

Korbatov Calls For Revision Of BHUSD Mission Statement

By Amanda Peabody
BHUSD Board of Education Vice President Lisa Korbatov takes offense at the current mission statement employed by the district. Because of this, Korbatov has proposed a revision.

"(The mission statement) is a document that is foundational to a school district," said Korbatov. "It is in many respects a document that defines your goals and aspirations which will state benchmarks for success and become a blueprint for your educational direction."

Beverly Hills Unified School District's current mission statement reads:

"The mission of the Beverly Hills Unified School District,

the heart of our city's tradition of pride and excellence, is to ensure that our students are humane, thinking, productive citizens through an educational system characterized by state-of-the-art technology; a dynamic interdisciplinary curriculum; an exemplary instructional and support team; student-centered active learning; respect for diversity; strong parent and community involvement; and a nurturing environment where all share a common purpose and a joy for learning."

Korbatov finds it alarming, she said, that there is no mention of academic excellence or rigor.

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Beverly High Alum First Woman To Announce NFL Draft

By Abbey Hood
When the NFL Draft descends on Radio City Music Hall in New York City later this

month, it will mark a year of firsts. It is the first time the draft will air live in primetime, and it is the first time a woman will be the voice of ESPN's coverage.

This year, voice-over talent and Beverly High graduate Kat Cressida will not only announce the ins and outs of the draft between commercials, but will also be the voice of billboards and sponsorships for ESPN's Sportscenter pre-NFL Draft special.

"With the NFL's move of

the Draft being televised in primetime on Thursday and Friday nights, we wanted to create more of an entertainment-



BHHS Alum Kat Cressida

type feel, and thought it appropriate, especially with the venue being Radio City Music Hall, to have a 'house announcer.' I have always admired the style and grace of Kat's voice, especially through her work on *Pardon the Interruption*. We are excited to work with her, and integrate her into our coverage," says ESPN Producer Jay Rothman.

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HORACE MANN FINDS FUN IN LITERACY—Horace Mann continued the family game and education night series with its recent Literacy Night program. Leslie Sternsheim, vice president of programs for Horace Mann PTA, and members of her program committee have put on several family game and education nights this year. The event was attended by more than 50 students and family members, encouraging fun with literature. It was paid for with funds raised by the Horace Mann PTA, which also paid for the STAR program. Pictured: Melissa Sternsheim, Sophia Goldberg, Daniella Kiewicz, Esther Goldberg, Caroline German and Rose Gifford.

Photo by Eleonora K. Goldberg

Temple Emanuel Gathers To Remember Holocaust

By Amanda Peabody
Students from Temple Emanuel Academy Day School were among the more than 3,200 gathered to recognize Holocaust Remembrance Day Wednesday at the Los Angeles Holocaust Monument at L.A.'s Pan Pacific Park.

The 13th annual youth event paid tribute to the six million men, women and children who lost their lives during the Holocaust.

This year, the theme was "Stories of Freedom: What You Do Matters" and featured a series of Holocaust-related read-

ings and speakers including The Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust Chairman E. Randol Schoenberg and Holocaust survivor Ester Tepper.

The day of remembrance also featured musical performances and exhibitions.

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STUDENTS SING FOR TEXAS—Beverly Vista students Eric Fram (7th Grade), Brittany Pedrosa (6th grade) and Avery Stevens (7th grade) were selected to be part of the 2010 OAKE (Organization of the American Kodály Educators) National Conference Honor Choir held at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. The students went through a rigorous audition process and numerous hours of rehearsals to be part of the event. "It was an amazing experience for them to sing in a symphony hall with students coming from different states. It is also a once-in-a-life time opportunity for them to be able to work with the guest conductor, Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, the choral director of the American Boychoir," said Judith Chan (also pictured), vocal music teacher at Beverly Vista. "We are very fortunate our school district and PTA are supportive of extra curricular activities such as this and have funded part of the cost for this conference."