Twitter who signed her about a week after receiving her young adult manuscript, which bursts with Victorian-era, fantastical sorcery and monsters. The agent then worked with her for a few months to improve *A Shadow Bright and Burning* before submitting it to publishing houses. The novel was subsequently put up for auction, where it received multiple offers. Cluess chose Random House to publish her book, which will be released Sept. 20 as the first in a trilogy.

"I know normally authors are not that lucky," said Cluess, who grew up in Pacific Palisades. "Random House has been incredibly nice about everything. My editor has been a dream. Maybe aliens will attack on the day it comes out, and I'll say, 'I knew it was too good to be true.'"

Cluess, a wisecracking 31-year-old, is now at work on her second novel while also publicizing her first one. In July, she attended Comic-Con and spoke on a panel with some of her favorite authors. There she also signed advance reader copies of her book, which follows the adventures of Henrietta Howel, a 16-year-old girl with fiery powers who may be the prophesied savior of an alternate version of Victorian England.

A Shadow Bright and Burning recently received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*, and the novel is a fast-paced, twisting tale combining the travails of adolescence with the threat of imminent doom. In Cluess' world, ancient powers attempt to destroy England while sorcerers endeavor to protect it.

Cluess' path to creating the work is a bit twisting itself. A communications major at Northwestern, the young woman graduated in 2007, when the recession made finding a job difficult.

"My dreams all kind of crashed," Cluess said. Previously, fantasy and science fiction hadn't interested her, but she "picked up



First-time novelist Jessica Cluess

Dune by Frank Herbert. This was just what I needed. It got me out of this terrible point of my life. That's when I got serious about fantasy and writing in general."

Cluess, who also works for Writopia, which provides writing workshops for children, eventually won admission to the Clarion Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers Workshop, where she honed her craft and developed mentors. Over the years, she wrote various stories and eventually found the idea for her book while watching a ver-

sion of Charles Dickens' *Nicholas Nickleby*.

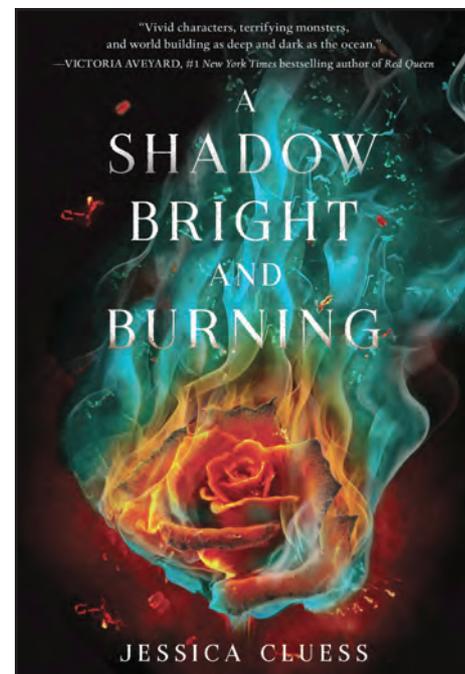
"A man was beating a helpless boy, and Nick was having none of it," Cluess said. She wondered how a girl might handle the same situation and saw an image of a girl "opening up her hands and roasting him with fire—fire power and impoverished England. That image is where the whole thing came from."

Over the years, she worked intently, sometimes at two jobs, but still rising about 5:30 a.m. each morning to work on her novel, which took about a year to create. Humor spills from Cluess as she chats about the book.

"To me, it's hilarious," Cluess said. "I'm actually drawn to dark, gothic Victorian stuff. There's too much sugar comedy. Who doesn't think murderous monsters are hilarious?" She noted that her "life-long habit" of enjoying *Masterpiece Theatre* and Victorian fiction collided with "my love of face-eating monsters. When you bring those things together, they surprisingly work."

Comedy is also part of her heritage. Her father, Chris, a former Second City writer, also wrote for MADtv, *Night Court* and *The Simpsons*. Growing up with him, her mother Joyce and her younger sister, Meredith, now a Turner Broadcasting executive, was a lively endeavor, said Cluess, a Marymount High graduate.

