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BY GREGORY CORNFIELD

Developers for the 8150 Sunset project took the first big step in the approval process last week when the Los Angeles City Planning Commission unanimously approved plans for the mixed-use proposal designed by architect Frank Gehry. “We are grateful to the commissioners for approving this project and look forward to continuing to improve the details of the design with all of the stakeholders,” said Townscape partner Tyler Siegel in a statement.

Gehry’s plans feature five structures—one, three, five, 11 and 15 stories tall. The mix of commercial and residential space will unite at a common plaza and cover approximately 81,500 square feet. The project is designed by architect Frank Gehry.

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Lieu calls for GOP leaders to pull back endorsements

BY GREGORY CORNFIELD

Congressman Ted Lieu (D-CA) strengthened his push to dethrone Donald Trump of the GOP nomination for president Monday when he and two other “honified” members of Congress sent a letter to Speaker of the House Paul Ryan telling him to pick a new candidate.

On the final day of the Democratic National Convention last week, Lieu spoke immediately after Gold Star parents of U.S. Army Capt. Humayun Khan – Khizr and Ghazala – who recounted how their son was killed in 2004 by a car bomb in Iraq. Khizr Khan continued with an attack on Trump by challeng- ing his morals, questioning his knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and suggesting that if it were up to Trump, his son wouldn’t have been in the United States.

Trump responded the next day. “[Khan] was, you know, very emotional. And probably looked like – a nice guy to me,” Trump said. “His wife, if you look at his wife, she was standing there. She had nothing to say. She probably – maybe she wasn’t allowed to have anything to say. You tell me, but plenty of people have written that. She was extremely quiet and looked like she had nothing to say. A lot of people have said that.”

Lieu, Congressmen Seth Moulton (D-MA) and Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) are also veterans who previously served on active duty, and said in the joint letter sent to Ryan on Monday that Trump hit a “new low” with Trump hit a “new low” with...
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Beverly Hills settles one of two lawsuits with developers

By GREGORY CORNFIELD

The city of Beverly Hills and proponents for The Beverly Hills Garden and Open Space Initiative filed a lawsuit in federal court over the application of the city’s campaign disclosure ordinance. The proponents challenged the city’s campaign advertising ordinance, which imposes requirements on political advertisements.

The settlement does not affect the city’s campaign disclosure ordinance or the city’s campaign advertising ordinance. The settlement resolves one of the two lawsuits filed last week.

Arguments for and against development plan available for review

The following is the approved ballot question that the proponents are concerned about:

“Hilton Condominium Tower Initiative — Shall an ordinance be adopted allowing a 26-story residential building instead of two residential buildings of eight stories (101 feet) and 18 stories (218 feet); increasing open space from approximately 1.25 acres to 1.7 acres for use as a private garden that is generally open to the public subject to reasonable restrictions determined by the property owner; prohibiting any discretionary architectural review; and reducing gray water use requirements?”

According to state election code, the question proposed to voters should not influence them, but proponents said the one approved last week is “loaded” and “biased” because the question changed from an earlier version to include the word “tower” and other language the proponent found unfair.

City Attorney Larry Wiener said the matter is settled for now and that the revised rules will apply to all advertisements for the Nov. 8 ballot question to be fair and impartial. Wiener said the city has not received any argument challenges as of Wednesday.

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Make sure your small business gets a piece of the LA construction boom.

Proponents for The Beverly Hills Garden and Open Space Initiative challenged the city on its campaign disclosure ordinance.

Challenges to either argument must be received by the city by Aug. 12. Wiener said the city has not received any argument challenges as of Wednesday.

Rebuttal arguments are due on Aug. 12 and must be received in hard copy by mail or hand-delivered and include the name and signature of the authors. If submitted on behalf of an organization, the arguments must include the name of the organization and at least one principal officer who is an author. The rebuttal arguments will be available for 10 days following the Aug. 12 deadline.

To request a copy of the arguments, email city clerk Byron Pope bpope@beverlyhills.org during the 10-day period. Copies will also be available in the Beverly Hills Public Library.

Want to learn how to bid on and win work on some of the large projects shaping our region? Join Skanska and its joint venture partners for an eight-week boot camp for local small businesses.

Topics will range from local requirements to how small businesses can align their operations to win work.

For more information and to request an application form, contact: teresa.maxwell@skanska.com or terrie.johnson@rcjk.com

Application deadline: August 19
Councilman David Ryu, 4th District, released his first annual report in celebration of his one year in office and to look back at the promises he made running for his seat.

“I ran for reform and a fresh perspective – I strive to instill these values in every decision I make throughout my tenure. I made commitments to our neighborhoods and residents to restore trust in local government, preserve residential neighborhoods, fight for fiscal accountability, advocate for infrastructure improvements, prioritize community engagement and promote public health, education and safety.”

His annual listed the issues he’s successfully advocated for, his voting record, the measures he authored and statistics on progress and work completed.

For example, according to the report, in Ryu’s first year, his office oversaw 330,122 linear feet of streets cleaned, 215,850 square feet of graffiti removed and 110,926 pounds of trash removed, among other statistics.

The report explains that Ryu pushed for background checks for all ride-share drivers to ensure that consumers are safe while traveling through Los Angeles.

Over the past year, he co-sponsored Purposeful Aging Los Angeles, introduced legislation to regulate the display of exotic and animals in public spaces and voted to ban the use of smokeless tobacco at all sports venues in the city.

In keeping with his original promises, Ryu said he has rejected contributions from developers seeking city approval, and continued to push a campaign pledge to include all individuals or entities seeking approval during the city council’s decision making process.

Ryu also won new limits for massification, called for the regulation of loudspeakers on tour buses in Hollywood and established a community-run discretionary task force Ryu’s district stretched from Sherman Oaks through Griffith Park, to the Hollywood Hills and the Miracle Mile.

To contact Ryu’s Los Angeles City Hall office, call (213)472-7004. To contact Ryu’s Hollywood District Office located at 6501 Fountain Avenue, call (323)957-6415. Community members can email the councilman’s office at cd4.issues@lacity.org.

Marcie Edwards to step down

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) General Manager Marcie Edwards will step down after more than two decades of service to the utility, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced. She retires as the first woman ever to lead LADWP in its 114-year history.

Garcetti named the Department’s current Chief Operating Officer, David Wright, a 27-year public utility veteran, to serve as Interim General Manager.

During Edwards’ more than two years of service as LADWP’s General Manager, she guided and stabilized the utility through a critical moment in its history. As drought conditions strained local water supplies, she led the push to cut LA water use by 20 percent in just one year.

At the same time, she built widespread consensus for a sensible rate increase plan to enable critical future investments in sustainable water and power infrastructure and completely get off coal.

“...When I took office, LADWP was facing difficult challenges — we needed a visionary leader to put our utility back on track, and that’s exactly what Marcie Edwards has done,” Garcetti said. “She has left an indelible mark on our city, and I am deeply grateful for her service.”

Wright has been at DWP since early 2015 after spending nearly a decade as General Manager of Riverside Public Utilities.

As one of his first tasks, Garcetti has asked Wright to develop and implement a “customer bill of rights” to provide specific service level guarantees for the utility’s ratepayers.

“LADWP exists to serve the people of Los Angeles — its leader should be someone who has a proven customer service track record,” Garcetti said. “David Wright has spend his career making public utilities work better for the people they serve, and I’m proud to appoint him as LADWP’s next Interim General Manager.”

Edwards will step down as General Manager on August 16. She will assist with an orderly transition and serve as special advisor through Dec. 31.

Don’t miss Made in L.A. 2016: a, the, though, only

The third iteration of the Hammer Museum’s biennial exhibition continues to highlight the work of emerging and under-recognized artists in the Los Angeles area. The exhibition will run June 12 – August 28. The museum is always free. Made in L.A. is presented by Wells Fargo. For more information, visit hammer.ucla.edu/made-in-la-2016/.
Hotel rooms generate the best kind of revenue for the City

Hotel taxes paid by guests stay in Beverly Hills and cannot be taken by the State.

Since 1991, only 201 new hotel rooms have been built in Beverly Hills. The new Waldorf-Astoria replaces the same number of rooms being eliminated by the Beverly Hilton.

