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BY LUKE HAROLD

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Council members also rejected a proposed pilot program. The ban will result in fines for companies that own the scooters, particularly Lime and Bird, if scooters are left in public areas within West Hollywood. Riders will not receive any penalties. Council members left open the possibility of a future amendment that allows hotels and other private businesses to partner with the companies.

The scooters, accessible through smartphone apps, have been popular with tourists who use them to explore the local area, and residents who use them to avoid their cars for short trips. But cities have been concerned about riders zipping down public rights of way at up to 15 mph, and then leaving them in the way of pedestrians. Bird and Lime advise riders to stay off sidewalks unless local law allows them to, but riders have commonly used sidewalks.

“Don’t think West Hollywood has the infrastructure for these scooters at this time,” Councilwoman Lauren Meister said.

Mayor John Duran added that the city’s streets and sidewalks don’t have the space to accommodate them.

“I just don’t think West Hollywood’s ready yet,” he said.

Councilman John Heilman said he recently walked from City Hall to Gelson’s, and had to move a scooter blocking public rights of way at one of the concerns local officials have.

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Cinderella

Santa Monica Playhouse welcomes the return of the beloved musical “Cinderella” running from Saturday, July 14 through Sunday, Sept. 23 on the theater’s main stage. The hilarious twist on the classic story has all the makings of a perfect fairytale for today’s generation. It features a handsome prince who yearns to be loved for himself, not his royal position, vain stepisters who realize looks aren’t everything, a controlling but genuinely well-meaning stepmother, and a refreshingly independent feisty Cinderella. Showtimes are 2 p.m. Saturday; noon Sunday. General admission is $15. 1211 Fourth St. santonimcaplayhouse.com.

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LAFD scrambles to contain brush fire in Griffith Park

BY LUKE HAROLD

Firefighters remained at the scene on July 11 of a 25-acre brush fire that erupted the previous day approximately one quarter-mile northwest of the Griffith Observatory.

Although the fire was contained and primarily extinguished by 5:15 p.m. on July 10, Los Angeles Fire Department personnel stayed throughout the night and next day to ensure no flare-ups occurred on the brush-covered hillsides. The cause of the blaze is under investigation, said LAFD spokesman Brian Humphrey. No injuries were reported.

Humphrey said the fire department received multiple 911 calls at approximately 2:10 p.m. on July 10 about smoke and flames near Western Canyon Road, which runs between Observatory Road and Fenn Dell Drive. The fire was burning in approximately two acres of brush when LAFD personnel arrived.

Water-dropping helicopters and firefighters on the ground battled the blaze, which spread to 25 acres before it was contained. Approximately 2,000 people were evacuated from the Griffith Observatory Park rangers guided them by foot down trails to the Greek Theatre parking lot. Shuttles took the evacuees back to the observatory shortly after 3 p.m. to retrieve their vehicles. Five vehicles parked along roads west of the observatory were damaged by the fire and had to be towed, Humphrey said. The Griffith Observatory remained closed on July 11 as a precaution.

The LAFD used drones to monitor the fire scene overnight. The aircraft sensors determined ground temperatures exceeded 300 degrees where the flames had been. Humphrey added. Firefighters remained at the scene out of an “abundance of caution,” he added.

Griffith Park visitors are asked to be vigilant about preventing brush fires and to immediately report any smoke or suspicious activities. Humphrey added that smoking is prohibited throughout the park.

“We want people to be careful,” Humphrey said. “If you have any doubt about safety in the park, notify the rangers or call 911.”

AHF criticizes L.A. decision to fasttrack Parker Center demolition

The Healthy Housing Foundation, powered by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, sharply criticized Los Angeles City Council for its vote to fast-track demolition of Parker Center, the former LAFP headquarters and replace it with a $900 million luxury office tower for city workers.

The Health Housing Foundation and AHF both question the motives and speed with which city officials are moving to destroy the building — and its potential as affordable and homeless housing — since the building has been sitting vacant since 2009, and during the time which the number of homeless and unsheltered individuals in the city of Los Angeles increased to more than 31,700.

