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Beverly Hills Hotel Celebrates Landmark 100th Birthday



Courier, L.A. Times in New Time Capsule

By Laura Coleman

Hundreds of people gathered in The Beverly Hills Hotel's Crystal Ballroom on Wednesday to celebrate the 100th birthday of the "Great Lady" of Beverly Hills, as the iconic Pink Palace is affectionately known.

"But for this hotel, this City wouldn't be what it is today," Mayor Willie Brien said before presenting the historic hotel with a plaque acknowledging its status as the City's first historic landmark.

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TURNING 100—The Beverly Hills Hotel celebrated its centennial this week by opening a time capsule from 1993 and creating a new one to be opened in 2037, complete with an edition of *The Courier*. Pictured above (from left): Cultural Heritage Commission Chair Noah Furie, Dorchester Collection CEO Christopher Cowdray, City historian Robbie Anderson, Dorchester Collection Chairman Haji Khairuddin, Vice Mayor John Mirisch, Dionne Warwick, Mayor Willie Brien and the hotel's General Manager Ed Mady.

Courier Photo by Laura Coleman

Idea For City Suit Against Doctor Group Came From Consultants

By Bill Arp and Matt Lopez

What is behind the lawsuit by the City of Beverly Hills claiming first \$12 million and

then \$5.5 million in back city taxes from Specialty Surgical

(see CITY SUIT, page 12)

The Union War Against Gloria Romero And Education Reform

By Matt Lopez

Gloria Romero was the rising hope of the California Democratic Party. One of the most

powerful Latinas ever to serve, she was elected leader of the California Senate. Then she

(see ROMERO, page 21)



9/11—Fire Chief Tim Scranton and Police Chief Dave Snowden present Nicole Yonke with the American flag during Tuesday's 9/11 memorial event. Yonke's cousin Scott Bart was killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. See page 22 for a photo page of the event.

Courier Photo by Matt Lopez

9/11 – Beverly Hills Remembers

Updated from bhcourier.com

By Matt Lopez

Beverly Hills' fire and police departments honored America and paid tribute to those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11,

2001 terrorist attacks in an emotional ceremony Tuesday evening in front of the Beverly Hills Fire Station.

Among some of the Tues-

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Celebrity Photo/Scott Downie

THE FLOATERS—Johnny Depp was among the celebrities and filmmakers floating into Toronto for brief visits to tub-thump their films that were included in the 36th Annual Toronto International Film Festival.

The 10-day event brings big bucks to Toronto and is acclaimed today as a great film festival. Toronto is thriving as is Canada's economy, with Chinese Americans and Europeans buying properties at astonishingly low mortgages. Banks are strong. Ditto the Canadian dollar.

More photos in George Christy's column on Pages 6 and 7.



RODEO DRIVE STYLE—The City inducted former *Vogue* editor-in-chief Diana Vreeland into the Walk of Style this week. Pictured above (from left): Peri Ellen Berne, Tim Vreeland, James Galanos, Lisa Immordino Vreeland, Wanda McDaniel, Fred Hayman and Peggy Moffitt.

Courier Photo by Laura Coleman

Rodeo Drive Walk Of Style Pays Fitting Tribute To Diana Vreeland

Updated from bhcourier.com

By Laura Coleman

On Monday, the Rodeo Drive Committee inducted fashion icon Diana Vreeland into the

Rodeo Drive Walk of Style cementing her position as the first

(see VREELAND, page 19)

Courier to Host Free "Lost Pet" Website For City Residents

Lost your dog or cat? City won't let you post fliers?

The Courier has a solution – our new lostpetsbeverlyhills.com website! Free!

If your pet gets away, go to www.lostpetsbeverlyhills.com and post a photo, description, your contact information and especially an email address and a phone number for YOU. The Courier will then eblast to its entire subscriber base your photo of your lost pet and your information. Note: Notices can also be posted at bhcourier.com/pets. This is new, so please bear with us if there are any bugs in the system.

