

310 Area Code May Get Extended Life

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Legislation by Assemblyman Mike Gordon of El Segundo, the Area Code Conservation and Consumer Protection Act, passed the California Assembly floor on a bi-partisan vote of 42-33. AB 1380 now moves on to the state senate for further consideration.

Currently the California Public Utilities Commission relies heavily on reports and projections from the telephone carrier industry itself when determining whether or not sufficient numbers exist in an area. Although the industry is regulated by the CPUC, there is no objective review, and therefore no accountability, of

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A New Report Card That Really Works

What really works in schools? What are some districts or schools doing that produces outstanding results?

The report card in use in Beverly Hills Unified School District was old. More importantly, "It didn't reflect what we were teaching. It said whether the child was satisfactory or needed to improve and not a lot more," says Anita Naiman, 1st grade teacher at Hawthorne Elementary.

Under then-Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services Rex Comer's direction, the district had unwrapped and prioritized the California standards so as to have a clear-

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BEVERLY HILLS MERMAIDS IN HAWAII—Reef Check Hawaii hosted a Reef Rescue event to raise funds for the organization and to honor two little mermaids, Carol Connors and Barbi Benton, for their generous support and contributions to Hawaii's marine environment. The other two beautiful mermaids were Mara New and Sheryl Holdridge Post pictured with Gregor Hodgson, director of Reef Check Foundation. From left are: Post, Connors, Hodgson, New, and Benton.
 Photo by JoFan.net

BH Public Art Walking Tour Saturday at 1pm

The Beverly Hills Civic Center Public Art Walking Tour, a guided walking tour of the prime public art works located in the vicinity of The City's Civic Center, will be offered this year on Saturday, June 4 at 1 p.m.

The 60-minute, docent-led tour departs from the front of BH City Hall located at 450 N. Crescent Dr. and is offered to interested participants free of charge. Special group tours are also available for groups of 15 or more, by reservation only.

Tour highlights provide an up-close view of works by Auguste Rodin, the father of modern sculpture;

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Beverly Hills Chamber Appoints New CEO

As mentioned last week, the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce has appointed Daniel C. Walsh as its new CEO. This travel industry veteran with record of implementing high-impact business development programs will assume the office beginning June 20.

Walsh has over 30 years experience and a proven track record of managing sales, operations and business development teams, was most recently VP of North America sales for United Airlines. In his position with the airline, Walsh had full accountability for developing and implementing sales strategy, planning, distribution, operations and analysis, in addition to sales recruitment and

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FINDING A CURE—The LA chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation held its 2nd annual fundraiser at the Beverly Hilton. Michael McClain (left), the foundation's board chairman, is pictured with honorees Barbara Davis (second from left) and Dana Reeve, widow of the late Christopher Reeve. They are joined by Oscar-winning actor/comedian Robin Williams, a longtime friend of the Reeves.

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GOO GOO DOLLS HONORED—The American Society of Young Musicians will present the 13th annual House of Blues Spring Benefit Concert and Awards show Thursday, June 9 honoring musical legends The Goo Goo Dolls, Josh Groban, Dwight Yoakam, Common, Brian Culbertson, Solomon Burke and Kristin Chenoweth.
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