“The City Council’s action to speed the destruction of Parker Center is an insult to good governance and to the homeless population,” said Michael Weinstein, president of AHF. “The luxury city office building, which will wind up costing a billion dollars, is the last thing we need during the current homeless catastrophe. The Healthy Housing Foundation is currently in the process of developing a plan to preserve the building, rename it for Tom Bradley, and house 730 people at less than one-quarter of the price — and, we have already submitted a ballot initiative to make this happen. Obviously, the council is rushing to destroy the building ASAP because they don’t want a housing solution for the homeless in their backyard. Their ‘edifice complex’ demands a luxury city government office tower as a monument to their own arrogance.”

Earlier in 2018, HHF opened the 150-room Sunset 8 Motel, the renovated mer Sunset 8 Motel, which will only grow as climate change leads to sea level rise and ever more unpredictable storms. It’s essential for city workers. Feinstein announced $2.5 billion for California flood control projects

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) announced that California is receiving $2.5 billion for construction of seven of the highest priority flood control projects and two flood control studies.

The construction projects are expected to be completed in three to five years.

“California communities face significant risk of flooding, which will only grow as climate change leads to sea level rise and even more unpredictable storms. It’s essential that we update the state’s flood control infrastructure and these $2.5 billion in federal funds will provide significant progress toward that goal,” Feinstein said.

As ranking member of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, Feinstein secured $4.5 billion for flood control projects in a recent bill to fund disaster relief and preparedness, with more than half of funds awarded to California projects.

Some of the items included in the funding are $177.2 million for the San Francisco Shoreline, $74 million for Tulare County flood control and $73.6 million for the Yuba River Basin.

Los Angeles County Flood Control System and Orange County Westminster Watershed studies will receive $3 million and $2.05 million, respectively.

Feinstein announced $2.5 billion for Tulare County flood control, $500 million for the Central Valley Flood Protection System, $100 million for the San Joaquin River Estuary, $200 million for Sacramento River flood control, $213.4 million for the Upper Colorado River Basin, and $325 million for the Lower Colorado River.

In California, Huntington Beach, Coronado, and reports of flooding, but the projects will increase flood control capacity, reduce the number of flood evacuations, and save billions of dollars in damage.

Feinstein also announced $175 million for the provider, and $300 million for the San Francisco Bay Area. These funds will support the development of new infrastructure, including levees, floodwalls, and other flood control measures.

“Today’s announcement is a significant step toward protecting our communities from the impacts of climate change and ensuring a safe future for all Californians,” said Feinstein. “With this funding, we can begin to address the growing threat of flooding in communities across the state.”

California is experiencing an increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, including floods, wildfires, and droughts. These events are expected to become more frequent and severe as global temperatures continue to rise.

In addition to the flood control projects, Feinstein also announced $2.5 billion for California’s water infrastructure, including $1 billion for the State Water Infrastructure Grant Program and $1.5 billion for the State Water Resources Grant Program.

These funds will support the development of new water infrastructure, including water treatment plants, water storage facilities, and water distribution systems. This funding will help California meet its water needs and ensure a reliable water supply for the future.

Rainwater filters into the ground, where it is slowly released back into streams and rivers. This creates a natural cycle where water is recycled and reused.

Rainwater harvesting systems capture and store rainwater for later use. This can be used to water gardens, wash cars, or even flush toilets. Rainwater harvesting systems can help reduce our reliance on municipal water systems.

The benefits of rainwater harvesting are numerous. Not only does it reduce our reliance on municipal water systems, but it also helps to reduce our carbon footprint. By capturing rainwater, we are reducing the amount of energy needed to transport water from a treatment plant to our homes. This reduces the amount of greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

In addition to reducing our carbon footprint, rainwater harvesting also helps to reduce the amount of stormwater that flows into our rivers and streams. This reduces the amount of pollutants that enter our waterways and helps to protect our water quality.

