Mayor gushes praise on Fremont Place homeowners

Residents reduced water use by more than 50 percent

BY EDWIN FOLVEN

Fremont Place homeowners Patty Lombard and Bill Simon welcomed a special guest on March 31. Mayor Eric Garcetti stopped by to congratulate them on achieving a more than 50 percent reduction in water usage since December. It also resulted in reducing their water bill from $300 to $200.

“The LADWP does an audit to check on how much water you are using. In December, we were using 105 hundred cubic feet of water, and for February, it went down to 45 hundred cubic feet,” Lombard said. “In December, we turned off all our irrigation, so it was a combination of irrigation and doing some work on the house. We had plumbers come to look to see if we had any leaks. We looked for ways to be more efficient.”

Garcetti was joined by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) officials to seize the moment and highlight local water usage reductions and the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council’s (GWNC) leadership in conservation.

Lombard said the residence, along with its guesthouse, has nine bathrooms. She added that an innovative method for reducing water was to place mason jars inside toilet tanks to displace some of the water. She said the approach is also environmentally-friendly.

“They are glass, so they don’t leach anything into the water,” Lombard added. “They take up less space so you don’t have to fill them up with as much water.”

Ballot stacked for Mid City West election

More than 50 residents are running for 35 open seats on council

BY JUDELYN FOLVEN

There are more than 50 community members running for spots on the Mid City West Community Council board. On Tuesday night, the council hosted a candidate forum to help introduce the candidates to the community. Every two years, local stakeholders are elected to the board. There are 35 open seats on the MCWCC. At the National Council of Jewish Women’s Auditorium, each candidate was allowed two minutes to introduce themselves, explain what their passions are and the work they look forward to doing in the neighborhood.

“IT went really well,” said Josh Paget, sitting MCWCC board member. “I personally liked the tone that many of the speakers had, talking optimistically about change in the community.”

Paget said he was impressed by the wide range of issues that encouraged people to run for a seat such as homelessness, transportation and better connections with schools and the community. The election will be held on Sunday, May 1. Online voter registration will be open until April 24. To register, or for information, visit midcitywest.org.

Watch your step: Trump star attracts vandals

Activists, taggers target Hollywood Walk of Fame

BY JUXTAY SAYLES

On a recent Monday evening near Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue, John Arroyo approached a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame that had been vandalized with a purple, paint-like substance. He knelt over and examined the star for a moment before dousing it with water, and wiping off the substance to reveal the name, Donald Trump.

“HE’s earned it,” Arroyo said of the real estate tycoon and Republican presidential front-runner. See stars page 22

‘Aging’ program now in place in WeHo

Policies will guide city to enhance independent senior living

By Gregory Cornfield

In response to aging boomers and an increasing senior population, the West Hollywood City Council on Monday approved a five-year Aging in Place, Aging in Community strategic plan, setting a “multi-disciplinary, multi-departmental, multi-sector” approach to address senior living. ‘Aging in place’ means the ability to continue to live in one’s own home, and “aging in community” means the ability to live safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of age, income or ability.

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<td>Learn about Native American culture in “Urban Rez” running Thursday, April 7 through Sunday, May 1 at The Vagabond, at the north end of the Los Angeles State Historic Park. The show examines how hunger persists when culture, language, land and identity are denied. Shows are 8 and 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday, and 4 and 5 p.m., Saturday and 2 and 3 p.m., Sunday. Tickets start at $15. 1799 Baker St. (808)578-1335, <a href="http://www.cornelstonetheater.org">www.cornelstonetheater.org</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Stage Kiss</strong></td>
<td>Playwright Sarah Ruhl’s “Stage Kiss” runs Thursday, April 7 through Sunday, May 15 at the Gil Cates Theater at the Geffen Playhouse. Barry Del Sherman directs the starring Tim Bagley, Melody Buia, Stephen Caffrey. Emily James and Matthew Scott Montgomery. When long lost lovers are cast as lovers, two squabbling actors are slow to learn their lines but quick to ignite old flame. Tickets start at $32. (310)208-5454, <a href="http://www.geffenplayhouse.com">www.geffenplayhouse.com</a>.</td>
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<td>Raise funds and awareness about eating disorders during the fourth annual Los Angeles NEDA Walk on Saturday, April 9 at Crescent Bay Park in Santa Monica. Author and eating disorder survivor Shannon Kopp will be the guest speaker, and singer and songwriter Nita Girav will perform. Registration and check-in begin at 9 a.m.; the walk begins at 10 a.m. 2000 Ocean Ave. <a href="http://www.nedawalks.org/losangeles2016">www.nedawalks.org/losangeles2016</a>.</td>
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<td>Learn about emergency preparedness at booths staffed by the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department on Saturday, April 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the lobby of the West Hollywood Library. Representatives will offer information on the Zika virus, nutrition, health and clinical services. There will also be games, prizes and give-aways. 625 N. San Vicente Blvd. (310)652-5340.</td>
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<td><strong>9 Le Salón de Musiques</strong></td>
<td>Le Salón de Musiques is hosting a classical music performance on Sunday, April 10 at 4 p.m. at the Beverly Hills Masonic Temple. The performance is part of Le Salón de Musiques “Masters Rediscovered” series celebrating the music of Beethoven, Faure and Bomsans. Audience members will enjoy French champagne and a buffet. General admission is $57. $39 for students. 600 Wilshire Blvd. (323)409-0141, <a href="http://www.graciasmusicfoundation.org">www.graciasmusicfoundation.org</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>‘The Dig’</strong></td>
<td>Stacie Challen stars in the premiere of “The Dig” running Sunday, April 9 through Sunday, May 1 at the Los Angeles Theatre Center. The play follows an American archaeologist summoned to a dig in Jaffa where the Israelis have found something big, and only she can tell them what it is. Showtimes are 8 p.m. and 3 p.m. Friday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. General admission is $30. 514 S. Spring St. (866)811-4311, <a href="http://www.theatrela.org">www.theatrela.org</a>.</td>
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The West Hollywood City Council adopted two recommendations from the Ethics Reform Task Force regarding political campaign finances, lobbying and gifts.

The council postponed considering a motion that would require reports from anyone who spends more than $5,000 to influence city government in a quarter. Member of the task force, said they never heard from again. Joe Guardarrama, a member of the task force, said they wanted to strike a balance, acknowledging that nonprofits do a lot of good public work and the public’s desire for transparency.

However, since donations and campaign contributions are protected under the First Amendment, City Attorney Mike Jenkins explained that the city could not prohibit the donations, and can only require disclosures. Guardarrama said the most important recommendation the task force made is a requirement that campaign finance reports be submitted directly to the city electronically. Currently, campaign finance reports are submitted on paper to the city clerk’s office, which manually reviews the filings. The task force recommends a program that puts data in the system so anyone can see ethics page 21.
D.A. discusses alternative sentencing at justice forum

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey recently attended the Alternative Sentencing Key Stakeholder Summit hosted by the Aleph Institute at Georgetown University.

Over 250 state and federal judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, legal scholars, U.S. Department of Justice officials, sheriffs, probation officers and prison officials participated. The summit explained current alternative sentencing programs and recidivism reduction. Speakers included federal judges, U.S. senators, attorneys general, and district attorneys. In addition to Lacey, keynote speakers included U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Bernice Donald, Attorney General Sam Olens, and Attorney General Brian Frosh.

Lacey is a proponent of criminal justice reform and alternative sentencing. A few years ago, she was asked to oversee a new program designed to keep women out of prison by sending them to residential treatment. It was so successful that the next year she helped establish a court for military veterans, which achieved similar success.

Lacey spoke at the summit about the importance of mental health courts and better treatment for offenders with mental illness. She told a story about a young woman she called Miriam who came to L.A. for graduate school at the age of 28, but was arrested for carjacking after going off her medication.

“I am troubled by the fact that this young woman will forever be a felon, and may have trouble finding work because of it. She is mentally ill,” said Lacey. “That just strikes me as incredibly unjust.”

Lacey added that Miriam’s story is an example of why there needs to be more discussion about the issues surrounding mental illness and the criminal justice system.

“It gives us a place to begin discussing alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness,” she added.

Heart attack victim reunited with life saving team

Los Angeles Fire Department firefighters, staff from Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center and representatives from the Walt Disney Company reunited on March 30 with L.A. resident Steven Shaw, whose life they helped save last December in front of the El Capitan Theatre.

Shaw until paramedics arrived and helped save his life. Shaw (left) was with his wife when he collapsed on Hollywood Boulevard. Bandy and Stella Teachout, an off-duty nurse, helped the 78-year-old Shaw until paramedics arrived and rushed him to Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center. The LAFD presented Bandy and Teachout with a certificate of appreciation.

Lacey launches new monthly e-newsletter

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey has announced the launch of a monthly electronic newsletter to better inform residents about the D.A.’s office, its services and achievements.

“I am committed to sharing information about my office – whether it’s our work on cutting-edge legal issues, keeping our neighborhoods safe or helping victims become survivors,” Lacey said.