CBRE Hotels, the preferred hospitality consulting company for all Beverly Hills luxury hotels, analyzed the Beverly Hills hotel market. The 2016 CBRE Hotel Market Analysis concluded: One Beverly Hills “will not impact the Beverly Hills Luxury hotel market” as there is “significant unsatisfied demand.”

The CBRE study also determined that the 134-room boutique luxury hotel at One Beverly Hills will generate at least $8.7 million a year in new revenue to the City at hotel stabilization.

One Beverly Hills will help satisfy this pent-up hotel demand and will generate vital new revenue for our City.

This new revenue will support our vital city services including Police, Fire and Paramedics.

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2CBRE Hotels Hotel Market Analysis - Beverly Hills, California, pg. 2
Police, communities around the county celebrate National Night Out

On Tuesday, police departments and communities around the nation participated in “National Night Out.” The nationwide event was designed to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie.

Traditionally, “light on” and front porch vigils have been ways to participate in the annual event, however, activities have expanded to include block parties, cookouts, parades, police station open houses, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

National Night Out events are fun and friendly community parties that are held annually, around Los Angeles and across the country, on the first Tuesday of August.

People come to National Night Out events in order to enjoy the company of friends and neighbors, meet new friends and celebrate public safety while thanking the police officers and firefighters who are honored guests.

One of the biggest National Night Out efforts was held at the Poinsettia Park Recreation Center in Poinsettia Park thanks to the Melrose Action Neighborhood Watch.

City Councilman Mitch O’Farrell also encouraged his constituents to take part in the annual festivities throughout the district.

Approximately 2,000 West Hollywood residents celebrated at events at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. and around the city in a show of unity against crime.

National Night Out 2016 participants included members of the West Hollywood City Council, Neighborhood Watch groups, the Fountain Day School, the West Hollywood Gateway, the city’s Public Safety Commission, and the city’s Russian Advisory Board.

For information, please call Bonnie Smith in the city’s Public Safety Department at (323) 848-6371, or email bsmith@weho.org.

For additional information on LAPD’s events, visit: www.lapdonline.org.
Miracle Mile Residential Association completes draft HPOZ

Friends of L.A. River: don’t panic, it’s still safe

Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) last week worked to calm concerns that arose after Heal The Bay – a water health nonprofit organization – released a study on water quality in the Los Angeles River Recreation.

FoLAR assured Angelinos that current water quality levels, “while in need of mitigation,” do not preclude safe recreation on the Los Angeles River.

FoLAR is committed to a healthy and restored river and supports efforts to improve water quality and public health. FoLAR participated in Heal The Bay’s water quality study and worked with city sanitation authorities to develop waste discharge requirements for debris removal from the river.

“We know water quality is not what we would like it to be in the L.A. River and are committed to continued support and leadership in efforts towards a cleaner and healthier River,” said FoLAR senior policy director Marissa Christiansen. “It’s important to keep things in perspective – we have work to do but that doesn’t mean the river isn’t safe for recreation as long as you take some common sense precautions.”

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FoLAR assured Angelinos that current water quality levels, “while in need of mitigation,” do not preclude safe recreation on the Los Angeles River.

FoLAR is committed to a healthy and restored river and supports efforts to improve water quality and public health. FoLAR participated in Heal The Bay’s water quality study and worked with city sanitation authorities to develop waste discharge requirements for debris removal from the river.

“We know water quality is not what we would like it to be in the L.A. River and are committed to continued support and leadership in efforts towards a cleaner and healthier River,” said FoLAR senior policy director Marissa Christiansen. “It’s important to keep things in perspective – we have work to do but that doesn’t mean the river isn’t safe for recreation as long as you take some common sense precautions.”

People kayaking or angling should limit water contact, especially avoiding hand-to-face water contact. Users should not enter the river if they have an open wound, if their immune systems are compromised or after a rainfall. In case of contact with the water, people should rinse off with soap and water.

Adults and children should avoid swimming in the L.A. River, particularly submerging their heads under water.

“We envision a swimmable L.A. River one day, but current water quality is not yet at a healthy level,” FoLAR said in a statement.

FoLAR recommends that the city of Los Angeles should institute, at a minimum, weekly water quality testing to keep for fecal indicator bacteria in recreation areas near the open seacoast (Memorial Day to the end of September), and at other known swimming spots along the Los Angeles River.

“We’ve always known to use caution when utilizing the Los Angeles River for recreational purposes,” said Councilman Mitch O’Farrell, 13th District. “The city will continue to work with the Bureau of Sanitation and the council for immunosuppressed Angelenos. Watershed Health, as well as other non-profit partners, to raise awareness about safety along the L.A. River.”

O’Farrell’s office said the announcement should not be met with alarm as the findings are consistent with water quality testing conducted by city sanitation department.

Community members are welcome to contact FoLAR with questions about water quality or how to safely enjoy the river at (323)223-0835 or contact@folar.org.
Ed dept. adds provision for homeless kids

Homelessness among children has doubled since the recession. In the 2013-2014 school year, more than 1.36 million school-age children were homeless, up from nearly 680,000 in the 2006-2007 school year.

Despite the need for federal housing programs, children and families face significant red tape in accessing help. They must be certified as homeless, but obtaining that certification is very difficult.

Homeless children and families are constantly on the move and are often unable to document their whereabouts or proof that they will only be staying in their current location, whether it be a motel or friend’s couch, temporarily.

To fix this problem, the U.S. Department of Education this week implemented a policy change making it easier for homeless school-age children to obtain the required certification. The change will allow trained school personnel to verify that children are homeless and eligible for homeless children to receive the letter on their behalf. Children and their families would then use the letter to access federal housing programs administered by nonprofits in their communities.

The change was mandated by an amendment authored by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) that was included in the Every Child Achieves Act, which became law last year.

All Interests Persons are invited to attend said public meeting to express their opinion in this matter.

For further information contact Cynthia Zabala, Senior Plan Check Engineer, in the Community Development Department at (323) 848-6892 or via email at czabala@weho.org.

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Reconstruction); and §15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).

The staff report will be available on Thursday, August 11, 2016, at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, the W.H. Library, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, and online 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 meeting described in this notice, or in the written correspondence delivered to the West Hollywood City Council, via the Community Development Department at, or prior to, the public meeting.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the West Hollywood City Council will hold a public meeting to consider the following item:

REQUEST: An ordinance of the City of West Hollywood establishing seismic strengthening requirements for four categories of existing buildings and amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

LOCATION(S): Citywide, West Hollywood, California.

TIME/PLACE Monday, August 15, 2016
OF MEETING: at 6:30 p.m.
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard West Hollywood, CA 90069

ZONES: Citywide

ENVIROMENTAL STATUS: Categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Title 14 - Sections §15301 (Existing Facilities), §15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); and §15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).

Public Notice
City reopens Runyon Canyon Park on schedule

Councilman David Ryu, 4th District, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and the Department of Recreation and Parks reopened Runyon Canyon Park on Tuesday, Aug. 2, following a water mainline replacement project that was completed under budget.

"After much needed public safety and infrastructure upgrades, the city of Los Angeles is thrilled to reopen one of the city’s most highly used and beloved parks,” Ryu said. “Thanks to the hard work of LADWP, a 90-year-old water pipeline has been replaced and new fire hydrants added, which are crucial to the fire protection of the park, park-goers and nearby residents. We worked closely with the Department of Recreation and Parks and LADWP to shorten the time of the overall project. LADWP finished under budget by $1 million – that is a huge saving for ratepayers, and the Department of Recreation and Parks was able to add other important upgrades like erosion control and water fountains.”

The Runyon Canyon Water System Improvement Project, which replaced approximately one mile of six-inch pipe running through the park, closed the park in April. The project improved the area’s fire protection system, reduced the risk of pipe breaks and improved local water quality. Project construction included digging a trench along the fire road trail, installing the new pipeline and backfilling the trench. The new mainline will benefit LADWP customers by significantly reducing maintenance and repair costs attributable to leaks and breaks from the 90-year-old pipe it replaces.

“Runyon Canyon Park is a local treasure used by Angelenos and visitors alike,” said LADWP senior assistant general manager Martin Adams said. “The full closure was a temporary inconvenience, but one that will allow us to preserve this LA icon as a safe and enjoyable hiking and recreation destination for years to come.”