Finally, rainwater harvesting is an excellent way to conserve water. By capturing rainwater, we are reducing our overall water usage and helping to conserve this precious resource.

One of the best things about rainwater harvesting is that it is a simple and cost-effective way to make a big difference. With just a little bit of planning and effort, anyone can install a rainwater harvesting system in their home.

Rainwater harvesting systems can be built with materials that are readily available, such as tanks, filters, and pumps. These systems are relatively inexpensive and can be installed in a weekend.

In conclusion, rainwater harvesting is a simple and cost-effective way to conserve water and protect our environment. By capturing rainwater, we are reducing our carbon footprint, reducing the amount of pollutants that enter our waterways, and conserving this precious resource.

It is an excellent way to make a big difference and help create a sustainable future for our planet. So why not give it a try and start harvesting rainwater today?
Son accused of murdering father in West Hollywood

A 34-year-old West Hollywood resident has been arrested and is allegedly murders his father and stabbing his mother and sister on July 8 in an apartment in the 8700 block of Shoreham Drive.

The suspect’s father was pronounced dead at the scene. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Coroner Office spokesman Ed Winter identified the decedent as Abraham Rubin, 74, and the victim’s identified mother and sister were taken to a hospital. The sister, who is in her

Beverly Hills police launch online reporting system

The Beverly Hills Police Department has announced its new UrgentLink system, which allows community members to report some crimes online if they occur in Beverly’s deadly weapon harassing phone calls, lost property and variance communications system using UrgentLink technology.

The system will be used during a catastrophic failure of all other conventional communication. To maximize coverage across the 4,100 square miles of Los Angeles County, the department is housing the equipment at three facilities strategically selected to cover all parts of the region.

“The residents that we serve deserve to have the confidence in knowing that, even under the most extreme conditions, some communications platforms will be operational during a disaster,” said Dean Gualamas, division director of the LASD’s Technology and Support Division.

This is an important addition towards expanding our disaster communications capabilities.

The Lakewood Sheriff’s Station, Lancaster Sheriff’s Station and the Sheriff’s Communications Center in East Los Angeles were equipped with the UrgentLink radio equipment, which will help preserve the operations of emergency radio communications during a major natural disaster. Unlike most radio systems which work in a line-of-sight fashion, the system has the capability to bridge communications across thousands of miles. The same technology is used by federal agencies such as FEMA and the U.S. military.

The three telecommunications systems were leased in March under a joint evaluation by the department’s Technology and Support Division. The division is considering the potential expansion of the program to include other sheriff’s stations.

For information, visit lasd.org.

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The United States Attorney’s Office, Central District of California has announced that a 50-year-old woman known as the “Bitcoin Maven” was sentenced on July 9 to one year and one day in federal prison and three years of supervised release for laundering bitcoin related to narcotics sales. The defendant, Theresa Lynn Tetley, was also ordered to pay a $20,000 fine. Tetley pleaded guilty to one count of operating an unlicensed money transmitting business and one count of money laundering. She admitted to operating an unlicensed bitcoin-for-cash exchange business and laundering bitcoin that was represented to be proceeds of narcotics activity.

Tetley, who was identified by authorities as a resident of Southern California, is a former stockbroker and real estate investor. United States District Judge Marsha Pechman Real also ordered Tetley to forfeit 40 Bitcoins, $292,264 in cash and 25 gold bars that were proceeds of illegal activity.

The government’s case against the defendant is the first of this kind in the Central District of California.

According to court documents, Tetley offered bitcoin-for-cash exchange services without registering as a money services business with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and without implementing anti-money laundering mechanisms such as customer due diligence and reporting certain transactions as required by businesses. Tetley advertised on local-bitcoins.com and exchanged between $6 and $9.5 million for customers throughout the country, charging rates higher than institutions that were registered with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

As a result of operating an unregistered business, Tetley facilitated laundering for one individual who is suspected of receiving bitcoin from unlawful activity including sales of drugs on the dark web. Tetley also exchanged a bitcoin-for-cash transaction for an undercover agent who claimed his bitcoin was proceeds of illegal activity.

