

News Briefs

Two candidates skip Chamber of Commerce/Board of Realtors forum

Three of five city council candidates gathered at a forum last Thursday evening hosted by the Malibu Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Realtors. Candidates Andy Lyon and Hamish Patterson did not attend because the forum conflicted with a scheduled Board of Education meeting at Malibu City Hall.

"We're all in the wrong building right now," Patterson said in a brief statement at the beginning of the forum. He left after completing the statement. Patterson and Lyon, who are running on a slate platform, said it was more important for the Malibu community to gather at city hall in support of parents and students worried about the ongoing health scare at Malibu High School, Middle School and Juan Cabrillo Elementary.

In the days leading up to the forum, the Chamber and Board of Realtors attempted to work with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to assure there would be no conflict between the forum and the BOE's public comment period.

Leaders with the Chamber and Board of Realtors assured attendees and candidates that the BOE would wait until 8:30 p.m. to begin public comment, but the public comment period began around 6:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, incumbents Laura Rosenthal, Lou La Monte and challenger June Louks participated in the Chamber/Realtors forum, held at HRL Laboratories, discussing issues such as the lengthy construction permitting process in Malibu, the ongoing statewide drought and the proposed Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program.

The next and final forum, focusing on local education issues, is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, at the Point Dume Marine Science School. Advocates for Malibu Public Schools and each of the Malibu PTAs are co-sponsoring the forum, which will be moderated by former BOE member Pam Brady.

Tiger compound rejected in western Malibu

A plan to house up to five tigers in western Malibu was rejected by Ventura County Planning Commissioners on Thursday in a narrow 3-2 vote, the *Ventura County Star* reported.

The highly anticipated decision came after months of controversy surrounding the plans, which were proposed by two sisters who train and care for white tigers often used in the filming industry. A hearing on the application was delayed last month after more than seven hours of public testimony was given, with dozens of neighbors and concerned residents voicing their dismay at the possibility of tigers being housed in a residential neighborhood.

Applicant Irena Hauser and her sister Sophia Kryszek sought a permit to construct a 13,500-square-foot exercise arena and enclosures for up to five white Bengal tigers on 7.2 acres of her Deer Creek property. Hauser told the commission her family possesses years of experience training and working with the tigers. Hauser and Kryszek own ISIS Preservation, which supplies the white tigers for filming in the entertainment industry.

Three of the commissioners last Thursday sided with worried neighbors, arguing that the use was not compatible with the rest of the Deer Creek neighborhood. The two commissioners who voted to approve the application believed "all conditions have been met" given that the property was zoned open space.

The sisters were visibly upset at the decision, according to the *Star*, and have not decided whether to appeal the decision to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

Malibu Chamber of Commerce endorses City Council incumbents

The Malibu Chamber of Commerce has endorsed incumbents Lou La Monte and Laura Rosenthal for the 2014 Malibu City Council election.

In a press release, the Malibu Chamber Board of Directors said they decided La Monte and Rosenthal possess business thoughtfulness and skills required to protect and promote the business community in Malibu and that they believe the two will bring about

Car rollover, downed power lines shut down Kanan



Photo by Jimmy Talal

One person was injured Monday in a rollover crash on Kanan Dume Road near the tunnels, according to the California Highway Patrol. Lanes in all directions were blocked from 11:45 a.m. until 6 a.m. on Tuesday near Latigo Canyon Road because of downed power lines.

The overturned vehicle was first reported at 11:09 a.m. and

both LA County Sheriffs and CHP were dispatched to the scene. The solo driver was transported to Los Robles Hospital and treated for "minor to moderate" injuries.

The downed wires apparently belonged to Edison and Verizon. Motorists reported having to turn around and head back to Pacific Coast Highway or to the 101 freeway.

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Youth football returns to Malibu

Malibu Youth Football is set to return after local parent Michael Bonowitz and Malibu High School coach Ray Humphrey hosted a meeting regarding the program.

They hope the program will help build local interest in school and sports.

Tammy Averna, a Juan Cabrillo

and Malibu High alumni said. "Finally, we won't have to drive over the hill to participate in youth football."

There are plans for the program to launch in fall, with clinics and registration.

Coach Ray Humphrey said, "We will finally have a feeder program that will contribute to the success of the Malibu High Sharks football, replicating the success of Santa Monica High and other winning high school teams."

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Obituaries

Maxine Vera Hansvold Colby

Maxine Vera Hansvold Colby, Malibu artist, gardener, peacemaker and community activist, passed away Feb. 27, following a heart attack earlier in the week and a longer battle with cancer.

She died in her home, attended by her children, Erin Colby Johnson of Santa Maria, Peter Colby of Malibu and son-in-law Don Johnson. Maxine is survived by grandsons, Matthew and Luke Johnson, many cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends who often crossed the country to spend weeks creating art together in her studio.