Her family "is a lot of fun. No one ever gets a word in edgewise; people are constantly talking over each other," she joked.



In her book, her sense of fun emerges too. "I just really want readers to have a good time."

And underlying the fierce battles and the moments of levity is a serious theme that emerges not only from her protagonist's efforts to be accepted as a female sorcerer but also through other characters, male and female, who are living in a classist, divisive world where some people often don't see their value.

The theme and book illustrate that "it's really ridiculous to assign someone's worth based on how they're born—whether race, gender, or breeding in society," Cluess said. "It's just a silly thing to do."

Film about Technology's Effects On Teens to Screen at Revere

A movie, *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*, about the effects of technology on teenagers, will be screened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, in the Paul Revere Auditorium, 1450 Allenford Ave. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Sponsored by P.R.I.D.E. (the parent volunteer group at Revere dedicating to enrichment), the event is free, but donations will be

gladly accepted.

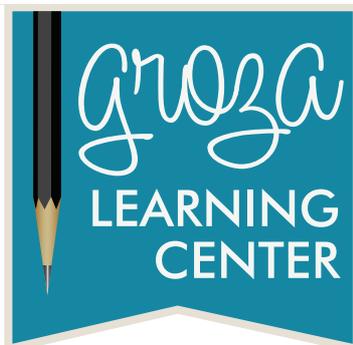
Following the screening, Hayden Lee, an academic life coach, will lead a discussion. Visit: paulrevererems.com.

JUMBLE SOLUTION

Jumbles: HEAVY TAUNT ZODIAC ARCADE
Answer: Her official biography would be written by the writer she — "AUTHOR-IZED"

BOOST YOUR SCORE

Become a Better Student
Strengthen Weak Areas
Acquire Test Taking Skills
Love Learning!



TUTORING (K-12) • TEST PREP • READING • HOMESCHOOL

ELEMENTARY
READING
& MATH

ERB
PREP

COMMON
CORE
ASSESSMENTS

881 ALMA REAL #115
PACIFIC PALISADES
310/454.3731
GrozaLearningCenter.com

Hijinks at the Hollywood Roosevelt

By BOB VICKREY
Special to the Palisades News

It happened just about the same time as our waiter was asked by several young tourists at the adjoining booth, “Can you tell us where we could find this Hollywood sign that everybody’s talking about?”

Upon overhearing the innocent question, I let out a laugh at the very moment I bit into my fried egg sandwich, which in turn, dislodged the runny egg from the rest of the sandwich and then mysteriously disappeared from sight. I checked my lap to see where the missing egg had landed, but decided it must have hit the floor instead. My dining partners had a good chuckle about my clumsiness, which I quickly blamed on the three teenagers who had disrupted the timing and intricate dexterity it takes to handle a sandwich that was almost six-inches thick.

Our monthly lunch club had decided to hit the old Hollywood Roosevelt landmark in our ongoing quest to visit classic restaurants and hotels in Southern California.

However, my wish to eat in the cabana area near the swimming pool was rather short-lived as we stumbled upon an under-thirty crowd busily cavorting around the pool that resembled a scene from *Beach Blanket Bingo*. We smartly decided to keep our shirts on and return to the air conditioned comfort of the 25 Degrees Café, adjacent to the hotel lobby, where the literal and figurative temperature was considerably cooler.

I was told that the Roosevelt had eight restaurants and bars, but after enduring a marathon of stair-climbing and becoming lost in a maze of dimly lit corridors, we simply opted for the café. Maybe someone had forgotten to pay the electric bill last month.

The café offered a very limited menu of burgers and sandwiches, but by the time we were seated, we were already starving and found our more discerning palates had long since deserted us. This time, our burger-loving Arnie Wishnick had really found his element, and we were more than happy to join him in lunching on simple comfort food.

The Roosevelt Hotel opened its doors



After surveying the scene at the cabana area near the swimming pool at the Hollywood Roosevelt, the Pacific Palisades lunch crew elected to eat inside at the Café.

