

# briefs

## Council tables Hilton vote at Tuesday's meeting

Though the City Council's final votes on whether or not to approve the \$500 million Hilton Revitalization Plan was meant to take place at its May 6 meeting, the Council decided to table the vote until a special meeting to be held May 12 at 9 a.m. in order to accommodate the request of those seeking to bring the project to a referendum to limit the number of documents for the zoning ordinance. The Council did, however, approve the project's development agreement.

"There may have been more money on the table, but I think that we could have said, 'We should get \$100 million,' too," Councilmember Linda Briskman said. "I don't know what the number was based on. I think we got a fair number, I think we are getting more than fair benefits from this project, and ... to be perfectly honest with you, if you could support 9900, there isn't a question of a doubt that you can support this project."

If approved the project will include the first Waldorf=Astoria Hotel to be built on the west coast – a 12-story structure on the corner of Wilshire and Santa Monica Blvds. with as many as 170 rooms – and two condominium buildings on Merv Griffin Way, one of which will be across the street from El Rodeo.



## Heslov to receive award from Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters

Maple Counseling Center President Jerrie Heslov will be honored at the Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters Big Dreams Luncheon, at the Beverly Hills Hotel on May 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Heslov will be receiving the Community Impact Award for her leadership roles in community organizations such as at the Maple Center, the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging and the Beverly Hills Rotary Club, where she was President.

Now in its 93rd year, Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles specializes in mentoring children through a variety of innovative, highly regarded programs and services regardless of a family's ability to pay. More than 2,500 children benefit from the organization's programs and services annually. For more information or volunteering opportunities, visit [www.jbbbsla.org](http://www.jbbbsla.org).

## Horace Mann sings to the tune of \$6,000 for L.A. Children's Hospital



(L to R) Marni Zipper, Gabriella Ghermezi, Callie Fisch and Geovana Nichols-Julian

Horace Mann students, parents and faculty members participated in raising money to bring art to children at the Los Angeles Children's Hospital, with efforts culminating at the school's third annual Benefit Concert on May 1. The school ultimately raised over \$6,000, according to Horace Mann PTA President Amy Phillips, which will all be donated to the Mark Taper & Johnny Mercer Artists in Residence Program.

## Davis visits Beverly Hills



(L to R) Jill Cutler, Lea Purwin D' Agostino, Jackie Burdorf, Yona Goldberg, Laurel Warner, WAIPAC President Jayne Shapiro, former Governor Gray Davis, Daphna Ziman, Adele Reznikoff, ?, Jonathan Friedman, Dan Schnur and Bill Carrick, at a meet-and-greet reception hosted by the World Alliance for Israel Political Action Committee at the Beverly Hills home of Richard and Daphna Ziman.

A \$12 admission fee was charged for the Benefit Concert – a variety show featuring the talents of both students and teachers – and funds were also raised by selling "I Love Horace Mann" t-shirts and through a PTA bake sale at the event. In addition, students were encouraged to donate brand new art supplies for the hospital children.

"The kids get very excited and motivated," said Interim Principal Marlene Calcines. (Principal Dawnalyn Murakawa-Leopard is currently on maternity leave.) "They get a kick out of helping out the community and helping out such a great cause."

The Benefit Concert is now an annual tradition at Horace Mann, which started two years ago when students wanted to do something to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Last year the concert benefited a charity called Life Rolls On, which helps people in wheelchairs.

## Breathing new life into CPR training



Beverly Hills CPR, in recognition of the first National CPR/AED Awareness Week the first week in June, is holding a Mass CPR Training on June 1. The new CPR Anytime Kits will be used for the instruction and each participant will take the kit home at the end of the one-hour training. Participants can choose either just adult/child CPR or just infant CPR or both.

The program costs \$30 per person per class. The training will be at the Beverly Hills Fire Department Headquarters and pre-registration is required. For further information or to register, please call Sonia Berman at 310-281-2753.

## Beverly Hills continues Affaire for 35th year



Beverly Hills' semi-annual Affaire in the Gardens Art Show to be held May 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (both days) in Beverly Gardens Park – spanning four blocks

## Brucker gives life support



Temple Emanuel was the Beverly Hills hub for last weekend's Big Sunday, the largest volunteer event in the United States. There were 150 volunteers who worked together on various charity projects benefiting LA Foster Kids, Camp Harmony, women's shelters, and many others. The Temple also hosted a blood drive with the American Red Cross, and managed to collect 30 units of blood, one of which was donated by Mayor Barry Brucker (pictured above).

## Former Beverly High wrestling coach honored



Former Beverly High coach Jack Gifford (center) was joined by two of his former wrestlers, Dr. Larry Stock '80 (left) and Dr. Phillip Rogaway '80 (right) as he was inducted into the California Wrestling Hall of Fame Saturday in a ceremony in Laguna Hills. Gifford was named as the Southern California High School Coach of the Year in 1969 and 1970, and the National High School District 8 Wrestling Coach of

## Beverly Hills receives honors at Arbor Day celebration



The National Arbor Day Foundation named Beverly Hills a Tree City USA community for the 23rd consecutive year. And in recognition of this honor, Vice Mayor Frank Fenton (center) was presented with the Tree City USA Award and Tree City USA Flag by L.A. County Fire Department Deputy Forester Thomas Bristow (right) during the annual Arbor Day event on April 25 at Coldwater Canyon Park. Also pictured is Recreation and Parks Commission Chair Kathi Rothern (left).