The investigation into Tetley was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and IRS Criminal Investigation.

Task force takes ‘ghost guns’ off the streets

■ Group was allegedly assembling guns in Hollywood and selling them to gangs

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The investigation resulted in more than 45 firearms, high-capacity magazines and possession of methamphetamine taken off the streets; said ATF Los Angeles Field Division Special Agent in Charge Bill McMullan. “Search warrants at the end of the investigation resulted in the seizing of firearms, manufacturing tools and materials used to build AR-style rifles and pistols from unfinished lower receiver kits.” This is a common trend ATF is seeing amongst gangs. Criminals building their own guns, since they are prohibited from buying guns legally.

The arrests were the result of a six-month operation that involved more than a dozen undercover firearms purchases. The individuals in custody allegedly have ties to an East Los Angeles street gang.

They are accused of buying gun parts from out-of-state manufacture and then putting them together at the scene. The guns were handguns, while the remaining were AR-style rifles, as well as one AK-47 and one SKS rifle. The suspects face 47 felony charges including the manufacture, transportation and sale of assault rifles, possession of a silenced weapon and criminal conspiracy.

Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, who co-chairs the national organization Prosecutors Against Gun Violence, said ghost guns are significant problems that need to be addressed. Assembly Bill 2832, a bill by state Assemblyman Mike Gipson (D-Carson), would only allow licensed vendors to sell firearms parts and require buyers to undergo background checks. It passed the state Assembly in May, and passed its first state Senate committee on June 26. There are no laws under consideration at the federal level to restrict sales of gun parts.

“Ghost guns pose a very serious threat to public safety. No one who could pass a background check would make or buy one,” Feuer said. “But there’s not a word from Congress, where clamping down on ghost guns should garner bipartisan support. That needs to change, and change now.”

First-of-its-kind case targets illegal Bitcoin exchange

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Members of an LAPD/Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives joint task force on July 5 announced the arrest of 10 individuals accused of weapons trafficking, including an illegal operation in Hollywood in which gun parts were purchased online, assembled into untraceable complete firearms.

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Beverly Hills considers petition circulating regulations

**BY LUKE HAROLD**

To combat the tactics of unscrupulous signature collectors for petitions seeking to overturn local laws, the Beverly Hills City Council has been working on ways to increase transparency and accountability.

Opponents of a recently passed basement ordinance, which regulates the size of development, collected signatures for its repeal. County elections officials determined that there were not enough signatures collected for the repeal.

“City staff also mentioned a Ninth Circuit ruling that determined it would not help potential signers of a petition to know where the person gathering signatures is from,” Councilman John Mirisch said. He added that the information could be pertinent for local matters. “If you’ve got someone here from La Crescenta who’s opening on something that’s extremely local, then they’re not qualified to do so,” Mirisch said.

Legal precedent from the Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit regarding circulators of petitions will factor into any local laws the City Council considers, city staff indicated in its report. Requiring circulators to register as legislative advocates, for example, may not survive a court challenge. “The more information we put on the badge, the less likely it’s all going to be read. So I think we need to have the type large enough to get signatures,” she said.

“The council received reports alleging that circulators of the referendum petition made false statements regarding the effect of the ordinance in an effort to induce residents to sign the petition,” Emily B. Milder, assistant city attorney, and Larry Wiener, city attorney, said in a report to council at its last study session. “Moreover, voters were not informed about who was hiring the signature gatherers to allow them to determine the identities of the referendum’s supporters. The council expressed interest in adopting new measures aimed at enhancing transparency and curbing abuse of the local referendum and initiative processes going forward.”

Regulations that council members are considering, according to city staff, include having petition circulators wear badges that reveal whether they are paid (and who is paying them) or volunteers; having petition circulators or proponents register as local legislative advocates; making a neutral summary of the purpose of a potential referendum available to the public; and temporarily suspending projects affected by a zoning ordinance.