Photo: Barry Stein

on Hollywood Boulevard in 1927, and is the oldest continually operating hotel in Los Angeles. It has gone through multiple renovations over the years, the latest in 2015—a \$25 million redo of its 300 rooms and 63 suites. The 12-story hotel sits along the Hollywood Walk of Fame and is across the street from the former Mann’s Chinese Theater—now the TCL Chinese Theater.

The hotel is loaded with Hollywood history, and played host to the very first Academy Award presentation in 1929. The Gable-Lombard Penthouse is a 3,200 square foot duplex with views of the Hollywood Hills—including that elusive Hollywood sign the three young tourists were hoping to see. (I’m guessing they could probably find less expensive vantage points to take in a view of the storied sign.)

Clark Gable and Carole Lombard once

paid five dollars a night for the suite, which must have made the cost of a fried egg sandwich about a nickel. I tried to make myself feel better about my fiasco by imagining Gable ordering room service and awkwardly dropping his fried egg on the floor in front of the lovely Lombard. But somehow I simply couldn’t summon the image of the cool Rhett Butler pulling a “Bob Vickrey.”

After our server brought our bill, Arnie and I grabbed our smart phones to calculate the 20 percent tip while Barry did the numbers in his head. All three of us came up with a different figure, which just goes to show that Josh had the right idea all along when he took the opportunity to visit the loo.

When we were ready to leave, I reached into my shirt pocket for my glasses and found them covered with a coagulated, sticky yellow substance that had the suspi-

cious appearance of egg yolk.

I cautiously peered into the pocket and discovered the missing portion of the egg that had mysteriously disappeared from my sandwich. I suddenly found myself a character in a Farrelly Brothers comedy, so move over Jim Carrey!

Once my lunch mates were through having their fun with my unique predicament, I decided that in the future I would be more observant if I sense an awkward moment about to happen. Like a good pool hustler, I’ll call the shot beforehand. “Stand back from the table gents: Yellow ball—side pocket.”

(Bob Vickrey is a longtime Palisadian whose columns appear in several Southwestern newspapers including the Houston Chronicle and is a regular contributor to the Boryana Books website.)

DAVID TISHBI

JEWELRY



Handmade, one-of-a-kind
22k recycled gold & turquoise
\$250 - \$1,800

Award-winning design
Expert jewelry repair
Expert watch service & repair
Cash-4-Gold
Painless ear-piercing

859 Via De La Paz 310-454-6363 info@davidtishbi.com

THEATRE PALISADES presents

The
Odd Couple
by
Neil Simon

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

**NEIL SIMON'S
CLASSIC COMEDY
RETURNS!**

**SEPTEMBER 2-
OCTOBER 9, 2016**
Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m.
Sun. at 2 p.m.

**PIERSON
PLAYHOUSE**
941 Temescal Cyn Rd.
(at Haverford Ave.)

(310) 454-1970
www.theatrepalisades.com

Tickets: Adults \$20
Seniors & Students \$18

The Odd Couple Is Full of Belly Laughs

By LIBBY MOTIKA
Palisades News Contributor

The *Odd Couple* is back again, and from the joyous good time the opening night audience at the Pierson Playhouse seemed to be having, the story of Felix and Oscar's experiment as roomies still resonates today.

Neil Simon's hilarious play opened on stage in 1967, became a hit movie, transferred onto television for five years in the 1970s, had a sequel in 1998, and was revived on Broadway in 2005. Evidently, there is just something about the play that keeps viewers wanting more.

Loosely based on Simon's brother, who was divorced and rooming with a divorced friend to cut expenses, *The Odd Couple* grew from there.

The Theatre Palisades production, directed by Jonathan Fahn and based on Simon's original play, takes place in three acts in Oscar Madison's Upper West Side apartment. As with other of Simon's plays, setting the action in one place suits the close quarters needed for the both the compressed Simon wit and physical hijinks.