Scheduled for distribution on the first Monday of each month, the newsletter includes a message from Lacey and feature stories about office programs. Additionally, the newsletter also introduces readers to Laura, the office’s first canine investigator. For information, visit www.da.lacounty.gov.
Michelle Rex files lawsuit against West Hollywood

BY GREG CORNFIELD

Former council deputy Michelle Rex last week filed a lawsuit against the city of West Hollywood. The lawsuit alleges the city wrongfully fired Rex for her involvement in the investigation of an eavesdropping incident that has since resulted in the overhaul of the deputy system and a $500,000 settlement with another deputy.

At the West Hollywood City Council meeting on Monday, City Attorney Mike Jenkins addressed the situation with the former deputies and the settlement paid to Councilman John Duran’s former deputy Ian Owens and his attorneys in February. Jenkins explained that city officials need to protect the rights and privacy of the individuals involved and that the public’s interests would be compromised by public discussion of pending litigation as it could alert adversaries of the city’s strategies. Public comment could also trigger additional litigation.

“Mr. Owens’ lawyer has threatened the city with new litigation if statements are made that his client regards as actionable. Just in the last few days, another lawsuit has been filed against the city arising out of the same facial circumstances — this one by former council deputy Michelle Rex,” Jenkins said. “The defense of which could be potentially compromised by public discussion of the Owens case. The city must navigate through this very complicated minefield. While this frustrates the public, it is also very frustrating to the council, which is being told that conversations it believes are important to conduct in the open must be postponed until we find a way to do it safely and protectively of the rights of everyone involved.”

Owens allegedly eavesdropped on Councilman John Heilmann’s deputy Fran Solomon while she was allegedly conducting campaign activity illegally on city time. After Owens was placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation into his claims, he alleged Duran sexually harassed him, and made inappropriate advancements “well over” 100 times during his employment.

The city council eliminated the deputy system in June after the investigation and due to additional concerns about the structure in general. Negotiations between city officials and Rex and Owens ended after parties were not able to reach an agreement. Rex claimed on Oct. 2 that she had been subjected to unlawful retaliation since the city council eliminated the deputy position.

“(By eliminating the deputy system), the city council inexplicably ignored red flag warnings that this vote was engineered in retaliation for Mr. Owens’ complaints about harassment and other unlawful activity by councilmembers John Duran, John Heilmann and Fran Solomon, and Ms. Rex’s subsequent support of, and truthful testimony regarding Mr. Owens’ complaints,” read a letter by attorneys representing Rex and Owens.

Owens alleged a lawsuit last May alleging sexual harassment, discrimination, retaliation, wrongful termination and defamation. The $500,000 settlement states that it should not “in any way be construed as an admission” by the city or Duran, “or any admission of any unlawful acts or other liability whatsoever.”

Jenkins also explained on Monday that Duran was excluded from all closed session discussion regarding the lawsuit against him and the city. Jenkins added that the insurance firm that covers the city played a large role in the decision making process, and that taking the early settlement was determined to be the best outcome financially when considering additional costs of litigation.

Jenkins said dates have not been set for Rex’s case. Requests to Rex and her attorneys were not answered before press time.

The city must navigate through this very complicated minefield.

- West Hollywood City Attorney Mike Jenkins

Solomon also filed a claim against the city in 2015, alleging defamation, intentional infliction of emotional distress and a hostile work environment, among other reports of mistreatment by Councilman John D’Amico.

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From left, West Hollywood City Attorney Mike Jenkins, City Manager Paul Arevalo, and councilmen John D’Amico and John Duran listen to public comment during a March city council meeting.

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Business association fights to keep Fairfax beautiful

Organizations celebrate 20 years of service to the community

BY EDWIN FOLVEN

The Fairfax Business Association (FBA) was recognized on March 31 by City Councilman Paul Koretz, 5th District, for 20 years of improvements on Fairfax Avenue.

Koretz commended the FBA’s work and presented a proclamation to its founders during a breakfast meeting at Canter’s Deli on March 31.

“They have helped make Fairfax work for 20 years. They have beautified the street and helped bring together businesses,” Koretz added. “We have several famous business districts in Council District 5. We are trying to do what we can to bring them back to their glory, whether it’s WeHo or the old Fairfax or Fairfax. They are critical historic districts, and they need to be clean and comfortable so they can continue their success.”

The FBA was started in 1996 by co-founders Jacqueline Canter, of Canter’s Deli, and community activist Ruth Williams, who lives near the district. Both were instrumental in generating neighborhood support for improvements over the past two decades.

“Our goal is to keep this street clean and safe, graffiti-free, crime-free and business-friendly,” Canter said. “One day I looked outside and it was really dirty, there was a graffiti everywhere and homeless people were sleeping on the sidewalk. I said, ‘This has got to stop.’ I went door-to-door and asked for $100 donations. It really built up and we got a lot done.”

One of the first FBA successes was to secure more than $300,000 from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Investment (LANI) initiative. Canter and Williams worked with then-City Councilman Mike Feuer, 5th District, and former Mayor Richard Riordan to obtain the funding. The money was used to build new medians on Fairfax Avenue near Melrose Avenue, as well as the installation of new streetlights and seating areas, sidewalks cleaning and graffiti removal. The FBA continued the improvement efforts by maintaining the new medians, as well as the beautification efforts.

“Public safety is very important to us,” Canter said. “The reason why LANI pushed the Fairfax initiatives was that it was sustainable. Now, we have to figure out ways to keep it going.”

Canter said the LANI funding was a one-time grant, so the FBA continues to seek funding from other sources. She said the city has helped, but she is hopeful other businesses will provide contributions.

Koretz’s office arranged for the trees along Fairfax Avenue to be trimmed last fall, and a project is in the works to replace glass globes on the streetlights along the street. Canter said Fairfax Avenue has been improved considerably over the past 20 years. Many of the mom-and-pop businesses have been replaced by trendy clothing and skateboard shops catering to a younger generation.

Canter and FBA vice chair Williams said the stores added a new dimension to the neighborhood, but have also generated concerns. Large crowds often line up on Fairfax Avenue waiting for the release of the latest clothing and shoes.

The FBA is working with the Los Angeles Police Department to ensure the crowds obey the law. Williams said sometimes people camp overnight to keep their place in line, and she is concerned about people blocking sidewalks and urinating on streets surrounding Fairfax Avenue. Senior Lead Officer Dave Cordova, of the LAPD’s Wilshire Division, said officers are working on the issues.

“We monitor the location, and if there are any types of infractions, I take the appropriate action,” he said.

Williams is working with Koretz’s office on a traffic safety measure at the intersection of Fairfax and Melrose Avenues. The city is considering creating a right-turn-only lane on south-bound Fairfax Avenue north of Melrose Avenue so vehicles will not merge left from the curbside lane when Fairfax narrows to two lanes south of Melrose Avenue.

“It’s very dangerous,” Williams added. “I have been pushing for years for them to have a right turn only lane there.”

John Darnell, field deputy for Koretz, said the councilman is working with the city’s department of transportation on creating the right turn only lane, and while there is no timeline, he expects the project will come to fruition in the near future.

Koretz added that he supports the FBA’s efforts to revitalize and maintain the Fairfax District, and will continue to work with Canter and Williams.

Canter said she has appointed her nephew, Alex Canter, as vice president of the FBA, and she will reach out to businesses to boost membership.

“Anyone who is interested in working with the Fairfax Business Association and working to improve the neighborhood, we are willing to work with them,” he added.

Anyone interested helping the FBA is urged to call Alex Canter at (323) 651-2030.

Anger surfaces over basketball court in Runyon Canyon

BY EDWIN FOLVEN

Differing opinions have emerged about a plan to refurbish a dilapidated tennis court in Runyon Canyon Park and turn it into a new public basketball court.

Hundreds of people gathered at a meeting Monday night held by the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council to discuss the project. The opposition said the neighborhood council was not consulted about the basketball court. The court is being funded by a $260,000 donation from Neima Khaila, co-owner of the Pink Dolphin apparel store on Fairfax Avenue, and the project was approved by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Park Board of Commissioners last fall.

Much of the donation will be used to build a training wall to hold back an adjacent hillside. The work has already begun, said Estevan Montemayor, communications director for Los Angeles City Councilman David Ryu, 4th District. The basketball court project is being completed while Runyon Canyon Park is closed through the end of July for water system improvements, he added.

The basketball court is supported by the Friends of Runyon Canyon, a citizens group that raises money and support for park projects. Councilman Paul Koretz, president of Friends of Runyon Canyon, said he was surprised at the opposition.

“We encourage the public to participate in projects that make the park better. It’s impossible to reach a consensus on any of these items. You are going to have proponents and lots of detractors,” Gile said. “The Friends supports the project. It was not an attempt to be aloof. To the contrary, we are a public trust and we think the neighborhood council for arranging this meeting. We want to continue making improvements in the park. It’s an ongoing process.”

Anastasia Mann, president of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council, said many park users and nearby residents are upset they weren’t included.

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A rendering shows how the tennis courts at Runyon Canyon Park, will look once the basketball court is complete.
Obama commends CA for new minimum wage hike

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. joined supporters from across the state that week in Los Angeles to sign landmark legislation that makes California the first state in the nation to commit to raising the minimum wage to $15 per hour statewide.

“This is about economic justice. It’s about people,” Brown said. “This is an important day. It’s not the end of the struggle but it’s a very important step forward.”