Long active in the Malibu art community, Maxine won prizes for her art and sold a myriad of her paintings and collages in art shows. Maxine was married to Dr. Ken Colby, UCLA professor and researcher, until his death in 2001.

The youngest of six chil-



dren, Maxine was born to John and Ida Hansvold on May 15, 1928, on a farm in Litchville, N.D. Maxine moved as a teenager with the family to Sylva, Wash., where she graduated from Arlington High School. After Everett Community College, she worked in Washington, D.C., for Washington state senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson before moving to California, continuing her work as a secretary until her marriage to

Ken and the birth of their children.

Maxine found inspiration in the beauty of the wide skies and ocean waves surrounding her, and she turned everything she saw into art: collaging, painting, making Ikebana flower arrangements and turning garage sale "finds" into items of beauty. She was also a cook and gardener, while keeping up with national and local news and on the lives of those she loved, reading stacks of books and also tending to her neighbors.

"She will be sorely missed for all the love she lavished on those who knew her, her generosity and warmth, her laughter and sense of whimsy, and for her wisdom and care, which live on in the hearts and minds of her children and grandchildren, and in all of those who were so well-loved by her," a loved one said.

Jeffrey Dougherty Corzine

Jeffrey Dougherty Corzine, 31, passed away on March 10 in Puebla, Mexico.

Jeffrey lived most of his adult life in Malibu, Calif., where he was an active member, sponsor and counselor in the Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) community. He devoted much of his time to helping others overcome the challenges he had faced of addiction, depression and recovery. Many in the A.A. community have expressed that Jeffrey's passion and loving efforts brought hope and change to their lives.

Jeffrey also was an aspiring creative photographer and writer.

"His body of work will bring pleasure and hope to admirers in the future," family members said.



Jeffrey was born in Summit, N.J., and lived there throughout his childhood. He graduated from the Pomfret School in Connecticut and then went on to receive a bachelor's degree in history from New York University. He also attended Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, Calif.

"Jeffrey's generosity, spirit of service to others and creative works will be an inspiration to many," a loved one said.

He is survived by his parents, Joanne Brown and Jon Corzine, his sister, Jennifer Pisani, his brother, Joshua Corzine, and five nieces and nephews. Jeffrey's immediate family, including his step-parents, Sharon Corzine and Harmon Brown, are joined in their sorrow by an extended group of family and friends.

To honor his life, charitable contributions may be made in Jeffrey's name to United Cerebral Palsy Wheels for Humanity at www.ucp-wfh.org or Ocean Park Community Center www.opcc.net.

Hilario "Ely Sr." Simental

Hilario "Ely Sr." Simental, born Nov. 3, 1931, passed away at 82 on March 18.

Ely Sr. was an Oxnard resident for more than 60 years. He was born and raised in Valparaiso, Zacatecas in Mexico and came to California at 17 years old.

Ely Sr. worked for Barrera's Septic and then owned his own restaurant. He then formed his



own business C&S Septic, based out of Malibu, in 1974. He established a reputation of being a well-known and respected business man in the Malibu area. He refused to retire and continued to work for his son, Ely Jr., until his last days.

Many of those who knew him were pleased by his great sense of humor and a strong character.

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Public Hearing on Proposed Fare Changes

Metro Briefs

WESTSIDE/CENTRAL

Attend A Public Hearing on Proposed Fare Changes
To continue reliable service of LA County's expanding transportation network, Metro must consider gradually increasing fares. Metro's approach would make the system easier to use by including free transfers on a single fare. There's a public hearing to gather comments on Saturday, March 29 at 9:30am at Metro Headquarters. Sign up in person by 11:30am to speak at the hearing. Details at metro.net/newfares.

I-405 Sepulveda Pass Project Reaches Milestones
The Skirball Center Drive Bridge is nearly complete and reconstruction of segments of Sepulveda Boulevard is scheduled to wrap up this summer. Ten miles of new carpool lanes are slated to open in just a few months. Construction schedules and project information at metro.net/405.

Miracle Mile Utility Relocation Underway
The Metro Purple Line Extension is proceeding with advanced utility relocation at Wilshire and La Brea Boulevards. Wilshire and Fairfax are next on the schedule. This work will help prevent service disruptions during subway construction. More information at metro.net/purplelineext.

Go Metro to CicLAvia on April 6
Travel along legendary Wilshire Boulevard car-free during CicLAvia, LA's free celebration of public spaces. This April's event route stretches between Downtown Los Angeles and Miracle Mile. Plan your trip and see bus detour schedules at metro.net.

New Metro Buses Start Service
The first of Metro's 550 new 40-foot buses went into service last month on Line 33 along Venice Boulevard between downtown LA and Santa Monica. The new models will be phased in during the next 18 months, replacing vehicles that have reached their retirement age.



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