The play rises and falls on the two main characters, Oscar Madison and Felix Ungar. Felix is disconsolate, even suicidal, after his wife informs him she wants a divorce. Oscar, whose wife divorced him three months before, invites his friend him to move in with him. As everybody knows, sharing living arrangements exposes ingrained personality traits and behaviors. And with Felix the fussy, compulsively neat person sharing digs with Oscar, the slob,

the drama and humor are set. Oscar is essentially an easygoing guy who puts up with Felix, but the conflict is based on Felix's efforts to change everything and Oscar's resistance to change.

TP's Oscar, Michael Sorich, is a loud and lovable lout, bigger than life. Scott Gardner plays Felix more self-deprecating and insufferably self-defeating than fussy.

If it weren't for Simon's sparkling humor and the actors' terrific timing and acrobatic performances, the play's datedness would be distracting. After all, we've moved on in the last 50 years from the stereotypical Neanderthal Everyman. Today's man might very well know not only where the kitchen is located but also enjoy exploring recipes.

There are also pals—Murray, Speed, Roy, and Vinnie—who show for their weekly poker game at Oscar's place. Each manages to convey a distinctive personality and Simon has given each a golden moment or two.

The ensemble give-and-take offers some of the richest, funniest moments in the play. Murray (Bob Grochau) is the cop everyone expects to know the answers when Felix appears to be missing. Vinnie (Stephen Holland) is fastidiously anal, tediously reminding the others that he must go home no later than midnight.

Roy (Mark Fields Davidson) is absolutely killing every time he opens his Bronx-tinged mouth. This living, breathing thermometer, humidifier, and clean freak's body language is funnier than his lines.

Speed (Stevie Johnson) is the dude, sharp dresser, wry and hip.

The two young English sisters, who live upstairs, provide the necessary right-turn



Standing, left to right, are Michael Sorich, Bob Grochau and Stevie Johnson, and on the couch are Mark Fields Davidson, Scott Gardner and Stephen Holland. Photo: Joy Daunis

in the plot. They are amusingly silly, but especially in the final act, cute and sexy. In the opening night performance, Star Calvet played Gwendolyn; Samantha Labrecque played Cecily. In creating these two sisters, Simon no doubt was paying homage to the two sisters in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Simon never falls into the topical humor that is so much of the repertoire in today's comedy. At times, however, the repartee comes off as a string of one-liners, thank-

fully saved by excellent blocking and energetic physical action.

It's always well to remember that Theatre Palisades is a volunteer company and to be commended for the ensemble work that goes into this production, from set design, sound and lighting to all the back office duties.

The Odd Couple continues Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. though October 9 at Pierson Playhouse, 941 Temescal Canyon Rd. Contact (310) 454-1970 or theatrepalisades.org.

CLASSIFIED ADS

SPANISH INSTRUCTOR

25 years SPANISH TEACHING, TUTORING experience. Longtime Palisadian from Chile. Grammar skills, conversation, plus. Any level. Also weekends. Edith, (310) 741-8422

HELP WANTED

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Copy Print Fed Ex store needs full/part time person who is fully conversant with machinery such as copier, fax, printers, cameras, etc. able to lift 50 lbs fluent in English and have good customer service. Call Raman at (310) 454-2821

PLUMBING

PALISADES PLUMBING
16626 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-5548
CA License #385995.
Proudly serving the Palisades for over 35 yrs!

SCREEN & GLASS

PALISADES SCREEN & GLASS
16628 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-3596
Free Estimates / Mobile Service
Family Owned & Operated Since 1973

GUITAR LESSONS

GUITAR LESSONS: \$60 per hour
JEREMY McLENNAN: Graduate of the Thornton School of Music at USC, Guitar Major. Alumnus of St. Matthew's Parish School and Loyola High School.
djeremymclennan@aol.com
Phone/text: (310) 633 4861

HAIR STYLIST WANTED

Experienced Hair Stylist
w/ Own Clientele Needed.
Low Chair Rental Offered
Atrium Hair Salon
Tuesday-Saturday 9-5 Contact Tom
860 Via de la Paz 424.272.9267

GOOD GRADES HAVE THEIR REWARDS!