Under the legislation by Sen. Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), minimum wage will rise to $10.50 per hour on Jan. 1, 2017 for businesses that have 26 or more employees, and then it will rise each year until it reaches $15 per hour in 2022. The bill recognizes the contribution small businesses – those with 25 or fewer employees – make to California’s economy and allows additional time for these employers to phase in the increases. The new law also phases in sick leave for In-Home Supportive Services workers starting in July 2018.

“I commend the California Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown for raising the minimum wage and expanding the security of paid sick leave for workers in their state,” said President Barack Obama. “With these actions, California is expanding its promise to workers that they shouldn’t have to lose a paycheck if they get sick and has ensured that workers will no longer be earning a wage that keeps too many families in poverty. Since I first called on Congress to raise the federal minimum wage in 2013, 18 states and the District of Columbia have acted on their own to raise the minimum wage. States and cities are making progress in expanding paid sick leave. Now it’s time for Congress to step up and do what is right for every hard-working American and for our economy.”

The legislation increases the minimum wage over time, consistent with economic expansion, while providing safety valves – known as “off ramps” – to suspend wage hikes if negative economic or budgetary conditions result. The Governor can act by September 1 of each year to postpone the next year’s wage increase for one year if there is a forecasted budget deficit or poor economic conditions.

“California leads the nation once again, passing a historic minimum wage increase that will help lift millions of hardworking men and women out of poverty,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “Last year, I led efforts to raise the wage in Los Angeles, and we watched a wave of cities follow suit. We are fighting against income inequality with every tool we have. Thanks to the leadership of Governor Brown, Speaker Rendon, President pro Tem de León, millions of Californians can now hope to reach the middle class.”

Once the minimum wage reaches $15 per hour for all businesses, wages could then be increased each year up to 3.5 percent (rounded to the nearest 10 cents) for inflation as measured by the national Consumer Price Index.

Governor Brown signed AB 10 in September 2013 to raise California’s minimum wage from $8 to $10 per hour, effective Jan. 1. There are approximately 7 million hourly workers in California, of whom about 2.2 million earn the minimum wage.

Los Angeles Unified Schools District (LAUSD) board president Steve Zimmer applauded the raise as well. In 2014 passed a resolution raising the wage of minimum wage to $15 per hour for more than 33,000 employees.

“This historic moment is not a gift from the governor nor the legislature,” Zimmer said. “It is a victory in the fields and in the sweatshops. It is a victory won by janitors, fast food workers and security guards who have had the courage to speak out for respect and fair treatment. It is the beginning of the vindication for so many who have borne the burden of economic injustice for so long. And it is a victory for the power of organizing and collective action to bring about real change for families in real time.”

Hollywood High’s ‘Sheik-a-Thon’ aims to improve healthy eating


“Hollywood High School is the network of trails in Griffith Park – a magical place all Angelenos can enjoy while exercising at the same time,” O’Farrell said. “I applaud Hollywood High School for establishing this yearly tradition for their students to experience the joys of this great urban wilderness and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.”

-Senator Mitchell O’Farrell
13th District

“During each annual Sheik-a-Thon, the HHS school students, staff members, families and community partners get closer to HHS’ mission of empowering students to be healthy individuals who are lifelong learners and responsible community participants,” Sanchez said.

O’Farrell helped Hollywood High School principal Daniel Sanchez kick off the event at “3 Mile Tree” in Griffith Park.

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“Supporting California”
Legislation by Sen. Bob Hertzberg to ensure surpluses of energy that can be used to make local water recycling less expensive was approved Tuesday by the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee. SB 919 requires the state to better coordinate its electrical power by directing excess renewable energy that can occur during the middle of the day to water agencies that recycle or purify water.

“California is in the fortunate position of frequently generating excess power with all the renewable energy production that has come online,” Hertzberg said. “SB 919 helps avoid wasting energy by directing it toward to those who are recycling water or making it drinkable.”

When the state has excess renewable energy, the price of electricity falls. It can provide an economic benefit to energy-intensive operations, like water suppliers, who can absorb that excess supply, Hertzberg added.

Specifically, SB 919 requires the Public Utilities Commission to use the excess renewable energy to develop a special economic benefit for entities that augment local water supply through recycling, desalination or brackish desalting, which is cleaning water that is too salty to drink. Additionally, the bill directs the PUC to adopt other policies to reduce power oversupply.

California’s push to increase renewable energy production — SB 350 passed last year — established a goal of generating half the state’s energy from renewable sources by 2030. The policy has created periods of oversupply that are expected to grow in coming years.

The senator said while grid operators can control when to produce man-made electricity, they can’t control when the sun shines or the wind blows, the primary sources of renewable energy. When electricity demand is lower in the spring and fall, oversupply increases, and that forces grid operators to route the power to other states or turn off renewable energy generation facilities.

Instead, SB 919 aims to take advantage of the surplus by providing it to water producers at a lower price than they can buy it when power is in higher demand. This helps accomplish two of California’s top priorities: encouraging water recycling and avoiding wasting renewable power generation.

The process of recycling or purifying water requires substantial energy, and up to one-third of the cost of the process can come from the energy bill. By letting water suppliers know when there is an oversupply of energy, regulators can take advantage of inexpensive water or negative pricing to reduce the cost of producing drinking water localy.

SB 919 will next be heard by the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

Board member honored for fighting tax fraud

Sen. Bob Hertzberg, District 3

Bill would lower cost of water recycling programs

“SB 919 helps avoid wasting that energy by directing it toward to those who are recycling water or making it drinkable.”

- Sen. Bob Hertzberg

Board of Equalization member Jerome E. Horton, 3rd District, will be honored at the 15th annual Underground Economy Enforcement-Preventing Wage and Labor Compliance Conference on April 7 for his commitment to protecting communities against criminal tax fraud.

According to a UCLA study, California is losing more than $8.5 billion to criminal tax evasion, which amounts to the loss of 145,000 jobs.

“Certainty that tax fraud discredits and manipulates and rob Californians of employment, educational and public safety funding when they don’t pay their fair share,” Horton said. “I contend that tax fraud dis-proportionately fosters crime, the distribution of unsafe medicines and other products in communities of color, and the exploitation of workers.”

Speakers from numerous agencies will report on efforts to fight fraud, including the Board of Equalization, Contractors State License Board, Department of Insurance, Department of Labor, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board and the Labor & Workforce Development Agency.

Artists sought for streetlight design project

Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell, 13th District, along with the city’s Board of Public Works, Bureau of Street Lighting and the Department of Transportation recently announced a call for artists to create designs for a light installation project that will improve pedestrian safety along a commercial corridor in the 13th District.

The project’s Highlights include 54 bus stop lights in Historic Filipinotown along Temple Street, between Glendale Boulevard and Hoover Street. Many of the lights will also include a culturally representative decorative element.

“This streetlight and art installation will beautify one of the great commercial corridors in the 13th District,” O’Farrell said. “I am looking forward to seeing the designs for this creative place making project, which will instill a sense of community pride in one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Los Angeles.”

The goal of the $625,000 project is to improve pedestrian safety and create a sense of place unique to the community. The project is a component of the existing Historic Filipinotown Temple Street Streetscape Masterplan and Guidelines. The plan was developed in 2004 by then-Councilmember Eric Garcetti. The deadline for submissions is April 22. For information, visit www.cd13.com.
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Assemblyman’s measure counters Israeli boycotts

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“We are so proud to have won this prestigious award from APA,” said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds. “People St represents a collective and collaborative lift from the city staff and consultants who worked tirelessly to create this innovative program, to our community partners who rally their expertise and resources to partner with the city to bring the projects to life. This recognition is a testament to the power of working hand-in-hand with communities to unlock the potential of their streets.”

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Rossmore Avenue gets a facelift

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Photo courtesy of the 13th District Council Office

The Los Angeles City Council on April 1 recognized the dedication, hard work and generosity of more than 7,000 volunteers who donated more than 17,000 hours of service over the past year to the Los Angeles Library system. The volunteer time saved the city $5.4 million. City Councilman Mitch O’Farrell (second from left), 13th District, joined the volunteers for the celebration. For information on volunteering, visit www.lapl.org/get-involved/volunteer.

City expands information for cyclists and pedestrians

The LADOT’s Active Transportation Division is changing its approach to outreach and planning by launching a new user-friendly website for people interested in bicycling and walking. The website, bike.lacity.org, was formerly BicycleLA.org. It connects residents and visitors using all modes of transportation with a greater variety of information and resources, including active transportation project updates, a revamped bike parking request system, a new blog titled #LeapLA, a transportation senior project coordinator Michelle Mowery, creator of the LADOT Bike Program’s website.

In addition to a new blog, the current website will address residents’ growing interest in walking, bicycling and public transit. For information, visit bike.lacity.org.

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The bill, AB 2844, would prohibit public entities from entering into contracts with companies that are participating in a boycott of Israel. Any public agency that discovers a company is participating in a boycott of Israel would be notified and permitted to respond. If upon review the company is found to be violating the provision, it would need to take immediate action to cease the boycott. If the company takes substantial action to cease its boycott of Israel then that company would not be subject to contracting prohibitions.

“Companies adhering to boycotts of Israel undermine the aforesaid policy and purpose of encouraging trade, business, and academic cooperation between California and Israel,” Bloom added. “Therefore, it is in the best interest of the State of California that it not contract with any company participating in a boycott of Israel.”