State roads become source of energy

Shortly after being elected, Assemblyman Mike Gatto (D-Los Angeles) had a conversation with a friend who had just returned from Israel. Expecting to hear emotional descriptions of religious sites, Gatto was surprised to hear his friend rave instead about a road that produced energy.

After researching the issue, Gatto learned that engineers in Israel, Italy and Japan have successfully installed piezoelectric sensors underneath roadways and railways. The sensors, the size of watch batteries, are in effect the reverse of sonar: a vibration comes in and an electric pulse comes out.

In 2011, Gatto introduced AB 306, which would have implemented two piezoelectric pilot projects on California freeways, but the legislation was vetoed by Governor Brown.

But Gatto asked the California Energy Commission (CEC) to study the issue. This week, the CEC announced it would be funding multiple piezoelectric pilot projects throughout California.

“I still get stopped on the street by people who ask what happened to the idea of using our roads to generate electricity,” said Gatto. “California is the car capital of the world and we recycle just about everything. So why not capture the energy from road vibrations, and put it to good use?”

Piezoelectric technology has been used for years in sonar and electric guitars. In 2009, the East Japan Railway Company installed piezoelectric flooring in their Tokyo railway station, using the energy generated by passing pedestrians to power all displays in the station. Israel has already placed this technology under some highways and Italy has signed a contract to place the technology under a stretch of the Venice-to-Trieste Autostrada. A dance club in San Francisco has piloted the technology under their dance floor to run their lighting. Scientists estimate the energy generated from a 10-mile stretch of four-lane roadway can power the entire city of Burbank.

“Thirty years ago, no one would have believed that black silicon panels in the desert could generate ‘solar’ power,” Gatto said. “Piezoelectric technology is real and I am glad the state has finally acknowledged its potential in becoming an energy source.”

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Councilman David Ryu announced the closure of the park in April. The project was completed on time and under budget.
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Public input sought on general election voter guide

Secretary of State Alex Padilla has made the Official Voter Information Guide—containing general election available for public review. The guide, which is mailed to every voting household in California, includes U.S. Senate candidate statements, arguments for and against propositions, and other election information. California’s Official Voter Information Guide is available in 10 languages.

“The general election, Californians will vote on 17 propositions and elect a new U.S. Senator,” Padilla said. “The Voter Information Guide includes U.S. Senate candidate statements and nonpartisan analyses of the propositions. The choices we make as voters this fall will shape our state and nation for years to come. This is why it is so important to be informed.” The guide is available for public review through Aug. 15 by visiting www.sos.ca.gov.

During the period, anyone may challenge any portion of the Official Voter Information Guide. On Aug. 15, the guide will be finalized and printed.

The Secretary of State’s office will mail the guide to all voting households from Sept. 29 through Oct. 15. For information, call 800/345-VOTE or email vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov.

Board approves assessor’s plan to reduce business taxes

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has approved a proposal by County Assessor Jeffrey Prang to raise the minimum threshold for declaring business personal property from $2,000 to $5,000. The measure will improve government efficiency and reduce the tax burden for many small businesses, Prang said.

“My office was previously required to assess the value of business personal property, which includes furniture, equipment and machinery, if the overall value exceeds $2,000,” he said. “Now, businesses with personal property values below $5,000 will be exempt. Raising this limit will completely eliminate personal property tax bills for many small businesses.”

It is estimated that approximately 50,000 business owners will receive $3.2 million in property tax relief.

“Thanks to the Board of Supervisors, chair Hilda Solis, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Sheila Kuehl, Don Knabe and Mike Antonovich for their continued commitment to helping small businesses across Los Angeles County, as well as the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and the Treasurer and Tax Collector for their support of this major component of the countywide Small Business Initiative,” Prang said.

Authorities return artifacts thought to be looted from Guatemala

The FBI is returning numerous artifacts to the Guatemalan government after determining that the items had possibly been looted. The FBI released a list of the charge of the Los Angeles Field Office Deirdre Fike, and Los Angeles County General Counsel of Guatemala Roberto Archila Arce.

The seven limestone sculptures are more than 1,000 years old. They were found in ancient ruins in Guatemala from the pre-Columbian era.

“The cultural significance of these pre-Columbian artifacts is priceless to the people of Guatemala and, truly, pleased that the FBI’s Art Crime Team was able to facilitate the return of these ancient treasures to their proper home.”

The items were brought to the attention of the FBI’s Art Crime Team in Los Angeles earlier this year when an individual managing the art collection of an unidentified individual contacted authorities. The individual could not determine the date the items were brought to the U.S., and the items were transferred to the FBI for repatriation to the Republic of Guatemala. The FBI adopted a law at the 1970 UNESCO Convention for the Protection of Cultural property. The U.S. has a bilateral agreement with the government of Guatemala which restricts the importation of archaeological artifacts into the country. The items were examined by scholars with expertise in Mayan culture. Three of the pieces are part of an ancient Mayan hieroglyphic inscription carved in limestone originate in the Peten Region of Guatemala. The pieces are believed to date to the Late Classic Maya Era (A.D. 600-900). Experts concluded the fragments were discovered outside of a ruined temple and that the inscription is part of a text that recorded the passage of time.

Four of the pieces are Mayan limestone originating in the El Perú-Waikikí el Pintado site and believed to date to the Early Classic Period (A.D. 400-600). Experts concluded the pieces are consistent with Mayan iconography and that the artifacts were associated with symbolism depicting an earth or mountain monster.

The FBI established its Art Crime Team in 2004. It is made up of 16 specially-trained agents responsible for addressing art and cultural property crime cases. The team maintains the National Stolen Art File, a database of stolen art and cultural property. The Art Crime Team has recovered more than 14,850 items, including hundreds of artifacts looted from archeological sites and valued at over $100 million.

State launches #GoOpen initiative

California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced the launch of a new statewide #GoOpen initiative and Collaboration in Common, an online professional learning community exchange platform for all California educators.

California was recognized for its commitment to a statewide technology strategy that includes the use of openly licensed resources as a central component, developing and maintaining a statewide repository and participating in a community of practice with other #GoOpen states and districts. For information, visit tech.ed.gov/open-education.

Collaboration in Common was launched from a public-private partnership with the California Department of Education (CDE). Collaboration in Common runs on Declara’s artificial intelligence engine to motive machine learning and crowd curation to allow teachers to find, consume and share resources with their students and district members from peer educators.

Torlakson called all California teachers to visit collaboration-in-common.org and sign up to become official #GoOpen adopters in their educational community. Early adopters will be among the first to gain access to Collaboration in Common’s tools and resources as the site is developed.

“Collaboration in Common is a great example of California how looks for innovative ways to improve teaching and learning throughout our diverse state,” Torlakson said. “We are leveraging technology and our talented teaching workforce to create a first-of-its-kind professional learning community and resource exchange that will offer professional development and access to new ideas and resources to benefit all of our students.”

Collaboration in Common builds upon the CDE’s participation in the federal MyOpenCampus campaign, which encourages states and school districts to share educational resources and materials without cost and without violating copyright laws.

“We wholeheartedly embrace the #GoOpen spirit and initiative,” Torlakson said. “This is a critical effort to provide schools with high-quality instructional resources and the ability to easily share these resources and ideas with teachers and schools across the country.”

The Vista Unified School District, which serves eastern San Diego County, will host California’s first #GoOpen Regional Summit on Oct. 7. The #GoOpen Regional Summit will provide an opportunity for teachers, librarians, instructional coaches and district and state leaders to explore opportunities and trends in the use of high-quality, openly licensed educational resources in classroom.

For information on the summit, contact Erin English at ernengl@vusd.org.
Olympics at Messhall Kitchen

Root for Team USA at Messhall from Friday, August 5 to Sunday, August 21. Bar director Austin Mendez has created a new Olympic cocktail celebrating host country Brazil. The Olympic Cup is made with the most popular distilled spirit in Brazil - Cachaça (also known as aguardente) distilled from sugarcane. Mendez muddles lime, cucumber and sugar and garnishes the drink with a pinch of sea salt. Messhall is open for lunch/brunch every day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., happy hour is Monday through Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday happy hour is from 4 to 5 p.m. 4500 Los Feliz Blvd. (323)660-MESS.