Questions? Issues? E-mail David Murphy at dmurphy@bhcourier.com

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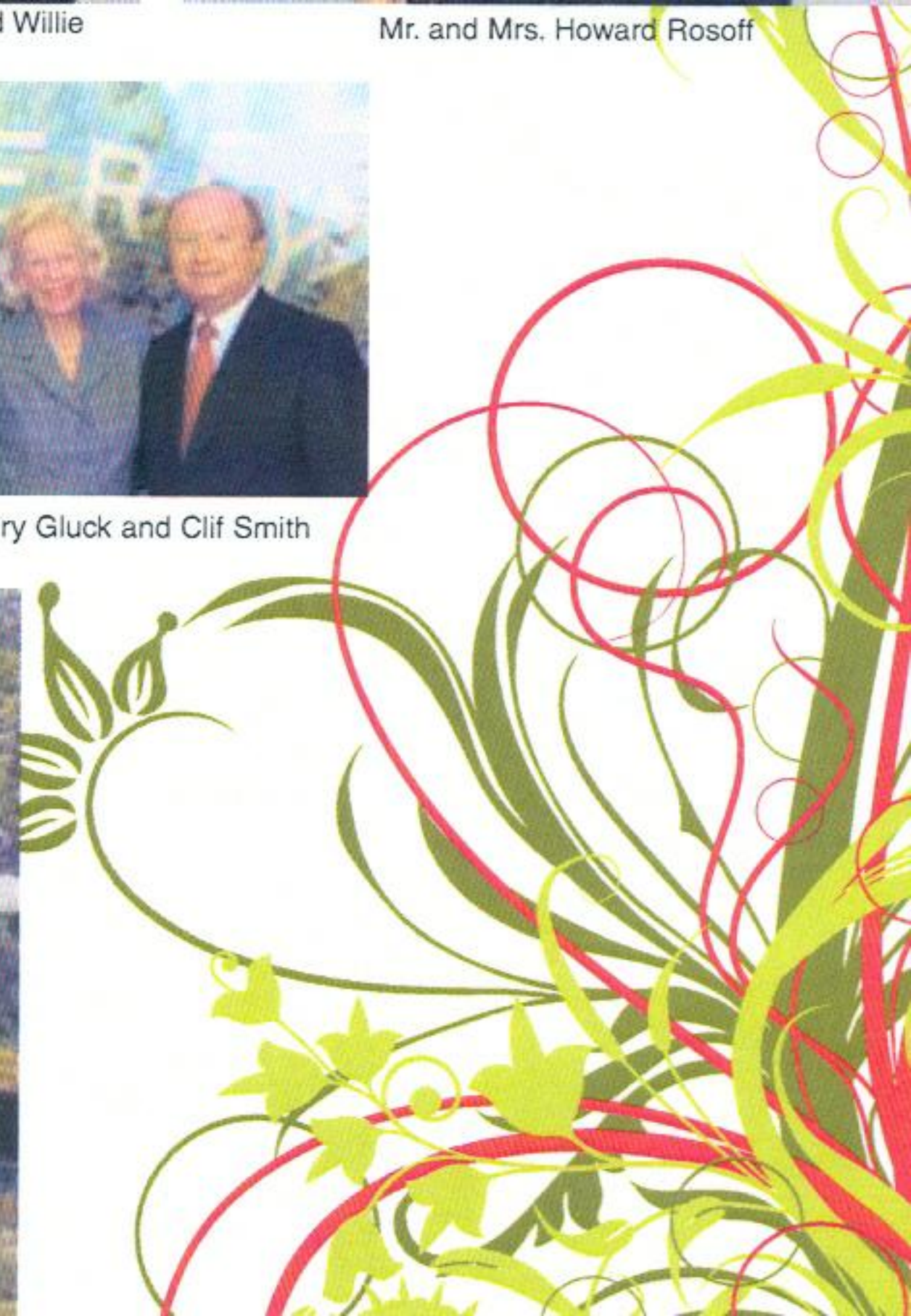
Sander Habelow, Elizabeth Barlow Rogers and Willie Brien.



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rosoff

John Carroll, Dick Rosenzweig, Gaby Reims Alexander, Jeanne Anderson and Steven Gordon.

Steven Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gluck and Clif Smith



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BEVERLY GARDENS—The Virginia Robinson Gardens & the Beverly Hills Garden Club joined together for a tour of the soon-to-be restored Beverly Gardens Park with architect Mia Lehrer. Pictured above (front row from left): Holly Kuwayama, Debra Shaw, Kerstin Royce, Vicki McLoon, Maralee Beck, Marnie Bodek, Cindy Feder, Marian Power, Marge Karney, and Susan Rosenthal; (back row, from left): Angela Movassaghi, Saree Gordon, Adrienne Horwitch, Mia Lehrer, Gaby Reims Alexander, Diana Doyle, Worthy McCartney and Vickie Victor.