Photo of the city of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services

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BHBA benefit returns to Beverly Hills

The Beverly Hills Bar Association presents its 28th annual Vintage Bouquet food and wine event on Sunday, April 17 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Greystone Mansion in Beverly Hills. Food and award-winning wines will be served at one of the city’s most iconic mansions. The annual event offers hors d’oeuvres and desserts from top restaurants, and tastings from leading wineries, spirit and beverage companies. The outdoor tasting event, which is open to the public, also includes a beer garden, musical entertainment, and live and silent auctions. VIP ticket holders will also have access to an exclusive VIP cocktail lounge. Vintage Bouquet benefits the community and educational programs offered by the Beverly Hills Bar Association Barristers. The group provides services such as the teen court early intervention and diversion program for juvenile offenders, as well as monthly pro bono legal clinics at Roxbury Park.

 Participating wineries and beverage companies include Adelaida Wines; Angel City Brewery; AQUAhydrate; Ascension Cellars; Cass Wines; Deep Eddy Vodka; Dilecta Wines; Stella Artois; The Macallan, and Turlya Wines—Featured restaurants and chefs include Ayara Thai Cuisine; Bier Bistro/Chef Mairinger; Camille’s Culinary Creations; Chef Kevin Warren; Dandy Don’s Homemade Ice Cream; and Sugar and Spiced.

The 55-room Greystone Mansion, nestled in a 16-acre park, was built by the Doheny family in 1928. Tickets are $175 per person; $200 after April 15. VIP tickets are $275. The Greystone Mansion is located at 905 Loma Vista Drive. For tickets and information, call (310)601-2422, or visit www.bhba.org/vintagebouquet.

Best Friends aims to save newborn kittens

Best Friends Animal Society and its No-Kill Los Angeles (NKLA) Coalition are redoubling efforts to save more Los Angeles Animal Services kittens as part of an effort to make Los Angeles a no-kill city by 2017. Spring marks the arrival of litters of kittens, many of which end up in animal shelters.

“We know exactly what we need to do to get Los Angeles to no-kill by 2017. This year we need to save 5,500 more cats. More specifically, we need to save 1,000 more cats and 4,500 more kittens who enter city shelters,” said Marc Peralta, executive director of Best Friends Los Angeles.

Best Friends is not only increasing capacity at its kitten nursery this year to save 2,000 kittens, but is partnering with the No-Kill Los Angeles (NKLA) Coalition as well. “We went to them and said, ‘Here’s the problem. What can you do to help, and what do you need from us to do it?’” Peralta added.

The solution is more funding to start additional nurseries to save kittens entering shelters. Kitten Rescue Los Angeles is part of the NKLA Coalition, and with extra funding from Best Friends, the organization is opening a kitten nursery that aims to save 500 teeny felines in 2016. “Although shelter euthanasia has been dropping steadily since the launch of NKLA in 2011, the relative percentage of kittens euthanized has actually increased because the shelters don’t have resources to handle them,” said Ben Lehrer, of Kitten Rescue. “If we can solve the kitten problem in our city shelters, we can achieve our goal of making L.A. a no-kill city.” For more information, visit www.bestfriendsla.org.

Barlow Foundation honors Cedars-Sinai physician

The Barlow Foundation’s 2016 fundraising gala “Barlow Black & White” will be held on Saturday, April 9 at Vibiana in downtown Los Angeles.

The evening will honor Royce and Jennifer Diener, Aaron Kaplan and Dr. Zab Mosenifar. Grammy Award winner Steve Tyrell will perform.

Mosenifar is the Geri and Richard Brawerman professor of Medicine and executive vice chairman of the Department of Medicine at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Tickets are $500 and proceeds benefit Barlow Respiratory Hospital. A reception begins at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m. Vibiana is located at 214 S. Main St. Call (213)202-6835, or email pkong@barlowfdn.org.

AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) has announced the return of the Southland Theatre Artists Goodwill Event (S.T.A.G.E.) for its 32nd annual performance. Tickets are currently on sale at www.stagela.com. S.T.A.G.E is the longest-running annual benefit for AIDS worldwide and has helped raised millions of dollars for APLA and other HIV/AIDS organizations.

This year’s S.T.A.G.E., titled “Sondheim No. 5,” will take place on June 18 at The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills. A matinee show will be at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 8 p.m. For information visit www.stagela.com.

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Letters to the Editor

City shouldn’t make life more difficult for the homeless

RE: “LA. to reel in encamp- ments,” March 31 issue

We cringe when we see the homeless on our streets and encampments along the sidewalks. Do we have to make life even more difficult for them?

Let them keep their tents and few belongings, as long as there is adequate room for others to pass. Instead of just talking and talking about how to help them get back on their own feet, take some posi- tive action.

We worked in the aerospace industry, if there was a problem, we quickly analyzed it, decided the best solution, ran appropriate tests and implemented the solution without undue delay. If we just talked about it—as our city leaders seem to do regarding the homeless problem—we would not yet have GAPS as well as other important space systems.

Many of us don’t like the end- less skateboards and bicycles speeding down the sidewalk on Faulconer and by Forda Maho Senior Center, often dodging elderly folk using canes and walk- ers, and sometimes colliding. And I hate having to walk over the berries that fall from the trees and cover the sidewalks.

So why do our city leaders toler- ate these but set to challenge the defenseless homeless?

George Epstein
Dorset Street

Making Sunset Blvd. more walkable is great

RE: “City takes steps to make Hollywood more walkable,” March 31 issue

Thank you for the exciting arti- cle! I look out a reverse mirror at age 68 on my own Hollywood bun- galow on Cahuenga, just south of Fountain, because I told everyone that no matter if I get to be 95 and have to ride a scooter, I can still do my errands as everything I need is within a half a mile.

Kathleen Taylor
Hollywood

County offers incentives for urban fruit and vegetable gardens

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the final ordinance and program details Tuesday of the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Program.

Under the new program, property owners can lease their land to farm or community garden opera- tors and receive a reduction on property taxes. The principle objec- tives of the program, enabled by Assembly Bill 551, which passed in 2014, is to increase urban access to local fresh fruits and vegetables while revitalizing vacant lots that might otherwise be blighted.

“The Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Program has the ability to be a significant tool in addressing the alarming issues of insufficient food access and blight that permeate too many of our communities,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley- Thomas, 2nd District.

Property owners with parcels of up to three acres can lease or use their plots for agriculture for a mini- mum of five years to receive the property tax adjustment. The land will be reassessed at the rate of the average statewide irrigated agricul- tural land, resulting in potentially significant savings.

The board passed the ordinance with the provision that it be modi- fied to expand eligibility to include properties within former redevelop- ment areas with roughly 57,000 eligible parcels, according to the County Assessor’s June 2015 report, the Los Angeles Food Policy Council (LAFFC) antic- ipates that many growers and prop- erty owners will take advantage of the incentive.

Urban gardeners need land and lease security, and communities— particularly low-income commun- ities—need better access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Property owners with vacant lots can be a part of the solution by converting these spaces into vibrant gardens and farms,” said Clare Fox, execu- tive director of the LAFFC.

The Los Angeles Food Policy Council is assisting in tracking potential sites across the county. If you live near or pass by a vacant lot, please email uaiz@goodfood- la.org to determine its eligibility.

The action means the county is prepared to accept applications from unincorporated neighbor- hoods. The new policy also sets the stage for all 88 cities, including Los Angeles, to move forward with the creation of their own local adoption of Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones (UAIZs). To apply, the poli- cy at the city level, local city coun- cils will need to vote to adopt the program. A motion was submitted to the Los Angeles City Council requesting the Planning Department report back on how to implement UAIZs in this designa- tion.

Belmont Village photo program focuses on New York

Belmont Village Westwood pre- sented a book signing and screening of “Children. Behind the Lens” by photographer Martin Elliott on Saturday, April 9. Elliott’s work is poignant and powerful in this New York City.

The film screening begins at 1:30 p.m.; book signing at 2:30 p.m. Belmont Village Westwood is located at 10475 Wilshire Blvd. For information, call (310)475-7501.

Will leave behind a lasting legacy

James Palmer
West Hollywood

Checkpoint is unnecessary

RE: “DUI checkpoint in WeHo nets two motorists,” March 31 issue

Goodness, a 10-hour DUI checkpoint and two suspects were nabbed. Figuring after eight hours the deputies go to overtime, this does- n’t seem like a cost effective exer- cise.

David Reid
Hollywood

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the West Hollywood Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

LOCATIONS: CITYWIDE, West Hollywood, California

REQUEST: Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to require art to be installed on construction fencing for commercial development projects of more than 10,000 square-feet and/or that require a construction demol- ition permit.

PERMIT(S): Zone Text Amendment, and any other required permits.

APPLICANT(S): City of West Hollywood

TIME/PLACE: Thursday, April 21, 2016
OF HEARING: at 6:30 p.m.

West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90069

ZONES: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL
STATUS: Categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section §15061 (Review for Exemption)

The staff report will be available on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, the W.H. Library, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, and on- line at www.weho.org

IF YOU CHALLENGE this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in the written correspondence delivered to the West Hollywood Planning Commission, via the Community Development Department at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

To comply with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, Assistive Listening Devices (ALD) will be available for checkout at the meeting. If you require special assistance to participate in this meeting (e.g., a signer for the hearing impaired), you must call, or submit your request in writing to the Office of the City Clerk at (323) 848-6409 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City TDD line for the hearing impaired is (323) 848-6496.