Gold Medal nights at Public School

During the Olympics, all Public School locations will be hosting Gold Medal nights where guests can watch the games and try out the new Gold Medal cocktail. Guests can play Olympic Bingo to earn free school snacks such as the zesty buffalo cauliflower. 612 Flower St. (213)622-4500; 9411 Culver Blvd. (310)558-0414 and 15300 Ventura Blvd #102G, (818)728-9818.

Summer concert at Shade Hotel

From 1 p.m. to dusk on Sunday, August 7, guests can enjoy summer pool parties on the rooftop Skydeck at the Shade Hotel. Sip a hand crafted cocktail while appreciating the views of the Manhattan Beach skyline and Pacific Ocean. Bite into some menu specials created by Executive Chef Ashley Oates. A DJ will spin uplifting music for guests to enjoy while basking in the summer sun. This pool party is open to the public with no entrance charge. 1221 N. Valley Drive (310)669-3466.

Boozy milkshakes

Westbound will offer boozy milkshakes for the month of August. The new bar and eatery has partnered with neighbor Van Leeuwen Artisanal Ice Cream to make three exclusive boozy milkshakes. Try London Fog with Earl Grey ice cream and house-made lemon sorbet, Beefeater gin, and garnished with lemon curls. Another sipping shake is the Matcha Madness with vegan matcha ice cream, Rittenhouse rye, honey syrup, Amaro Montenegro and matcha powder. Lasty is the Grasshopper made with mint chip ice cream, Fernet Branca, créme de cacao and menthe, and served with mint. This beverage is a play on the 1970’s favorite “Grasshopper” cocktail. 300 S. Santa Fe Ave. (213)262-9291.

New Farmers Market flavors

Salt & Straw’s Head Ice Cream Maker Tyler Malek turns the spotlight on the best of seasonal produce for his “Farmer’s Market” series. Flavors include caramel corn on the cob; eggplant honey custard; and farmer’s market flavors. See Restaurant News page 15.

Pork Steaks

By Jill Weinlein

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Barbara Corcoran of the hit ABC television show, “Shark Tank,” knew a winner when she saw one. When she met cousins Sahin Lomac and James Lomac on the show, she knew within one hour that she wanted to be their new business partner. She also appreciated their tremendous sales numbers with their Maine Lobster food truck in Los Angeles, and helped them finance a second lobster truck and has continued to help them grow since.

I met the charming Lomac last month as I sat on the patio of their Cousins Maine Lobster restaurant on Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood. I had started when Tselikis flew to Los Angeles to visit his cousin Lomac in 2012. While on a pub crawl through the city, the men craved some hometown comfort food. They grew up in Maine, where lobster is accessible and regularly included in a family meal. They couldn’t find a fast, casual spot for their lobster rolls in the city. Noting the absence of a casual lobster shack in LA, they launched a business plan to open a lobster restaurant in LA, they decided to purchase a food truck and the men wanted to meet after being grilled by The Sharks (Barbara Corcoran, Mark Cuban, Lori Greiner, Robert Herjavec, Daymond John) Corcoran wanted to be a part of their lobster truck team. Corcoran’s connections opened stage doors for the cousins and soon they appeared on shows like “The Chew,” “The Katie Couric Show,” “Good Morning America,” and “The Today Show.” They quickly became household names coast to coast.

Realizing the high cost associated with opening a restaurant, they decided to purchase a food truck and roam the streets serving fresh, succulent Maine lobster rolls.

They had friends back home who could supply them with fresh lobster and privy on specialty menu and used social media to get the word out. Within a few weeks, they were clearing tables outside their food truck. Within months, one Cousins Maine Lobster food truck expanded to four trucks cruising Southern California. Today, Cousins Maine Lobster has a multitude of trucks franchised in 12 regions throughout the country. With their success, the cousins felt it was time to open a brick and mortar shop in West Hollywood.

The small restaurant features the popular, original items made on the trucks and also offers new menu items exclusively offered at the restaurant.

I tasted their signature lobster rolls. Cousins offers two different preparations of the East Coast favorite. Their traditional cold Maine lobster roll doesn’t distract from the key ingredient and doesn’t include the celery or lettuce you might find on other lobster rolls. Rather, their signature roll features just cold claw and knuckle meat dressed in a light mayonnaise glaze. Their other preparation, the warm Connecticut lobster roll, also keeps the focus on the star ingredient and complements the sweet, succulent lobster meat dressing it in just melted butter and lemon. Both versions are excellent.

The menu also includes lobster shrimp and crab salad. Cousins Maine Lobster offers lobster and crab salad served with cabbage, pico de gallo and tartar or cilantro lime sauce on a warm tortilla or pita roll.

For dessert they offer regular and red velvet whoopie pies and, for the adventurous lobster lover, lobster ice cream. It’s not as creamy as traditional ice cream and includes pieces of lobster.

You can also bring the Cousins Maine Lobster experience home with you with their lobster roll kit. The kit includes one pound of lobster meat, six uncooked rolls, and mayonnaise to fix your roll exactly the way you like it. The restaurant has contracted with UBER Eats and Postmates to provide delivery service.

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The SideChef Kids cooking class

little cooks will learn fun and simple recipes using an interactive and educational cooking app with self-taught 8-year old Step Stool Chef, Julian Frederick. On Thursday, August 11 and Friday, August 12 from 4 to 5 p.m. children ages 5 and up can enroll in a class at Au Fudge. The students will make simple and fun recipes on their own such as Easy Peasy cheese puffs and strawberry kiwi salsa with lemon pita chips. During the class, the SideChef app will guide little chefs with step-by-step, hands free voice instructions on smart devices while Julian shares his tips and tricks to creating the dish. Parents are welcomed to assist as sous chefs or cook on little ones while enjoying refreshments for purchase. Tickets may be purchased online for $40 at http://www.aufudge.com/calendar/event-sidechef/. Space is limited. The SideChef app is available for free on iTunes. 9010 Melrose Ave. (323)420-9228

Yamashiro “Lucky” 77th happy hour

Every Friday through Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m., summer is offered in the beautiful outdoor Papada Bar. Enjoy the views of the Los Angeles skyline while sipping a handcrafted cocktail, bento sushi and light Asian-fusion dishes priced at $7. Executive Chef Christophe Bonnegrace offers starters such as ahi poke, edamame, shrimp tempura, salt and pepper fried calamari, banana leaf baked pork spring rolls, and crispy chick- en. Sushi lovers can enjoy truffle hirachi, spicy tuna crispy rice, and pistachio salmon. Specialty coctails include the refreshing “Japanese Slipper” and “100 Year Mai Tai,” along with red and white wine, prosecco and draft beer. The restaurant is open rom 5 to 10 p.m. weekdays and 5 p.m. to midnight on weekends. (323)466-5125

Hopdoddy August specials

Selling off its savoy, Southern Roots, Hopdoddy’s latest feature southern staples like bour- bon, fried onions, bacon and moon- shine. The Triple B burger is a medium-rare Akaushi beef patty placed on a bed of peppery arugula.

The patty is topped with melted blue jack cheese, warm bourbon bacon onion jam and fresh fried onions, prosccecco and fresh beer. The kit includes one pound of lob- stern meat, six uncooked rolls, and mayonnaise to fix your roll exactly the way you like it. The restaurant has contracted with UberEats and Postmates to provide delivery service.

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The following crimes occurred at West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and the area controlled by the LAPD’s Wilshire Station: Between July 18 and Aug.1. The information was compiled from www.crimemap.com. To report a crime, call local law enforcement agencies: Los Angeles Police Department, 310-224-4141; Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department West Hollywood Station (310)855-8850, and the Beverly Hills Police Department, (310)203-7679.

**July 18**

An unknown African American male suspect committed a burglary in the 400 block of Canon Drive. The suspect was approximately 28 years old, 6-feet-5-inches tall and 190 pounds. The second suspect was 5-feet-9-inches tall and 190 pounds. The suspect was provided.

**July 19**

An unknown African American male suspect committed a burglary in the 400 block of Canon Drive. The suspect was approximately 28 years old, 6-feet-5-inches tall and 190 pounds. The second suspect was approximately 28 years old, 6-feet-5-inches tall and 190 pounds. The third suspect was approximately 22 years old, 6-feet-4-inches tall and 185 pounds.