EVERY MONDAY!

the yogurt shoppe

FIRST TEN KIDS TO BRING IN A GRADED PAPER OF A B+ OR BETTER RECEIVE A FREE FROYO! (\$4 VALUE)

palisades: 873 swarthmore ave (310) 459-0088
brentwood: 11726 brentwood ct (310) 440-0088

now open!

yogurtshoppe.com
esh f i t
organic
dairy free
made fresh daily
specials local
community cart



Open Mind

Educational Consulting

- + **Math specialist:** experienced, expert tuition-elementary thru college level
- + **Learning difference specialist:** ADHD, ASD, processing disorders, etc.
- + **Certified College Planner:** for both regularly matriculated students and those with learning differences

+ Independent Study / Home School Programs

+ Educational Advocacy

Fun, caring, individualized tutoring and academic scaffolding

Office conveniently located in the Palisades Village

www.omeduconsulting.com 888-459-6430

Weil Hosts 'Changeability' Panel at Library

By LAURA ABRUSCATO
Contributing Writer

At what point is it enough? When do you take an action step for yourself? What does it take to be brave and take a stand?"

These are the questions Palisadian writer and podcast host Sharon Weil answers with her new book, *ChangeAbility: How Artists, Activists, and Awakeners Navigate Change*.

Weil will host a panel at the Palisades Library community room on Thursday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m., based on her book, which features 25 changemakers that she interviewed on her podcast, "Passing 4 Normal: How Artists, Activists, and Awakeners Are Seeding Change in the World."

Joining Weil at the event will be five of those featured in the book: Palisadian Corinne Bourdeau, producer of social change films; Amanda Foulger, shamanic healer; Rachel Lang, astrologer and intuitive healer; Camille Maurine, women's meditation mentor and Ann Gentry, founder and owner of Real Food Daily restaurants.

"The book is a recipe of how to meet change," says Weil. "It has real tools for people on how to approach change in their lives."

In Part One of the book, she discusses initiating change, adapting to change and inspiring change. "It feels like everything is moving so fast with technology. Most peo-



ChangeAbility author Sharon Weil.

Photo: Natalia Knezevic

ple are overwhelmed in their lives. How do you navigate a moving world?"

Weil lives in the Alphabet streets neighborhood with daughter Sophie Aaron, a senior at Marlborough, and she has two grown stepdaughters: Jenny Aaron, a middle-school teacher in Queens, New York, and Melissa Aaron, a Ph.D. candidate in British history at Kings College in London.

A screenwriter and filmmaker, Weil wrote *Donny and Ursula Save the World*, a

comedic novel about unlikely lovers who become activists on the issue of non-GMO foods. "It came in a different form," she said of the switch from screenplay to novel. "There was more room for internal dialogue."

While researching GMO seeds for the book, Weil met environmental activists. For many years she had been a board member of the Lia Foundation, which made grants to over 100 groups that sought solutions to issues in the Bay Area, and she met many social activists through this work. She met artists through her years as a filmmaker. And she knew many bodyworkers and healers while teaching the Ageless Body class at the Continuum Movement Studio in Santa Monica.

Weil had never listened to a podcast before starting her own, on the suggestion of a publicist for her novel. She started interviewing people she knew from different fields: environmental activists, prison reformers, spiritual people and artists. "I was listening and I started hearing common approaches people had to change."

This led to Part Two of her new book, where she outlines seven principles that are common to all types of change: bring awareness, listen deeply, find community, proceed incrementally, align with nature, have hope, and spark fire.

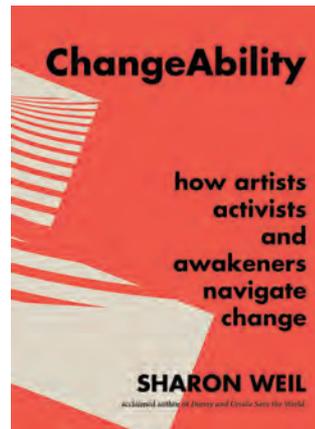
She feels that finding community is the most important, and believes most people don't ask for enough help and support from others while going through change.