Special meeting related accommodations (e.g., transportation) may be provided upon written request to the Office of the City Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. For information on public transportation, call 1-323-GO-METRO (323/466-3876) or go to www.metro.net

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend said Public Hearing to express their opinion in this matter.

For further information contact Garen Srapyan, Associate Planner, in the Community Development Department at (323) 848-6475; or via email at: gsrpayan@weho.org

Yvonne Quarker, City Clerk

We сообщаем вам об обсуждении проекта. Для дополнитель- ной информации на русском языке звоните: 323-848-6826.
The Dog Café opens

Inspired by animal cafes in Asia, The Dog Café founder and owner Sarah Wolfgang has opened the first adoptable rescue dog café in the United States. Visitors interact with rescue dogs from local shelters that are available for adoption. Speciality coffee, teas and a variety of lemonades are served in a café next door to the dog lounge. It’s also a fun place for people with pets to spend time with furry friends without the commitment of adoption. Wolfgang works with the South Los Angeles Animal Shelter and other shelters to rescue friendly dogs that could best benefit from socialization at The Dog Café. Many of the adorable dogs have been overlooked due to age, special needs or behavioral issues that require training. The café’s hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is $10 per person, per hour and includes complimentary coffee, tea or lavender lemonade. Advance reservations are recommended by visiting www.thedogcafe-la.com. Children under 5 years old are not admitted for safety reasons. Visitors ages 5-17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. 240 N. Virgil Ave., #12, (213)830-2872.

MessHall Kitchen specials

Enjoy beers on tap with dessert at MessHall Kitchen. Chef Jacques Torres is famous for saying, “Life is short. Eat dessert first,” so he launched sundae du jour desserts. MessHall has great craft beers on tap every day and different sweet creations including the Chunky Chimpanzee with banana and vanilla swirling ice cream topped with bananas, pecans and a homemade chocolate magic shell. The California Dreamin’ is a vanilla affogato with salted caramel, chopped pecans and a shot of espresso. Try the Thai-inspired CoCoNUTS made with vanilla ice cream topped with toasted coconut, candied peanuts and brown sugar whipped cream. The most creative dessert is the Twinkie Tiramisu made with Twinkies soaked in espresso instead of ladyfingers. Executive chef Shane Pritchett tapped his New Orleans baking roots as inspiration for his house-made pastries and doughnuts. His giant cinnamon rolls are served warm with lots of frosting, and his fritters are bursting with apples. He also makes banana bread and pop tarts that pair nicely with the special French press coffee. 4500 Los Feliz Blvd., (323)660-MESS.

National Beer Day at Umami

Umami Burger will carry Brewery Ommegang’s Game of Thrones Series Seven Kingdoms Hoppy Wheat Ale for a limited time. It is available on National Beer Day, April 7. Seven Kingdoms is a marriage between traditional Belgian-style wheat beers and hop-forward American ales. 189 The
Dine like a celebrity at BOA Steakhouse on Sunset

By Jill Weinlein

After this winning dish, we shared a Wagyu flat iron steak with baby gem salad. The beef is aged for at least 40 days and briskly dressed with a glistening butter and red wine sauce when grilled. It’s sliced perfectly arranged in a row, forming the baby gem lettuce leaves that are crowned with pickled mushroom, breaded and crispy onions and shallots. Then it’s dressed with a zesty Dijon vinaigrette.

We also tried a variety of Chef Jose’s new sandwiches on the spring menu, starting with an avocado and burlata toast. He chipped the edges of a sliced baguette before spreading a thick and creamy white burlata cheese on top. Then he added toasted hazelnuts, sautéed king trumpet mushroom, rooms, and a few spicy baby greens and a sprinkle of truffle vinaigrette.

It was served with the choice of a salad, French fries, sweet potato fries, onion rings or fresh fruit.

The layered grilled chicken torta was our table’s favorite. Chef Jose called it the “East L.A. meets Hollywood” sandwich. He grilled a chicken breast and charred panela cheese. It is one of Chef Jose’s favorite cheeses because when he bakes the cheese softens but doesn’t melt. It’s white and smooth and similar to Indian paneer. It exquisitely absorbs the flavors of housemade escabeche vegetables of diced cauliflower, carrots and baby tomatoes. This was not an ordinary chicken sandwich, especially with black bean chips layered between two slices of bread.

The smoked Wagyu tri-tip arrived at our table under a glass dome. The general manager, Brad Stewart, removed the glass slowly, the smoke and fragrance reaching out to us, then dissipates. The smoked essence lingered between two pieces of bread with sliced bite, roasted red peppers, thinly sliced Wegus beef and a flavorful black pepper aioli.

The roasted turkey sandwich wasn’t dull either, with its sliced turkey, topped with smoked mozzarella, oven-dined tomatoes and pickled chow chow made with a variety of vegetables in a mustard law.

We all enjoyed the BLT with slightly sweet applewood smoked bacon, crisp lettuce, avocado and a pleasing creamy bacon dressing.

Lunch entrée salads include blackened salmon quinoa with smoked artichokes, roasted peppers and smoked chow chow made with a variety of vegetables in a mustard law.

The chilaquiles are a great reason to have lunch at BOA on Mondays - it’s the only day they are served.

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Dine like a celebrity at BOA Steakhouse on Sunset

Restaurant News

From page 12

Grove Drive, (323)954-8626.

Booneyard Bistro

On National Beer Day on April 7, enjoy beer battered onion rings and beers served from 42 taps at Boneyard Bistro. The restaurant also offers 125-plus craft and reserve bottled beers. Draft beers are 2-for-1 during happy hour every Monday through Friday, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The restaurant has rotating selections from different brewers such as Russian River, Almanac, Highland Park Brewing and El Segundo Brewery.

Earth Day at Yalla Mediterranean

In honor of spring and Earth Day, Yalla is launching “Seeds to Socks,” a campaign to educate children on the importance of sustainability and nourishing food. Yalla is partnering on the project with the philanthropic organization See Restaurant News page 15
The following crimes occurred in West Hollywood and the areas patrolled by the LAPD’s Wilshire and Hollywood divisions between March 24 and April 7, 2016, and were compiled from www.crime制止.com. To report a crime, call local law enforcement agencies: Los Angeles Police Department, Wilshire Division (213)473-0489 and Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department West Hollywood Station (310)655-8800.

March 28
At 12:05 a.m., an unknown suspect assaulted a victim near the corner of De Longpre and Norton. An unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 100 block of S. Brea at 11:20 a.m.
At 12:15 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a theft in the 6300 block of W. Third.
An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 900 block of Vine at 12:30 a.m.
At 2:20 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 8800 block of Santa Monica.
At 9 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 500 block of N. Kings.
An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 300 block of N. Rossmore at 2:30 p.m.
At 3 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 4900 block of Beverly.
An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 900 block of Gardner at 10 p.m.
At 10 p.m., an unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Orange and Romaine.
March 29
At 12:30 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 5100 block of Longwood.
An unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Genesee and Norton at 12:30 a.m.
At 12:45 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a theft in the 6100 block of Los Angeles.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 100 block of S. Western at 1:30 a.m.
At 7 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of De Longpre and Orange.
An unknown suspect committed a theft in the 8500 block of Beverly at 8 a.m.
An attempted robbery was reported in the 1500 block of N. Poinsettia at 10:30 a.m.
At 11 a.m., a petty theft was reported in the 6700 block of Hollywood.
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 5400 block of W. Eighth at 3:30 p.m.
At 5 p.m., an unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 6800 block of Hollywood.
A suspect assaulted a victim during a domestic violence incident in the 6200 block of Westmore at 6 p.m.
At 7:25 p.m., an unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 7100 block of W. Sunset.
An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 1000 block of Ridgeway at 8:55 p.m.
At 9 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 8300 block of Sunset.
An unknown suspect committed a petty theft near the corner of Vine and Willoughby at 9:30 p.m.
At 11 p.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 600 block of Hauser.
An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 7000 block of Hawthorn at 11:30 p.m.
March 30
At 11:30 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 8500 block of Santa Monica.
An unknown suspect committed a theft in the 6700 block of Hollywood at 11:45 a.m.
At 12:23 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 6600 block of Lexington.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Sunset and Orange at 1 p.m.
At 2:29 p.m., an unknown suspect robbed a victim in the 1100 block of La Cienga.
An unknown suspect committed a theft in the 8400 block of Doheny at 3 p.m.
At 6 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 400 block of N. Genesee.
An unknown suspect robbed a victim in the 7400 block of Melrose at 6:25 p.m.
At 7 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 600 block of S. Mansfield.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 100 block of N. Doheny at 9:15 p.m.
At 10 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 8800 block of Burton Way.
An unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 1000 block of Vista at 10:54 p.m.
At 11:30 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 1000 block of Cursin.
March 31
At 12:30 a.m., an unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 400 block of S. Verona.
A suspect assaulted a victim during a domestic violence incident near the corner of Robertson and Santa Monica at 1:30 a.m.
At 3:15 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of De Longpre and Gower.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 900 block of Sweetzer at 8 a.m.
At 1:20 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 6200 block of Wilshire.
An unknown suspect committed a petty theft near the corner of Western and Wilshire at 1:50 p.m.
At 3:15 p.m., an unknown suspect stole a bicycle in the 400 block of N. Sierra Bonita.
An unknown suspect committed a theft in the 6300 block of Hollywood at 7 p.m.
At 8 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 7000 block of Olive Tree.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 1200 block of N. Mansfield at 8:30 p.m.
At 10 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 8400 block of Clinton.
April 1
At 2 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 600 block of W. Sunset.
An unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 2100 block of S. Western at 3 a.m.
At 3:55 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 8400 block of Melrose Place.
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 600 block of N. Sycamore at 7:17 a.m.
At 11:25 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Fourth and Gramercy.
An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 6300 block of Hollywood at 12:50 p.m.
At 7:30 p.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked near the corner of Highland and Third.
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 100 block of S. Helipad at 7:30 p.m.
At 8 p.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 7600 block of Beverly.
April 2
At 12:10 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Selma and Cherokee.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Sunset and Ivey at 2 a.m.
At 2:50 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 600 block of S. Highland.
An unknown suspect committed a petty theft near the corner of Ogden and Third at 3:35 p.m.
At 5 p.m., an unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Lexington and Wilton.
An unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Lexington and Bronson at 5:30 p.m.
At 5:35 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 6900 block of Hollywood.
An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 1100 block of Wilton Place at 6 p.m.
At 7 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft near the corner of Homewood and Vine.
April 3
At 12:20 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 1900 block of N. Cahuenga.
An unknown suspect assaulted a victim near the corner of Sunset and Wilcox at 2:25 a.m.
At 3 a.m., an unknown suspect assaulted a victim near the corner of葵y and Wilcox.
An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 7700 block of Melrose at 4:30 a.m.
At 5 a.m., an unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Western and Marathon.
An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Western and Third.
At 4 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 100 block of N. La Cienega.