**July 20**

Two burglaries were reported in the 200 block of S. Camden. The loss in one of the burglaries was estimated at $9,200. No further information was provided.

An unknown female suspect committed identity theft in the 9400 block of Wilshire. The suspect was approximately 28 years old, 6-feet-2-inches tall and 100 pounds.

**July 21**

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 500 block of N. Roxbury.

Three unknown African American male suspects robbed a victim on North La Cienga. One suspect was approximately 21 years old, 6-feet-4-inches tall and 190 pounds. The second suspect was approximately 28 years old, 6-feet-5-inches tall and 300 pounds. The third suspect was approximately 22 years old, 6-feet-4-inches tall and 185 pounds.

Two unknown suspects committed a grand theft in the 400 block of Evelyn Place. The loss was estimated at $2,100. No further information was provided.

**July 22**

An unknown Caucasian male suspect assaulted a victim in the 300 block of S. Doheny. The suspect was approximately 51 years old, 6-feet-6-tall and 190 pounds.

**July 23**

An unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 300 block of N. Beverly. The loss was estimated at $60,000.

**July 24**

A burglary was reported in the 200 block of S. La Cienga. The loss was estimated at $800.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 120 block of S. Doheny. The loss was estimated at $2,700.

**West Hollywood Sheriff’s Station**

**July 27**

An unknown suspect committed a robbery at the intersection of Melrose and Fairlax at 7 p.m.

An unknown suspect committed a robbery at the intersection of Melrose and Genesee at 7:15 p.m.

An unknown suspect broke into a vehicle at the 1000 block of S. Spaulding at 10 p.m.

An unknown suspect stole bicycles at the 600 block of Kings at 4 p.m.

**July 29**

An unknown suspect committed grand theft at the 8400 block of Hollywood Boulevard at 8 a.m.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary at the 8600 block of Rugby at 10 p.m.

An unknown suspect assaulted a victim at the intersection of San Vicente and Santa Monica at 3 p.m.

An unknown suspect broke into a vehicle at the 8400 block of Sunset at 3 p.m.

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle at the 800 block of N. Kliena at 5 p.m.

**Aug. 1**

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle in the 8200 block of Santa Monica at 7:30 a.m.

**July 27**

An unknown suspect committed a larceny at the 500 block of Gower at 12:05 a.m.

**Aug. 1**

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle in the 800 block of N McCadden at 12 p.m.

**July 30**

An identity theft was reported in the 200 block of S. Palm. The loss was estimated at $2,000.

**July 30**

A burglary was reported in the 9000 block of Wilshire. No further information was provided.

An identity theft was reported in the 400 block of N. Maple.

An unknown suspect robbed a victim in the 200 block of S. Stanley. The loss was estimated at $749.

A burglary was reported in the 100 block of N. La Cienega. The loss was estimated at $3,050.

An unknown African American male suspect committed a burglary in the 6600 block of Wilshire. The suspect was approximately 19 years old, 5-feet-8-inches tall and 150 pounds. The loss was estimated at $673.

A burglary was reported in the 700 block of N. Elia. The loss was estimated at $1,600.

Two unknown Hispanic male suspects burglarized a building in the 400 block of S. Rexford. One suspect was approximately 6-feet-5-inches tall and 150 pounds. The second suspect was approximately 5-feet-6-inches tall and 130 pounds. The loss was estimated at $170.

A burglary was reported in the 9600 block of Wilshire. The loss was estimated at $175.

Two unknown male suspects, one Hispanic, and the other African American, burglarized a building in the 200 block of S. Stanford. The loss was estimated at $270. No further information was provided.

**Los Angeles Police Department**

**July 27**

An unknown suspect committed larceny at the 500 block of West Sunset at 6:30 p.m.

An unknown suspect committed larceny at the 1400 block of North Orleans at 5:10 p.m.

An unknown suspect murdered a victim at the 1400 block of North Orange at 10:35 a.m.

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle at the 1600 block of Schroader at 11:45 a.m.

An unknown suspect assaulted a victim at the intersection of Franklin and La Brea at 5:15 p.m.

An unknown suspect committed larceny at the 1400 block of North Sierra Bonta at 7:30 p.m.

An unknown suspect stolen a vehicle at the 1600 block of North Maple at 9:50 p.m.

**July 28**

An unknown suspect committed larceny at the 7000 block of Wilshire at 12:30 a.m.

An unknown suspect stole a motor vehicle at the 1600 block of North Poinsetta at 4:25 a.m.

An unknown suspect committed a larceny at the 1300 block of N. Poliometta at 7:30 a.m.

**August 1**

An unknown suspect sexually assaulted a victim at the 6500 block of Hollywood at 12:30 a.m.

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An unknown suspect broke into a vehicle at the 1200 block of N. Formosa at 11 a.m.

**July 29**

An unknown suspect assaulted a victim at the 1200 block of North Sycamore at 3:05 a.m.

An unknown suspect committed grand theft at the 1000 block of N. Orange at 2:50 a.m.

An unknown suspect broke into a vehicle at the 1300 block of N. Harvard at 1:15 a.m.

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle at the 500 block of Gower at 12:05 a.m.

**July 31**

An unknown suspect committed larceny at the 1400 block of North Hollywood Boulevard at 8 a.m.

A longtime employee of two Los Angeles area manufacturers of earrings and ear piercing was arrested and charged with wire fraud for stealing approximately $2 million from the companies.

In conjunction with the case, Claudia Calderon, 45, agreed to plead guilty to the wire fraud charge.

In a plea agreement filed in United States District Court, Calderon admitted that she used the names of several non-existent or former employees who were no longer employed by the companies to fraudulently obtain wages and expense reimbursements from manufacturers of earrings and ear piercing equipment.

“At times, defendant would cause direct deposits or issue checks for unemployed workers who were never paid. As part of his scheme, Calderon was directed to pay employees who were never paid $18,000 a month, and sometimes as high as $20,000 a month.”
Restaurant News

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from the Original Farmers Market. Try their signature kimchi grilled cheese. Its sister restaurant, Little TART, prepares a Yellow Fever burger with a six ounce special blend beef patty topped with bacon, grilled onion, kimchi, habaneros, tallegio and mayo on brioche. It's f.ery, savory and satisfying. 115 S. Fairfax Ave. (323)556-2608 and 740 S. Western Ave #116 (213) 387-2300.

Eveleigh winemaker brunch

Two Shepherd’s Wine and Eveleigh host a special brunch on Sunday, August 7 at 11 a.m. Sit on Eveleigh’s beautiful back patio and enjoy special dishes by executive chef Jared Levy paired with wine for $85 a person. Some of the dishes include a Sheepherder’s breakfast with baked egg, lamb, tomato and fingerling potatoes. Reservations are required by emailing naureen@theeveleigh.com. 8752 Sunset Blvd. (310)592-9038.

Border Grill street food ‘Olympics’

Chefs Susan Feniger and Mary Sue Milliken present a Border Grill Downtown LA month-long event – “Street Food Fights.” It’s Latin America versus the world as four Latin favorites (Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Mexico) take on four international challengers (Thailand, USA, Lebanon, Italy) over four weeks on the patio every Tuesday. The culinary competition culminates in a four-nation free-for-all championship round on Tuesday, August 30. From 5:30 to 9 p.m., the chefs whip up traditional and non-traditional taco variations. Entries can score all-you-can-eat tickets for $20 online or $25 at the door, or go a la carte for $6. The menus are a collaboration by Feniger, Milliken, executive chef Michelle Lainez, and the entire Border Grill Downtown kitchen family. Winners will be decided by voting on social media. On August 9, it’s Chiles vs. USA. A Arroloado de Chancho “pork two ways” taco made with slow braised pork and crispy homemade bacon. Next try the USA red, white and barbecue taco made with Texas style ribs smoked for six hours and a secret barbecue sauce. Cocktails will be a pisco punch from Chile made with pisco, citrus, simple syrup, fresh seasonal fruit puree, and bitters. The USA cocktail is the Lighting Rod made with barrel-aged moonshine, lavender honey, bitters, and a single ice cube. 445 S. Figueroa St. (213)348-5171. All afternoon happy hour at Paley

The newly opened California-inspired restaurant at the heart of Hollywood’s recently revamped Columbia Square, has debuted a weekday happy hour. Enjoy 50 percent off craft cocktails; wines by the glass and draft beer. Happy hour is available for guests dining at the bar, and is offered Monday through Friday from 2:30 to 7 p.m. Pair classic cocktails like the Alpine Negroni with gin, cedar-infused Campari and sweet vermouth; and the Black Rabbit with house-blend-ed whiskey and lapsang souchong infused cherry heering. Chef Greg Bernhardt’s bar snacks include housemade dill chips and dip and grilled asparagus with nori and sauce gribiche. 6115 Sunset Blvd. #108 (323)544-9430.

