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Ronni Chasen Case 'Solved' But Not Officially Closed

By Brenton Garen

The high-profile Beverly Hills murder case of Ronni Chasen re-emerged in the media this week following an "out of context" report by *The Hollywood Reporter*.

The article, which was

picked up by other media outlets, quoted Beverly Hills Police Chief as saying the final ballistic report confirmed Harold Martin Smith, who killed himself Dec. 1, had committed Chasen's murder.

(see 'CHASEN,' page 21)

Council To Honor Float

Beverly Hills City Council will honor the City's Tournament Of Roses Committee team at Tuesday's City Council meeting for the award winning float in this year's Pasadena Tournament Of Roses. Sponsors, volunteers and organizers will be recognized. Tournament officials are expected to present the City's trophy.

Strategic Concepts Trial: BHUSD Unaware Of Stipend

By Marla Schevcher

Testimony heard Thursday at the preliminary hearing for former BHUSD Superintendent Jeffrey Hubbard and former BHUSD Director of Planning and Facilities Karen Christiansen, revealed Hubbard discussed a pay increase with Board of Education member

Myra Lurie in April of 2006.

Lurie testified that on April 14, 2006 herself and Hubbard were in a car driven by Jeffrey Christiansen in Sacramento, where Christiansen was driving the two to the airport. Hubbard made a comment where he said he wanted to give Christiansen

(see 'STRATEGIC CONCEPTS,' page 19)



LIVING IT UP—In her Vivienne Westwood frock and her mismatched shoes, Helena Bonham Carter, nominated for best supporting actress in *The King's Speech*, danced a jig at the Golden Globe Awards. More in George Christy's column on pages 6-7. *Gilbert Flores/Celebrity Photo*

Equinox Project Approved

By Adam Popescu

The Equinox Fitness Club is coming to Beverly Hills.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, the Beverly Hills Planning Commission adopted a resolution conditionally approving a conditional

use permit to allow the creation of an approximately 37,000 square foot exercise club at 9465 Wilshire Blvd. in the City's Business Triangle.

(see 'EQUINOX,' page 21)

Two-Hour Parking In Limbo

By Adam Popescu

The deadline to place measures on the ballot has come and gone, and still the City of Beverly Hills waits for a definitive ruling

from the California Court of Appeals whether or not to allow Measure 2P to appear on the March 8 ballot.

(see 'PARKING,' page 19)



SIGN OF PROGRESS—Work crews installed the construction barricade graphics last week on North Santa Monica Boulevard for the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. Surrounding the property on three sides, the barricade was extended as work continues on transforming the historic Beverly Hills Post Office into the performing arts center.

Measuring O: Beverly Hills' Tax On Oil/Gas Extraction

By Adam Popescu

Confusion reigns at City Hall about the real effects of the proposed oil and gas severance tax contained in Measure O on the March 8 ballot. Thousands of residents and property owners receive royalty payments from the oil and gas produced beneath their properties, but City officials cannot say if that income will be hurt by the proposal.

City-sponsored ballot lan-

guage describes the measure as a tax aimed at big oil, but that may not be true. What is definite is that the measure increases the tax on oil extracted from the City, creates a new tax on natural gas extracted from the City, and amends the definition of gross receipts in the business tax regulations of the Beverly Hills municipal code.

City Treasurer Eliot Finkel

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Purim Ball Approaches

When Temple Emanuel celebrates its 4th annual Beverly Hills Purim Ball on Feb. 23 at The Beverly Wilshire, three community leaders will be honored.

Michelle Kaye and Claudia Resnikoff, formerly known as the Berman sisters, will each receive Humanitarian awards while Bruce Schulman will be given the Community Spirit award.

The festive masquerade din-

ner-dance is chaired by Sue Brucker, Toni Corwin and Sheryl Weissberg with Lili and Jon Bosse, Evonne Ghoul, Alan Kaye, Myra Lurie, Kathleen and Jay Newman, Bonnie and Offer Nissenbaum, Bruce Resnikoff, Alissa and Warren Roston, and Lori and Marcy Schulman are all honorary chairs.

For tickets call 310-288-3737, Ext. 223.