Two former baggage handlers at Los Angeles International Airport were arrested on April 4 by law enforcement authorities investigating airport security and air terminal credentials to breach airport security.
A suspect pleaded guilty to bumping into his old acquaintance, a large-scale drug supplier, in another statement to law enforcement seized a kilogram of cocaine from Preciado on Dec. 10. According to the affidavit, the cocaine was seized in a restroom in Terminal 3 at LAX, where Preciado was delivering it to a courier, a man identified as “J.C.,” and others facility in the former baggage handler’s, law enforcement seized a kilogram of cocaine from Preciado on Dec. 10. According to the affidavit, the cocaine was seized in a restroom in Terminal 3 at LAX, where Preciado was delivering it to a courier, a man identified as “J.C.,” and others

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FARM TO KIDS by selling bags of almonds at each location. For every pound purchased, the project will provide three pounds of almonds to children in need. Up to 700 pounds will be donated. Yalla is also joining forces with the Culver City Education Foundation, Fremont Unified School District, Dublin Unified School District and Garden School Foundation for lemon tree plantings that teach kids about food sourcing.

1519 Wilshire Blvd. (310)280-1650.

Speakeasy Cocktails & Jazz

The Guest Room, a hidden speakeasy from the team behind Estate Restaurant & Bar, is hosting a weekly Cocktails & Jazz series. The special events will be held every Thursday in April and feature a $39 drink special from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Ben Luria & Friends will perform, 1519 Wilshire Blvd. (310)394-7722.

Taste the season at Fleming’s

Welcome the flavors of spring at Fleming’s, with a custom a la carte Taste the Season menu available through May 22. Begin with spring tomato bouquet with artesian salt and toasted breadcrumbs is a perfect pairing. For dessert, indulge in warm apple crisp with cinnamon crème. Guests can also enjoy a Spring Fling made with Hendrick's gin, fresh squeezed grapefruit juice and house made grenadine for $10.95. Glasses of 2005 Chateau Creek Estate merlot by Stag’s Leap are available through May 22. Begin with spring tomato bouquet with artesian salt and toasted breadcrumbs is a perfect pairing. For dessert, indulge in warm apple crisp with cinnamon crème. Guests can also enjoy a Spring Fling made with Hendrick's gin, fresh squeezed grapefruit juice and house made grenadine for $10.95. Glasses of 2005 Chateau Creek Estate merlot by Stag’s Leap are available through May 22. Begin with spring tomato bouquet with artesian salt and toasted breadcrumbs is a perfect pairing. 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Zoo helps sustain peninsular antelope population

Los Angeles Zoo animal care staff and veterinarians are working with staff from Espacios Naturales in Mexico to hand rear baby peninsular pronghorn antelopes in the El Vizcaino Biosphere Preserve in Baja California Sur, Mexico to help increase the species' dwindling population.

Staff from the San Diego Zoo, Safari Park, The Living Desert, Sedgwick County Zoo and the El Paso Zoo are also assisting. The goal is to transfer the fawns to the Los Angeles Zoo and Chapultepec Zoo in Mexico City.

“Espacios Naturales brought us in on this project in 2002 because they saw the population of peninsular pronghorn was declining,” said Jeff Holland, curator of mammals at the Los Angeles Zoo. “With a very small population remaining in the wild and the only captive herd of this sub-species located at one facility, we felt we should have a back-up captive population in the U.S. in case a disease outbreak affected that one population. Essentially, we didn’t want to have all of our eggs in one basket. We brought the fawns back to the U.S. in 2007 to establish an insurance population for the species.”

Before the young fawns can be transferred from the El Vizcaino Biosphere Preserve to the Los Angeles Zoo and Chapultepec Zoo, it is vital the animals are hand-reared by experienced animal care and veterinary staff. The fawns’ move to their new home will be easier when they are well conditioned, Holland said.

The peninsular pronghorn species is one of the most endangered among large mammals in Mexico. For more information, visit www.lazoo.org.

Crossword Puzzle by Myles Mellor

Across
1. Fashioned anew 7. Borderline
15. Civil service 26. Written promise
27. Rainforest flyers 70. Biblical verb suffix
21. Clout and eight follower 71. Half girls
23. Stephen of “Michael Collins”
24. Stephen of “Michael Collins”
25. Stephen of “Michael Collins”
26. Stephen of “Michael Collins”
27. Stephen of “Michael Collins”
28. --some low
30. 32 pieces plus board
35. Calm
37. Historic periods
38. Chinese “say”
39. Common lion covering
43. Joanne Woodward Oscar-winning role
44. McCarthy novel, with “The”
45. Jolly
46. Communicating, in a way
47. Fife folder feature
50. Bean
51. Audience
54. Garden soil
57. Nudibranch
61. ... Master’s Voice
63. Play little word
64. Agricultural pests
67. Star of Asian soccer, Shinji
68. Highlander
69. Boy in Britain
70. Reserve area
71. Hypothetical substance
72. Gets rid of

Down
1. Brought down, var
2. Matrikin
3. Sons
4. Cuckoo bird
5. Newton fraction
6. Snout fragment
7. Copy cats?
8. Prez
9. Most resonous
10. Blocks up
11. Demoeselle
12. Junction point
13. It may be soon
14. Low digit
15. Day to remember
16. Morayan, e.g.
17. Land
18. Caulistic chemical
19. Word with before or back
20. Ships’ sides
21. Common statistic
22. Romance
23. Profess
24. Bulgarian moolah
25. Like some piano keys
26. Judicature
27. Clock tick
28. Omani money
29. M.I.T. part
30. Study of eggs
31. “So it’s you!”
32. “So it’s you!”
33. Gose through
34. Deaf
35. It may be soon
36. He took two tablets
37. Aberdeen native
38. Time immemorial
39. Crownig
40. Popular TV show
41. Big-gotten gain
42. Wynch or white
43. Words of honor?

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What is the AARP Legal Services Network?

The AARP Legal Services Network was established by the AARP in response to membership needs. The AARP recognized that many people over the age of 50 have legal matters that require the services of an attorney. They also recognized that many of these problems could be solved in a single consultation with an experienced attorney. As a result, one of the benefits of the Network is that members of the AARP are automatically entitled to a consultation with an AARP-authorized Legal Services Network provider, at no cost to the member. Legal matters are certainly not limited to elder law issues, estate planning or similar matters, but include a wide variety of additional legal issues, such as business matters in general, personal injury, bankruptcy, and a host of others.

With particular regard to estate planning, attorneys, planning through the Legal Services Network, are entitled to one free consultation with an attorney, and a total of two for legal matters undertaken by the participating attorneys. These matters include estate planning, probate, and all other legal areas where service is provided to an AARP member by a participating attorney. In addition, the prepayment of an Advance Health Care Directive costs no more than $3,750. If you have any questions about the AARP Legal Services Network, be sure to visit the AARP Legal Services website, or call AARP at 1-800-424-3410 or contact your office.

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When “The Hurt Locker” premiered, critics – elephant and donkey alike – praised the film for telling a modern military story divorced from partisanship. If only that same crew would see “Eye in the Sky,” a British military thriller with no obligations to praise any one side in the pressing debate about “appropriate” collateral damage in the fight against terrorism. It’s a subtle thriller that doesn’t work unless you think while viewing.

At first, it’s difficult not to side with Col. Katherine Powell (Helen Mirren) when a joint UK/U.S./Kenya mission launches to capture several high-level terrorists in Nairobi, Kenya. But the mission quickly falls apart when the eyes in the sky can’t confirm the identity of someone at a safe house. So they improvise, following a car to a populated area where local militants control the ground.