The book contains excerpts from her podcasts and subsequent conversations she had with the change-makers, asking them questions such as "How do you sustain hope

in hopeless situations?" Weil teaches "how we can align with change, not feel crippled in our resistance and maybe even enjoy change."

Weil will moderate the September 15 panel and promises to have an interactive event. "I'm hoping people will come because they want to engage in conversation about how to approach change."

The evening is hosted by the Friends of the Palisades Library. Admission is free.



GIVE THE GIFT OF ART



KATIE O'NEILL'S FINE ART STUDIO
PAINTINGS PRINTS CLASSES

835 VIA DE LA PAZ 310-459-1030 ONEILLSFINEART.COM

Residents Sought to Become Area Alternates on Council

With the Pacific Palisades Community Council election completed, alternate representatives are now being sought for a two-year term.

Unlike primary representatives that are elected by the community, alternate reps are chosen by the PPCC Board. Those reps are encouraged to attend meetings and to participate in the discussion of issues, but do not vote unless the primary is absent.

Applicants for alternate area representative must live within the specified boundaries of the area for which they are applying and must submit a statement of any length. Each

statement shall include the number of years residing in Pacific Palisades (and the number of years as a resident of the Area); position on issues the applicant believes are of importance to the community or the applicant's area. The Statement may also include a few biographical facts including any skills that the applicant would bring to PPCC.

Applications must be received by midnight, Friday, October 7. Email: info@pacpalicc.org or mail: PPCC Candidate Statement P.O. Box 1131 Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. Visit: pacpalicc.org or email: info@pacpalicc.org.



REPRESENTING SELLERS, BUYERS, & THEIR BEST INTERESTS ON THE WESTSIDE

I'M NOT YOUR AVERAGE AGENT.



NINKEY DALTON

NDALTON@THEAGENCYRE.COM
424.400.5921
CALBRE #01437780

LUXURY REAL ESTATE AT THEAGENCYRE.COM

KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE



Palisades Patrol is constantly watching and monitoring!



Download our Free Gates Security App!



Prepared to Protect



PALISADES PATROL

PPD 14191
ACD 6002
C10 899092

310.454.7741 www.gatessecurity.com



MichaelEdlen.com

CELEBRATING
30 *Years*
 Since 1986

Proud to have represented more than 1,250 clients in buying & selling their homes



A. QUINCY JONES DESIGN 4 
 Offered at \$1,875,000 3 



BEAUTIFUL VIEW HOMES 4 
 Lease for \$12,500/month 3 



MID-CENTURY WITH VIEWS 4 
 Lease for \$8,750/month 3 



FEELS LIKE VACATION 4 
 Lease for \$8,750/month 3 



TRANQUIL VIEW SETTING 6 
 Lease for \$7,500/month 3 



STEPS FROM THE SAND 2 
 Lease for \$4,900/month 2 

You pick the charity, we donate 10% of net commission in your name



“Michael was the only agent who answered his phone after business hours and gave us his undivided attention. We had planned on interviewing 5 agents, but were almost-immediately convinced of The Edlen Team’s abilities and we couldn’t have been happier with the sale of our home.”

- Ben A.

A Team of licensed agents with more than 90 years of combined real estate experience

CalBRE#00902158

310.230.7373

©2016 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Each Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office is owned by a subsidiary of NRT LLC. Coldwell Banker® and the Coldwell Banker Logo, Coldwell Banker Previews International® and the Coldwell Banker Previews International Logo, are registered service marks owned by Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. Broker does not guarantee the accuracy of square footage, lot size or other information concerning the condition or features of property provided by seller or obtained from public records or other sources, and the buyer is advised to independently verify the accuracy of that information through personal inspection and with appropriate professionals. If your property is currently listed for sale, this is not intended as a solicitation.