Cousins is rolling right along

Lobster rolls at Cousins are simply prepared, sweet and succulent.

Lomac is an active “Big Brother” in BBBS. Once a month, Cousins Maine Lobster holds an event and donates a portion of their proceeds back to BBBS. I also learned that this year BBBS named Lomac the Big Brother of the Year for his contribution to this worthy organization.

Before leaving, Lomac couldn’t praise Corcoran enough as a business partner and mentor. “She is always available to us,” he said. “We could never have spread the Cousins Maine Lobster story without her.” $-$ Open daily at 11 a.m. 8593 Santa Monica Blvd. (424)204-9923.

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**Rosewood launches STEM curriculum**

Rosewood Elementary School for Advanced Studies is eagerly awaiting the start of the 2016-2017 school year when it will launch students into a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) curriculum. STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. Rather than teach the four disciplines as separate and discrete subjects, STEM integrates them into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world applications. Additionally, 21st century skills will be fostered with time in the Technology Media Lab and the newly designed Science Lab. Rosewood is proud to continue providing students with dance, art, vocal music and instrumental music, as well as physical education.

**Homeboy holds Back to School Drive**

Homeboy Industries is seeking donations for its annual “Back to School Drive” running through Sept. 30. More than 60 Homeboy Industries clients are taking college-level courses. Approximately 40 are working toward their GED and 20 are enrolled in high school classes to earn a diploma. Homeboy Industries also offers classes on parenting, domestic violence, healthy relationships and anger management, health, career planning, computers, yoga and more. All donations support Homeboy educational programs and clients. To donate and for more information, visit support.homeboyindustries.org.

**USC Marshall school hosts ‘Girls Who Code’ summer program**

The USC Marshall School of Business is partnering with Girls Who Code on a summer computer program for local high school girls. Forty sophomores and juniors are attending a seven-week session at USC Marshall’s Centers of Excellence. “We are so excited to host these bright young women in conjunction with Girls Who Code,” said Sandra Cristyal, vice dean for online education and professor of clinical management communications at USC Marshall. “It is a superb opportunity for Marshall to partner with this extraordinary group and help introduce young students in our community to careers in technology and business.”

The students are learning programming fundamentals, web development and design, mobile development and robotics. Laptop computers were provided by the Cheryl Saban Self-Worth Foundation for Women and Girls, which is sponsoring the program. Girls Who Code is a nonprofit organization seeking to close the gender gap in technology careers. A graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Edison Auditorium in Hoffman Hall. For information, visit www.marshall.usc.edu.

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Padilla, Torlakson invite teachers to register for mock election

Secretary of State Alex Padilla and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson invite teachers to sign up their schools to participate in California’s MyVote Student Mock Election, which will take place on Oct. 11.

“Teachers can register their school online at sos.ca.gov/elections/stu-dent-mock-election,” said Padilla. “We want students to become active voters as soon as they are old enough to cast a ballot.”

Padilla said “Practical voting experiences, such as the MyVote Student Mock Election, can go a long way toward establishing civic participation as a lifelong habit. I never had the experience of heading to the polls when I was growing up because my parents had not yet gained U.S. citizenship. Many students are in similar situations today. That is why it is so important to provide first-hand experience with the democratic process.”

California students participating in the Mock Election will “vote” for U.S. President, U.S. Senate and several propositions on the November ballot. Results will be reported to the Secretary of State’s office and made available online.

The Secretary of State’s office, in partnership with the Superintendent of Public Instruction’s office, conducts the Mock Election for high school and middle school students across California.

Schools registered by Aug. 20 will receive a mock election tool kit by mail.

At the start of August, 530 schools representing 334,545 students have already registered to participate.

In 2014, students from 491 schools participated in the statewide mock election, casting over 142,000 votes.

L.A. High Museum to open in 2017

Students will return to Los Angeles High School Aug. 16 and have a new opportunity to take a museum studies course, connecting them with the historic, pre-impact school museum in 2017.

The school’s proximity to Museum Row was the impetus for the new course in which students will learn the skills needed to operate a museum as they tour the L.A. High Museum. Students will collect and curate artifacts and memorabilia spanning the school’s 143 years.

“With Principal Dr. Yoono Fontamillas entering her fifth year, L.A. High offers a serious education in a school with a history unequalled in LAUSD. There are so many exciting things going on that you won’t find at many other public schools,” said Joyce Kleifield, the executive director of The Harrison Trust at L.A. High.

The L.A. High Museum, which will be in Harrison Hall, will open in the fall of 2017 during a grand centennial event, celebrating 100 years that the school has been located at Olympic and Rimpau Boulevards.

Founded in 1873, the city’s first high school was originally located downtown, moving in 1917 to its current location. The original brick structure was demolished in the early 1970s and replaced. In addition to a rigorous course of study utilizing the Common Core Standards and A-G Requirements for graduation and college entrance, L.A. High offers over 15 advanced placement classes.

Torlakson appoints Kristin Wright to direct special education

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced this week that he has appointed Kristin Wright as the new Special Education Division Director, the California Department of Education (CDE). She begins her assignment Sept. 1.

“Wright has spent more than a decade working in education with a focus on special education. Since 2014, she has served as the California State Board of Education as an education policy consultant and liaison between the state board and the CDE on subjects including special education, child nutrition, foster and homeless youth and computer science. In 2013 and 2014, she worked as an education programs consultant within CDE’s Special Education Division, serving as a liaison to the Advisory Commission on Special Education (ACSE) and consulting on program and policy matters related to California’s Common Core State Standards and accessibility for students with disabilities. She served as a state Senate appointee to the ACSE from 2006 to 2013 and was chair of the advisory commission from 2009 to 2013.”

“Kristin brings a wealth of professional and personal experience to this important position as a policy expert, a former special education student teacher, and a mother of a child with disabilities,” Torlakson said. “California’s students with disabilities and their families will find they have an advocate and an ally in Kristin.”

Wright’s public service career took a turn with the birth of her middle daughter, Shelby, who has significant intellectual and physical disabilities. Wright, who earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology from California State University–Sacramento, returned to the public service realm to earn a special education teaching credential and a master’s degree in special education.

Wright replaces former Director Fred Balcom who retired in December. Since December, the role has been filled on an interim basis by Chris Drouin. California’s public schools served 717,962 special education students ranging in age from newborns to 22 during the 2014-15 school year.
Bloom hosts Hollywood family resource fair Aug. 6

Assemblymember Richard Bloom, District 50, in partnership with the Youth Policy Institute, Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council and After School All-Stars, will host a free family resource fair at the Hollywood Recreation Center and Park on Saturday, Aug. 6.

This resource fair is an opportunity to interact with representatives from various nonprofit and government organizations to learn about programs and services that may be helpful, and in some cases, may reduce monthly expenses.

Beverly Hills staff will distribute free backpacks and school supplies to local children to help prepare them for the upcoming school year. Priority will be given to families who RSVP for the event.

There will be games for kids to play, the Natural History Museum will provide their Mobile Museum: An Ocean Experience onsite for kids to explore the ocean floor, California Highway Patrol will have police vehicles on display and the County of Los Angeles Fire Department’s Shake Quakey House will teach kids about earthquake safety by experiencing a 5.5 earthquake.

Bloom said he looks forward to meeting people and hearing any thoughts or concerns on issues facing our state and local community.

Crossword Puzzle by Myles Mellor

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Beverly Hills announces Next Night block party

All facets of summer fun will come together Aug. 27 at “Next Night” — a block party celebrating the Beverly Hills community, people, food, entertainment and businesses.

The 200 block of S. Beverly Drive will be “pedestrian-only” during an evening of fun for the entire family, featuring live music, a DJ, food trucks, restaurant specials, a beer & wine garden and pop-up shops. The event will showcase a mix of local artists and goods crafted in Beverly Hills.