The colonel immediately recommends an airstrike, especially when they uncover several suicide bomb vests prepped for use. But a problem emerges. It’s a new age of warfare and military officers can no longer use their best judgment. They must seek counsel from lawyers on site, and those lawyers might just send the question “up,” meaning someone else must give the OK.

This becomes the structure of the film. As events change in the field, military personnel must explain and justify decisions to ministers and lawyers, lest they all fall in front of the court of public opinion. While the law might support certain actions, everyone seems to pass the final decision to someone else out of fear or merely insufficient knowledge to navigate such complex terrain.

To condemn politicians as petty, vote-catering cowards, however, goes a step too far. Sure, there are a few quaint jobs at the American point system to determine acceptable collateral damage, but everyone sincerely makes choices based on differing beliefs about how to prevent greater loss of life.

Col. Powell is ready to go in, air strikes blazing. But drone pilot Steve Watts (Aaron Paul), flying a drone from Nevada, struggles with orders. Until this mission, he’s been an eyes-only part of the team. As for Lt. General Frank Benson (Alan Rickman), he wants to attack but must convince indecisive leaders to agree.

And what about the people in Kenya? Perhaps the most fascinating aspect of this film is the many forms of surveillance technology. You’ve got your U.S. drone high in the sky. But don’t forget the equipment shaped like a hummingbird or large bug. Seeing those things flying around Nairobi adds to the tension.

The only soldier on this mission actually at risk is Jama Farah ( Barkhad Abdi, appearing in his sophomore feature following an Oscar-nominated performance in “Captain Phillips”). He needs to get close enough to work his bug-drone magic. It’s all very compelling, and it’s all very Real.

This is director Gavin Hood’s fourth film. As for Lt. General Frank Benson (Alan Rickman), he wants to attack but must convince indecisive leaders to agree. When this mission, he’s been an eyes-only part of the team. The story of one mission and all the strategy and legal headaches it involves. For that reason alone, “Eye in the Sky” might just be one of the most honest war films in years.

Hood hasn’t had the best of luck. A terrible “Wolverine” origin film and then “Ender’s Game” – yikes. The success of “Eye in the Sky,” then, is surprising on multiple levels. It’s a highly intelligent film, that never deflates into a shootout or chase sequence. And it marks a new path forward for a director who now has a 50 percent success ratio. (It was much worse before.)

While the material is heavy enough, “Eye in the Sky” also marks the last performance of the late Rickman on screen. It’s infuriating to know he’ll never grace movie screens again.

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Film ponders the debate over collateral damage

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Hans Gruber in “Die Hard,” and made us love-hate him in the “Harry Potter” series as Professor Snape. It’s no surprise he provides one last stunning performance, making his final outing with the film’s best line. It’s infuriating to know he’ll never grace movie screens again.

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Page Private School in Beverly Hills is hosting a book signing with author Zach Bliss Friday, April 8 at 11 a.m. Bliss will sign his book “Wild Beast Cat,” the story of Chris, whose older brother scares him with a tale about a six-toed cat that grew into a wild beast and devoured a girl’s pet rabbit. He isn’t happy to learn his family is purchasing a cottage at Lake Frio, where the beast cat roams.

Although he knows it could be dangerous seeking out the cat, Chris is curious. While at Lake Frio, he meets a local girl named Jesse who also wants to uncover the truth about the mysterious animal. Chris develops a crush on Jesse as their adventure continues. She introduces him to Old Man Stick, who not only tells them of the cat’s fascinating history and connection to the great writer, Ernest Hemingway, but warns them about Rodney, a crooked animal control worker with the worst of intentions. Armed with the knowledge and their undying desire to know the truth, Chris and Jesse embark on an adventure.

Page Private School in Beverly Hills is located at 419 S. Robertson Blvd. For information, visit www.facebook.com/wildbeastcat.

LAMOTH presents Myerhof family’s amazing story

The Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust (LAMOTH) presents an afternoon of learning on Sunday, April 10 at noon with David Meyerhof during his program “Escape from Nazi Germany: Nobel Prize to Kindertransport.” Meyerhof uses primary sources and poetry in the presentation. His family history includes both a Nobel Prize and perilous escapes from the Nazis in Germany and France during World War II. Inspired by his grandfather’s tremendous medical achievements, and his family’s escape with the assistance of American journalist Varian Fry, Meyerhof’s personal narrative is inspiring and educational.

LAMOTH is located at 100 The Grove Drive in Pan Pacific Park. For information and to RSVP, email jordanna@lamoth.org.
Stratford School brings Bay area learning concept to Hollywood

BY EDWIN FOLVEN

Parents will soon have a new educational option for their children when the Stratford School’s new campus in Hollywood opens in August on Cahuenga Boulevard.

The school, which was founded in 1999 by teacher Sherry Adams in the Silicon Valley city of Danville, is accepting applications for students in preschool through the 5th grade. The school will eventually serve students through the 8th grade. A new grade level will be added each year over the next three years as the school moves up the academic ladder, Adams said. “We had a dream to do something different, to create a school where students learned a lot, but also laughed while they learned and moved up the academic ladder,” Adams said. “They learn to think critically and learn to question. We want them to become students with good character, with an IQ booster.”

Stratford School focuses on English and language development, as well as reading and writing. The school’s STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) curriculum develops analytical skills and encourages students to think alternatively and solve problems. Stratford also focuses on physical education and offers instruction in fine arts and music, which gives students a better understanding of the world around them, Adams said.

“We came to the open house and we decided it was the best fit.” Concepcion Alarcon, who lives near Wilshire Boulevard and La Brea Avenue, said she chose Stratford School because of its dynamic learning environment. “We came to the open house and they showed us their program and we really liked it,” Alarcon said.

“Stratford School offers flexible schedules and tuition plans. Anyone wishing to learn more about Stratford School is urged to visit www.stratfordschools.com.

The Santa Monica-based non-profit is also seeking volunteers for projects at schools, businesses and community organizations helping protect and improve neighborhoods, coastal waters, rivers, creeks and beaches.

Heal the Bay’s Earth Day celebration is on April 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Santa Monica Pier. Volunteers receive same-day free admission to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium and free yoga and surfing lessons as incentives.

“Earth Month’ expansion is set for April 16.

School administrators, parents and prospective students donned hard hats for a ceremonial ground breaking Tuesday on the new Stratford School campus in Hollywood.

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World of Children honors those who improve the lives of vulnerable children

Television personality and actress Brooke Burke-Charvet, CEO of ModernMom, will serve as master of ceremonies for the World of Children Awards on Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Montage Beverly Hills, Marquessa Ballroom. Honorees include Ryan Hreljac, founder of Ryan’s Well Foundation; Denise Pichardo, director of Caminante Proyecto Educativo in the Dominican Republic; and Dr. Ashok Banskota, founding chairman of the Hospital and Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children in Nepal.

Since 1998, the World of Children Awards has recognized individuals who create sustainable programs for children awarding grants to advance their work. For the second year, the organization will host an event in Beverly Hills commemorating past honorees who have continued their efforts to change the lives of vulnerable children around the world. Each 2016 alumni honoree will receive a specially designed James Banks Design medal and a minimum cash grant of $20,000 to continue their work with children.

A cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and performances by the Yemin Orde Youth Choir from the Yemin Orde Youth Village in Israel, and the Carthorp School Chorus from Carthorp School in Santa Monica. The Montage Beverly Hills is at 225 N. Canon Dr. For information, visit www.worldofchildren.org.

Teen Line support network hosts awards luncheon

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center’s Teen Line program is holding its annual luncheon honoring supporters on Thursday, April 14 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Dr. Elaine Leader will receive the Above and Beyond Award; the Henson and Otis families will receive the Humanitarian Award; and the Helmut family will be recognized with the Distinguished Service Family Award. Teen Hero Awards will be given to Sarah Cohen and Sabrina Bell; Outstanding Listener Awards will go to Henry Muhlheim and Sarah Henson; and Otis families will receive the Teen Advocacy Award.

VOICE Awards will be given to Alexandria Strong and Isabella York; and Laetitia Coustar, Shadi Wagner, and Gabe Wieder will receive the Teen Advocacy Award. A cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and performances by the Yemin Orde Youth Choir from the Yemin Orde Youth Village in Israel, and the Carthorp School Chorus from Carthorp School in Santa Monica. The Montage Beverly Hills is at 225 N. Canon Dr. For information, visit www.TeamLineOnline.org.
WeHo designated as ‘age-friendly city’

From aging page 1

agin in West Hollywood, said Mayor
Lindsey Horvath. “We heard loud and
clear that there are priorities people
wish we were taking on yesterday, so
we need to start mov-
ing forward.”

Under the World Health Organization and AARP’s stan-
dards and programs, the plan uses eight
domains of livability as the
framework for the program. The
domains include open space
and buildings, transportation,
residential density, affordable
housing, communications and
information, civic participation
and community. The plan
focuses on financial
security, health and safety,
and well-being among
many more.

“This needs to be owned by
everyone,” Horvath said. “It’s
great that we’re supporting this
plan, but it’s not something that
can just be left at city
hall or by certain commissions
in the city. This has to become a way
of life.”

