

Affaire In The Gardens Art Show To Feature Beverly Hills Artists

By Marla Schevker

The 38th annual Beverly Hills Art Show, the Affaire in the Gardens, will take place tomorrow and Sunday. Amongst the 250 artists featured from around the U.S. are several hometown artists from right here in Beverly Hills. Among the local artists featured at the

show are Architecture Commissioner and photographer Zale Richard Rubins, Fine Art photographer Olivier Pojzman and amateur photographer Tracey Gluck.

Most of the photographs in the Rubins' collection are local. This includes a tree with

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HEALTHY COOKING—Club EATalian's Educational Alliance for Delicious, Nutritious Cooking for Kids was sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Economic Development and organized by the Italian Trade Commission and the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce West and held at Il Fornaio in Beverly Hills recently. Pictured from left: Horace Mann Elementary School Principal Steve Kessler, Italian Deputy Trade Commissioner Paola De Faveri, Executive Director of the Italy America Chamber of Commerce West Letizia Miccoli and BHUSD School Superintendent Richard Douglas.

Delshad Appointed Ambassador

By Tricia Arend

Former Mayor Jimmy Delshad was designated a Goodwill Ambassador for the City at the City Council study session on May 17.

At the request of Mayor Barry Brucker, Delshad was given the honorary title for his leadership during his mayoral

term, his introduction of unique marketing and branding initiatives and his current work showcasing the success of Beverly Hills and its programs.

"I felt this would be a wonderful addition to showing and highlighting all the wonderful

(see 'DELSHAD,' page 25)

Namvar Found Guilty Of Fraud

By Brenton Garen

Prominent real estate developer and businessman Ezri Namvar was found guilty of four counts of wire fraud yesterday by a federal court jury in Los Angeles.

He faces a statutory maximum of 80 years in prison when he is sentenced Aug. 22.

The 59-year-old was con-

victed of stealing about \$21 million from four clients who allowed his "qualified intermediary" company to hold their money in safekeeping before it was reinvested in real estate.

U.S. District Judge Percy Anderson ordered that Namvar, who is free on bond, be subject to home incarceration with electronic monitoring.



ARCHITECTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS—Baby Sophia, Christine and Patrick Zohrabians and Fran Cohen, Chair of the Architecture Commission, pose with Zohrabians' award winning design for a Spanish Mission-style project on Foothill Road at the City's Architecture Day event on May 17. Zohrabians' project was one of 10 chosen by the City's Architecture and Design Review Commissions to receive awards for outstanding construction projects in the City earlier this week.

Fire Service Day Demonstrations Educate Public



FIRE SERVICE DAY—Above: A group of firemen displaying different firefighting outfits and gear at last Saturday's Fire Service Day. From left, Richard Sandeman in the Hazardous Materials outfit, Mike Cherry in the Structural Firefighting outfit and Mike Zike in the Wild Lands firefighting outfit. Left: Josh Sattley demonstrates how to extinguish a fully engulfed vehicle fire. The crew that is putting it out is from Engine 3 Company, which is located directly behind the car.

Photos by Reggie Sully

CVB Launch Website To Encourage 'Staycations'

By Brenton Garen

A new experimental website recently launched by the Beverly Hills Conference & Visitors Bureau now allows visitors and residents to better enjoy what the City has to offer.

One of the features is an interactive map where users can narrow down hotels, restaurants, shopping stores,

parking and things to do with just a couple of clicks.

The revamped website coincided with National Travel and Tourism Week, which aims to promote the power of travel each May.

Travel and tourism is a \$1.25 billion industry for Beverly Hills providing more than 10,000 jobs and generating

\$30 million in local tax revenue.

Julie Wagner, acting executive director of Beverly Hills CVB, said the new website allowed residents to plan their own "staycations" in their own backyard while contributing to the City's vital tourism industry.

Visit the new website at www.lovebeverlyhills.com.



PINK'S OWNERS RECOGNIZED—Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children hosted its annual 'Homeless No More' gala at The Beverly Hills Hotel last Thursday night. From left: GSC development director Cathy Seward, Gloria Pink, Richard Pink, Beverly Pink Wolfe, Timi Freshman and Carolyn Ludwig. The event honored Beverly, Gloria and Richard of Pink's Hot Dogs for their generous donations and support to Good Shepherd Center. Timi and Carolyn co-chaired the benefit which welcomed 350 guests, and featured a live cash auction and music by The Martini Kings. Each year, Good Shepherd Center serves more than 800 homeless women and children through its emergency shelter, mobile outreach van, two transitional residences and a semi-permanent home for mothers with children.

Allen Altchek Photography

BHUSD To Keep \$1.4 Million Set Aside For Prop 98

By Marla Schevker

With the release of his revised budget on Monday, Gov. Jerry Brown announced he has no plans to suspend Proposi-

tion 98 for this year nor the next two years. Due to the continuation of prop 98, which promises California school districts a minimum amount of

funding each year, the BHUSD will be able to keep the \$1.4 million it had set aside.

"We were under the im-

(see 'BHUSD BUDGET,' page 27)

Second 'Meet The Mayor' Session Next Monday

By Tricia Arend

Mayor Barry Brucker will hold his second one-on-one "Meet the Mayor" session from 1-5 p.m. on Monday, May 23.

The first meeting in his mayoral term was held at the

end of April. Three people attended to discuss diverse questions, Brucker said, and he is looking forward to meeting with more individuals at his second session.

"I think once people even

understand further that they have complete access to the mayor, hopefully we'll fill up the afternoon with appointments," Brucker stated.

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