“Next Night introduces the Next Beverly Hills initiative to the community,” said Beverly Hills Mayor John Mirsch. “We are a city of all ages, incomes and ethnic groups. We embrace creativity, diversity and technology as the means to better our lives. Our goal with the Next Night event is to have an enjoyable evening, of course, but also to engage the community in creating a better future for all of us.”

Next Night will start at 6 p.m. on Aug. 27 from Charleville Boulevard to Gregory Way along S. Beverly Drive. Admission is free. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome.

Communities rally for safety

The city staff encourages attendees to leave cars at home, walk, bike or to use Uber or Lyft. A designated Uber/Lyft drop off point is located near Gregory Way, at the southern end of the 200 block of S. Beverly Drive.

Parking is available at the city parking garages located at 216 S. Beverly Dr. and 242 N. Beverly Dr.

Next Night was led by Next Beverly Hills, a committee of young leaders appointed by the mayor and the city council to connect with residents through innovative initiatives that address their lifestyles, economic and civic needs.

For information, visit www bev-erlyhills.org/nextbeverlyhills.
Cancer survivors, patients pick up paintbrushes for artwork event at Cedars-Sinai

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center will host mural painting today for cancer survivors and patients, their families, doctors and nurses.

The event, Paint. Freedom. America., starts at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4 and aims to help participants express their feelings about illness and healing through art. They will paint panels for eight hours.

The nonprofit Foundation for Hospital Art, in partnership with Cedars-Sinai, will provide materials for participants to paint by number. The pieces will remain at the medical center, home to a donated art collection that includes artists such as Judy Chicago, David Hockney, Robert Kauschben and Roy Lichtenstein.

Two patients also will paint a panel for the 50-state “Stars of Hope” mural, to be displayed in New York later this summer.

Korean Cultural Center presents ‘Arirang Afrobeat 2016: Summer of Love’

The Korean Cultural Center will host “Arirang Afrobeat 2016: Summer of Love” at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5 on the third floor in the Ari Hall.

Arirang, beloved Korean folk songs, meets the legendary Afrobeat music led by Najite & Olokun Prophecy. The event will showcase the crossovers between Shunawi style Korean folk songs, Pansori, dance, drumming and “Afrobeat,” a combination of traditional West African music, jazz, funk, highlife, chanted vocals and percussions, created in the 1970s by the Nigerian musical genius Fela Kuti.

Participating artists include Ko’s Traditional Korean dancers, Samulnori Woon-Woo-Poong-Rae led by Woo Yeon Kim, Hee Yoon Ro Gyeonggi Minyo Korean Folk Songs, Korea’s Human Cultural Asset Pansori Master Jo Tong Dal and Najite & Olokun Prophecy.

This performance is part of the ongoing multicultural music concert series organized by the Ko’s Dance group.

To make reservations, visit www.kccla.org. For information, contact Tammy Chung at tammy@kccla.org or (323)393-3015.

Korean Cultural Center has selected finalists for SXSW Eco ‘Place by Design’

The project is a collaboration between the city of West Hollywood through WeHoX Innovation and Technology program, please visit www.wehox.org.

The city of West Hollywood’s WeHoX Innovation and Technology program has been selected as a finalist for South By Southwest’s SXSW Eco Place by Design Competition in the category of Urban Strategy and Civic Engagement. SXSW Eco creates a unique space for dialog among thinkers who collectively imagine public space as something greater than a backdrop for events and sets objectives for innovation initiatives. Its first Innovations Annual Report, which proposes a broad range of projects and sets objectives for innovation initiatives.

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The Rogue Artists Ensemble will present two staged readings of its work-in-progress, the Kaidan Project, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6 and Sunday, Aug. 7 in Fiesta Hall at Plummer Park, located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.

A short reception will follow each reading.

The project is a collaboration with the East-West Players, and the readings are presented in part by the city of West Hollywood through WeHoX Arts. The audience will be asked to provide feedback about the project’s development.

Set to premiere in fall 2017, the Kaidan Project will be a multi-sensory experience and include the Japanese ritual of Hyakumonogatari Kaidankai (the telling of 100 supernatural tales), a tradition dating back to 1660 that was also part of Samurai Warrior endurance training. The experience will include taking small groups of participants on a “ghost tour” of Little Tokyo as participants explore many-popularized with the phrase “Elegant Little Tokyo” as the 100 tales supposedly unfolded around them, revealing a higher level of paranormal activity, resulting in a thrilling finale.

The readings, which include puppets and a special behind the scenes look, are free to attend. Donations are welcome. Reservations are required by joining the event on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/events/177258934962923.

The TCL Chinese Theatre in Hollywood is launching a new weekly screening every Wednesday for stay-at-home mothers and fathers and their babies. Parents should B.Y.O.B. – bring your own baby – without worrying if they cry.

“We love opening up the movie-going experience to as many people as possible, and since I am a new mom, I wanted to do this for all of us,” said Alywn Hight Kushner, mom, I wanted to do this for all of us,” said Alywn Hight Kushner, mom, I wanted to do this for all of us,” said Alywn Hight Kushner, mom, I wanted to do this for all of us,” said Alywn Hight Kushner, mom, I wanted to do this for all of us,” said Alywn Hight Kushner, mom, I wanted to do this for all of us,” said Alywn Hight Kushner, mom.

The screenings start at 11 a.m. each Wednesday at the TCL Chinese 6, located at 6901 Hollywood Blvd., in the Hollywood & Highland complex on the third floor.

Curtains up on weekly screenings for stay-at-home parents

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Matt Damon is ‘Bourne’ again

Even a weaker “Bourne” film still outperforms the average action movie. But to rank “Jason Bourne” below other films in the series is not a condemnation; it only highlights minute discrepancies. The return of Bourne to the series has all the action and espionage suspend you need, just not as much conspiracy.

Last we saw Jason Bourne (Matt Damon), he was almost drowned after learning he volunteered to join Treadstone, the incredibly shady CIA program that became far too comfortable with a Machiavellian approach to protecting America’s interests. Once an agent unaware of his ID, Jason now knows everything, and the weight of that knowledge sends him into a self-destructive spiral. Staying off the grid, he’s content to simply survive. Too bad he doesn’t have all the facts.

Nicky Parsons (Julia Stiles), a former operative alongside Jason in Treadstone, isn’t too fond of her former employers, now seeking to leak their undercover program online. But during her Langley hack, she uncovers the truth behind Jason’s recruitment. And it spells hack, she uncovers the truth behind Jason’s recruitment. And it spells hack, she uncovers the truth behind Jason’s recruitment. And it spells hack, she uncovers the truth behind Jason’s recruitment.

Jason shoots and punches his way to the truth, mostly alone. One operative in particular, the Asset (Vincent Cassel), really has it in for Jason, and he doesn’t care how many innocent people get in his way. Then there’s young agent Heather Lee (Alicia Vikander), who seems to have a different agenda than her boss. The only question: whose side is she on?

As the fifth entry in the series, including that unfortunate Jeremy Renner-starring “The Bourne Legacy,” you’d think the idea of spies and government corruption would feel dated, but leave it to Paul Greengrass and Christopher Rouse to infuse the story with references to Edward Snowden, privacy law and even an entire sequence during a riot in Athens. All quite topical.

Many critics consider this one a too little, too late film, something that compensates for a lack of story with top explosions, it tarnishes the original trilogy. Maybe that’s all true, at least in part. The focus on Jason’s internal spiral rather than an explosive. Plus, the film does something infuriating that previously occurred in “The Bourne Supremacy” (I’m not saying what, but you might just roll your eyes and blurt out, “Of course.”)

For all its faults, “Jason Bourne” remains fun, albeit simpler than three of its predecessors. It never resorts to cheese, still relying on more than just shootouts, though there are plenty of those. And hey, you’ll never see a car chase quite like the one at the climax in Las Vegas. The “Bourne” trilogy set the standard for action films. If you ever wonder if your standards for shoot ‘em ups are too high or too low, consider these films: it won’t get better. When watching “Jason Bourne,” it’s hard to stay seated amidst such brisk pacing.