The plan will help the city
evolve and respond to demograph-
ic changes, expanding longer
living and independently in their
homes. According to a city report,
about 6% of the population of West
Hollywood’s population is
55 years old or older. Approximately
15 percent are 65 years old or older,
and the population of peo-
ple above 80 years old is growing
the fastest. Thus, the scale of the

Social and economic conditions
contribute to approximately 40
percent of one’s health status,
according to the city’s report.

Part of that also has to do with
being able to navigate the commu-
nity. The plan encourages creative
uses of public space, and specific
plans like adding street furniture,
upgrading crosswalks and redesign-
ing the senior lounge in Plummer
Park to become a space for older
adults to share art and culture.

Savage said the plan builds on
the city’s infrastructure services,
social services, connection with
the arts, planning, public safety

and more. “We’re using the city’s existing
capacities and programs and using
this as a lens in how to think fur-
ther to make things more comfort-
able for adults and the diversity of
needs,” Savage said. “People aren’t
going to age twice. So you have
to get it right.”

Staff is working with an inde-
pendent firm to structure imple-
mentation and evaluation of the
plan. The team will help with set-
ting up qualitative measures and
metrics so staff can know if a pro-
gram is heading for success. The
plan will be implemented and
evaluated over the next five years,
beginning on July 1.

Monday’s council approval des-
ignates the city as an “age-friendly
city” in accordance with the
AARP and World Health
Organization criteria.

The city will look for grants and
try to leverage other funds before
addressing how much the plans
and implementations will cost
during the next budget cycle.

GWNC to continue program
From water page 1

Lombard’s conservation efforts
were part of the GWNC’s sustain-
ability challenge “180 Days to
Turn it Around!”, a program launched
in January encouraging a friendly
competition among homeowners.
The program was a success,
with Lombard achieving 100% in
reduction in the months.

“The whole goal always was for
our program, and we didn’t
expect to get this kind of
exposure,” Stromberg said.
“The goal was for water
reduction. The DWP came out
and provided approximately 21
gallons per day. High-efficiency
clothes washers and toilets (up to $100), as well as
using rain barrels ($100 per barrel) and
cisterns ($400) that store water
that can be used for irrigation.
High-efficiency clothes washers
can save up to 16 gallons per load,
and high-efficiency toilets can
save up to 21 gallons per day.
The LADWP has information on
water-saver programs on its
website at ladwp.com, and the
utility will send representatives to
resi-
dences and businesses in the West
Hollywood area.

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(323/466-3876) or go to www.metro.net.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend said Public Meeting to
express their opinion in this matter.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact Stephanie Reich,
Urban Designer at (323) 848-6891 or via email: sreich@weho.org

Yvonne Quarker
City Clerk

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Residents want public vetting
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Consulted.
She added that she has been bombarded by emails and phone calls from people who object to the project.
She said some people oppose the commercialization of Runyon Canyon Park.
residents said the commission will have a Pink Dolphin logo. A drinking fountain also approved by the city council.
Commissions as part of the project will feature branding by Aquahyde.
Montemayor said the Department of Recreation and Parks budget was reduced significantly during the recession and has not rebounded.

Residents...Poetry Month
From Runyon page 6

Poetry, prose and verse will abound in WeHo for National Poetry Month
The West Hollywood City Council on Monday proclaimed April as National Poetry Month in regular meeting. The city will cel- ebrate National Poetry Month during April with public readings, plays, events and workshops to honor the art of the written word.
Steven Reigns, who was named the city’s first City Poet in 2014, created and curried the month’s line-up.
Throughout the month of April, the city will feature a digital public art project, “Poetry In Lights,” which will be displayed intermittently on two electronic billboards – one at West Hollywood Gateway (7100 Santa Monica Blvd.) and one at 10AK (903 W. Sunset Blvd.) – that scroll through portraits of 22 contemporary poets alongside excerpts from their works. There will also be largeposters displayed along Santa Monica Boulevard between Sunset Avenue and Westbourne Drive. Each banner features a poet on one side and lines from one of their poems. The bookmarks resembling the banners will be distributed at West Hollywood Library, West Hollywood City Hall and at other locations throughout the month of April.
Events celebrating National Poetry Month will be held through out April 2016 in the City of West Hollywood.
On Monday, April 11, from 2-4 p.m., a free Sonor Moments Writing Workshop by Reigns will take place in the West Hollywood Library Community Rooms, located 625 N. San Vicente Blvd. The workshop is geared towards everyone from first-time to prolific poets. Reigns will facilitate a supportive environment where people can learn to write poetry without doubt or blocks – all that is needed is a willingness, and a pen and paper. No RSVP is necessary.
On Tuesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m., Reigns will lead the second free writing workshop, the WeHo Art Project Writing Workshop, at the West Hollywood Library Community Rooms, located 625 N. San Vicente Blvd. Reigns has taught senior writing workshops for a decade, and he will encourage novice to experienced participants to generate work for Senior Moments annual publications. To RSVP for the workshop, contact Cindy Roskin in the city of West Hollywood’s Social Services Division at croskin@weho.org.
On Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m., Reigns will host the third free writing workshop, the WeHo Poetry Writing Workshop, at the West Hollywood Library Community Rooms, located 625 N. San Vicente Blvd. The workshop is geared toward everyone from first-time to prolific poets. Reigns will facilitate a supportive environment where people can learn to write poetry without doubt or blocks – all that is needed is a willingness, and a pen and paper. No RSVP is necessary.
On Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m., Red Hen Press will present Jason Schneiderman, Brendan Con stance and Katherine Cules. They will read from their respective collections at Book Soup, located at 8818 W. Sunset Blvd. Admission is free and no RSVP is necessary.
National Poetry Month, held every April, is the largest literary celebra tion in the world with schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers and poets celebrating poetry’s vital place in our culture. It was created by the Academy of American Poets in 1996.
For more information about National Poetry Month in West Hollywood, to view images of the digital billboards, or to learn more about the poets featured, visit weho.org/residents/poetry-month-2016.

Activists target use of force
From stars page 3

Much like the man it honors, Trump’s star has become a light ing rod for controversy in recent months. This past week, social media accounts and news outlets have shown the increase of vandalism at the Trump star. Much like the man it honors, Trump’s star won’t be going anywhere anytime soon, contrary, Trump’s star won’t be going anywhere anytime soon. Taking it is considered a part of the his torical landscape at the Trump star. Taking it is considered a part of the his torical landscape at...In 1996, Jewish leaders called for Trump’s star to be removed. The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce’s online guide lists Trump’s star as one of the biggest current attractions on the walk, which as a whole brings in an estimated 10 million to 12 million visitors annually.
“The Hollywood Walk of Fame is a registered historic landmark,” Gruber said in a statement. “Once a star has been added to the walk, it is considered a part of the history of the Walk of Fame. Because of this, we have never removed a star from the walk.”
According to chamber spokes woman and Walk of Fame producer and director of the program, there is a process in place to remove a star. Walk of Fame stars are only removed in a temporary basis for construction purposes, she added.
While Trump’s name is attracting a lot of attention, what’s not clear is if it’s attracting more visitors.
Donald received his star on the Walk of Fame in the 6800 block of Hollywood Boulevard in 2007 for his work with the Miss Universe pageant, Martinez said. The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce’s online guide lists Trump’s star as one of the biggest current attractions on the walk, which as a whole brings in an estimated 10 million to 12 million visitors annually.
“I really can’t speak to whether or not [the controversy] brings more people,” Martinez said by email. “[We] do not expect any negative impact on tourism/business.
Most incidents of vandalism in California are misdemeanors and not considered a felony. An exception to a felony is prison sentence of three years and a maximum fine of $10,000. The Los Angeles Police Department maintains closed circuit television cameras on Hollywood Boulevard between La Brea Avenue and Vine Street in an attempt to curtail vandalism and other crimes.
The vandalism of Trump’s star isn’t the only controversy to hit the walk recently. In March, the graffiti group Indecline attached high-profile stickers on the Walk of Fame and used a hashtag with the word “racist” to denigrate the landmark with graffiti including swastikas, the word “rapist” on Bill Cosby’s star, located at 6930 Hollywood Blvd. The Walk of Fame is the landmark with graffiti including swastikas, the word “rapist” on Bill Cosby’s star, located at 6930 Hollywood Blvd. The Walk of Fame.
John Arroyo takes a photo with the Donald Trump star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The Walk of Fame is the landmark with graffiti including swastikas, the word “rapist” on Bill Cosby’s star, located at 6930 Hollywood Blvd. The Walk of Fame.

Ethics
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...easily compare and contrast informants. “It can be very troubling to look at PDFs to find out who has been interviewed, and who hasn’t,” said...
As part of the next budget cycle, the city’s clerk office will request funding to implement the electronic filing system for campaign finance reports. The clerk’s office will also schedule additional candidate forums, beginning with the March 2017 election.
The three-member task force was made up of Bob Ruiz, Stern, from the Center for Governmental Studies, who co-authored the Political Reform Act of 1974; Guadarrama, a government ethics attorney and Kaufman Legal Group and former city commissioner; and Elizabeth Ralston, who was formerly president of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County.
The task force was formed by the city council earlier this year in an effort to improve voter participation and keep government officials accountable. After making its final recommendations in 2015, the city council agreed to establish a clerk’s office on a month-by-month basis.

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