LACMA displays collection from 17th century China

Art artist Ding Yunpeng’s “Luohan and Attendant” is one of the many pieces from the Chinese Ming dynasty to be displayed in the exhibit at LACMA.
WeHo art exhibit is ‘Worth A Thousand Words’

The city of West Hollywood presents the exhibit “Worth A Thousand Words: Portraits of Artists and Writers” running through Saturday, Oct. 8 at the West Hollywood Library.

The exhibition displays the works of photographer Pat York and features portraits of John Baldessari, Mark Bradford, Damien Hirst, David Hockney (working on his painting “Mulholland Drive: The Road to the Studio”), Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Ed Ruscha, Kiki Smith, James Rosenquist and Andy Warhol. Authors, screenwriters and playwrights represented include Barbara Cartland, Julia Child, Christopher Isherwood, Dominique La Pierre, Steve Martin, Irwin Shaw and Tennessee Williams.

York was born in Jamaica. She started her career in the fashion department of Vogue magazine and moved to Glamour magazine as a photographer and travel editor. Her photography has been exhibited in museums throughout the United States.

An artist’s reception will be held this evening, Aug. 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd. RSVP is required by visiting www.bit.ly/WeHoArtsPatYork. For information, call (323)848-6377 or visit www.weho.org.

LAMOTH bids farewell to Austrian Holocaust Memorial Ambassador Hannes

The Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust (LAMOTH) recently bid farewell to Austrian Holocaust Memorial Ambassador Hannes Breitenlechner, who was completing a year of volunteering at LAMOTH. In lieu of military service, Austrian Holocaust Memorial Ambassadors volunteer abroad.

During the past year, Breitenlechner helped enhance the museum’s audio guides and improved the quality of the audio-visual experience for visitors. “Hannes will leave an enduring imprint not only on our work, but on the soul of our community,” LAMOTH executive director Samara Hutman said. “His professionalism, dedication and work ethic were exceptional, but even more, his kindness and dignity around this work was defining. He will be missed and fondly remembered.”

LAMOTH is located at 100 The Grove Drive in Pan Pacific Park. For information, call (323)651-3704, or visit www.lamoth.org.
Mayor pushes for city to cut back 5 percent

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we use on those days when it gets extra hot,” Garcetti explained. “So that means that we might face blackouts and energy shortages throughout the city.” So as not to head into the hot summer months, when energy usage is at its peak, we must understand and mitigate ways that we behave, to ensure future generations of Angelenos have the power they need to get through life in this city.

Garcetti has asked Angelinos to conserve water since taking office, and in the last year the city reduced usage by 20 percent – which was the goal over two years. Now he’s looking for similar success with the city’s energy.

“We showed we can do it through a combination of incentives, a little bit of guilt, and making sure people know that they could play a role,” he said.

Garcetti told Angelinos to set their thermostat to 78 degrees, turn off unnecessary lights, unplug machines and appliances, and wait until after 9 p.m. to use the dishwasher or washing machine. It’s not just good for the Earth, it’s good for citizens’ wallets, Garcetti added.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) also launched a new rebate and incentive program. LADWP will give away two LED light bulbs per household beginning mid-September. They will reach 1.35 million LADWP customers and distribute a grand total of 2.7 million LED light bulbs across the city.

LADWP will also award an additional round of energy efficiency outreach and education grants to local nonprofits and organizations to improve energy efficiency and water conservation in Los Angeles communities. Applications for the grants valued at $90,000 each are available now, and are due Aug. 19.

LADWP’s refrigerator exchange program provides new energy-saving refrigerators in exchange for qualified older model refrigerators, free of charge to low income residents. When the new refrigerator is delivered, the old unit will be removed.

Garcetti said last year city government cut its energy use by more than 3 percent in municipal operations at city parks, libraries and city hall. The mayor set a new goal last week to reduce energy use by an additional 5 percent for municipal operations from August to June, compared to consumption over the last five years.

“And I want to issue a challenge to all of our private sector partners. If you run a company or work at a company, challenge your employer. Or, if you’re the employer, join us. Reduce your power by 5 percent as well,” Garcetti said. “The energy conservation that I’m calling for today is what we want and what we need to be doing anyway.”

The mayor said Los Angeles is on track to meet its goals – set in the Sustainable City Pla, at the U.S. China Climate Leaders Summit and at the federal climate change meetings in Paris – of reducing energy use by 15 percent by 2020.

“And I know that we need to move further and faster, but to do that we all have to do our part,” he said.

For information, visit www.SaveEnergyLA.org.

West Hollywood pushes back on development

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334,000 square feet. The $300 million project, which includes 65,000 square feet of commercial and restaurant space, will take the place of two commercial buildings and parking space.

“Frank Gehry’s design will provide much-needed, high quality residences, as well as a new destination for Hollywood, enhancing the city. This is the right direction for development in L.A., embracing both density and sustainability as well as a commitment to providing affordable housing at varying income levels, which we have agreed to increase at the recommendation of the commission,” added Townscape partner John Irwin.

Dozens of community members appeared to hear Garcetti present the project to the commission on the key features of his design, as well as to hear the commission’s decision on the case. Appeals on the project’s proposed size and potential impacts. The venue appeared to dampen the appeals, but the project will surely face more challenges, as appellants promised litigation if necessary to address their concerns. It was approved with an additional 4 percent parking, and the total amount of parking was reduced by 10 percent to a total of 38 to the 249 units, but opponents say that is not enough to mitigate the project’s impact.

The project advances to the city council’s planning and land use management department in both the city and the county, which will be considered by the full council, which might be one of the project’s biggest roadblocks. Earlier this year, Councilman David Ryu, 4th District, asked for the project to be downsized and said it is out of scale with adjacent buildings and residential properties on Havenhurst, but those concerns were not addressed by the developers.

“We want to ensure that the project is consistent with the neighborhood,” said the additional affordable housing for residents and Angelinos, I have serious concerns about the project’s height and density, as well as its limited return on community benefits, most importantly affordable housing,” said the commission’s decision on deciding to add an additional 4 percent of workforce housing. The commission dramatically reduced parking, increasing the profit for the developers while ignoring the concerns of the neighborhood. Further, the height and density of the project still exceed what the city is getting in exchange for the affordable unit.”

In exchange for the affordable housing, the project will be allowed to have a 3.1 floor area ratio – three times greater than the zone allows. Representatives with appellants group Fix the City say that additional affordable housing should only be provided if the developers increase, not 300 percent, which would cut the project to 150,308 square feet. Fix the City also appealed on other issues including the project’s compatibility with existing infrastructure, effect on existing development and the elimination of a right turn lane from Sunset Boulevard going to Crescent Heights.

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mayor called for a change in the project that is proposed near its border. Members of West Hollywood’s city planning staff attended the hearing in Van Nuys to raise concerns that were “not adequately addressed,” or analyzed in the environmental impact reports, including effects on traffic both due to volume and to the elimination of the right turn, as well as effects on the sewer systems.

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Mayor Eric Garcetti said that Los Angeles has both the privilege and the responsibility to take the lead on issues like an energy shortage.
Adult film industry's effort to scrap condom rule fails

Adult film industry leaders suffered a setback this week in their campaign to overturn state health rules that require condoms to be used in their industry. The sad news for producers is that the court's ruling was final.

More events could come to Wilshire

The Saban Homeless Coalition has offered a weekend of services and support for the homeless population in Los Angeles. The coalition is working with organizations to provide resources and support to those in need. The events include showers, laundry facilities, and meals. The coalition is working to ensure that those in need have access to basic necessities.

Lieutenant calls for qualified commander chief

Lieutenant Taylor addressed the need for a qualified commander chief. He stated that the current commander chief is not up to the task of leading the organization.

On Tuesday, President Barack Obama joined Lieu in describing the need for Prop. 60, a measure on the November ballot to fight back against the adult film industry's producers. Obama said that Prop. 60 is a commonsense solution to the problem of unconsented condom use in the adult film industry.

Wecker said. "The homeless problem is not something we can solve with citations, enforcement and arrests. We will do that if necessary, but on the other side of the coin, we are trying to help the people who are most vulnerable.”

For information on future citation clinics or getting involved, call (213) 978-1397, email att.heart@lacity.org, or visit www.lacityattorney.org. For information on the Midtown Los Angeles Homeless Coalition, visit www.midtownhomelesscoalition.org.