“I think we need to have a very, very strong message,” Councilwoman Lili Bosse said. “Just like we’re trying to suggest to all the criminals out there don’t do any crime in Beverly Hills, it won’t be tolerated. I think we need to be a leading city that says we’re not going to tolerate any false, misleading due process. I think we need to push the envelope as far as we can because I think this is something that can continue again and again.”

“I would like to – out of the gate – be very, very strong on this,” she continued. “I think we need to send a very strong message that we’re not going to be steamrolled over from the truth.”

Councilwoman Lili Bosse

The city may require ballot measure proponents to register as legislative advocates under the city’s legislative advocacy ordinance,” according to the city staff report. “However, a court would likely disapprove of requiring petition circulators to register under this ordinance, as this would result in public disclosure of circulators’ identities while a petition is still in circulation.”

The West Hollywood City Council mentioned similar issues with a petition to overturn an approved project at the site of the West Hollywood City Council is not currently undertaking an effort to implement its own local regulations regarding petition gatherers.

“The current system allows for rampant abuse,” Beverly Hills resident Debbie Weiss said. “The biggest issue is the intimidating and the lying tactics that were used. As long as the signature gatherers are able to use these tactics, any ordinance can be unjustly suspended. Because right now they’re able to say anything they want, they’re able to put out any lie they want to get people to sign.”

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Callender’s Grill flagship store closing this weekend

BY MAURA TURCOTTE

After 33 years of serving up Marie Callender’s famous pies, Callender’s Grill on Wilshire Boulevard at South Carondelet Avenue, the chain’s flagship restaurant, will close its doors on Sunday, July 15. The fate of the restaurant space, which features a 19th-century aesthetic, with a brick exterior, dark wood interior and brassy finishes, remains undetermined.

“We have truly enjoyed being part of the Los Angeles community and hope to see everyone at any of our other Marie Callender’s Restaurants in the near future,” Erinn Van Veen, marketing manager for Marie Callender’s Restaurant & Bakery, said in a statement. “The decision to close this restaurant was by no means an easy one – in addition to our lease expiring in July, a variety of other criteria in the immediate area were carefully considered.”

When asked for further details on why the restaurant decided to close, Van Veen did not clarify. Callender’s Grill had notably continued its operations even during the financial struggles of its parent company, Perkins and Marie Callender’s Inc. The restaurant chain declared bankruptcy in 2011, resulting in the shuttering of over 50 Marie Callender’s and Perkins’ restaurants.

According to the property owner, J.H. Snyder Company, the restaurant’s decision came after the company tried to negotiate a higher rent.

“Their rent hasn’t changed in [nearly] 35 years,” Lon Snyder, a partner at J.H. Snyder, said, noting that the property’s value had increased over that period. The real estate company proposed raising the restaurant’s rent by 50 percent, which restaurant management rejected, saying they could absorb an approximate 30-percent rent increase. The property owner was willing to work with that negotiated number, Snyder explained, when Callender’s Grill notified the real estate company that they would not be renewing their contract.

“We wanted to renew them,” Snyder said. “They decided on their own accord to not renew.”

J.H. Snyder has already begun the search for a new tenant: “We’re very family-oriented,” Snyder said. “We’re not the evil landlord.”

In its final meeting before summer recess this week, the Los Angeles City Council approved a resolution introduced by Councilman David Ryu, 4th District, in support of the bipartisan Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018, which would automatically grant citizenship to those adopted by U.S. citizens as children.

The bills, known as HR 2533 and S. 2522, are currently pending in both the House and the Senate. “At this very moment, thousands of people legally adopted as children by U.S. Citizens are finding out that they have no status in this country,” Ryu said. “These are people who have grown up in the United States, were raised by American citizens, and deserve nothing less than full citizenship.”

The Child Citizenship Act of 2000 guaranteed automatic citizenship to adoptees under the age of 18, but missed individuals who were adopted by U.S. citizens as children, but were over 18 at the time the law was passed. Roughly 35,000 international adoptees currently in the U.S. do not have citizenship. South Korea’s Health Ministry estimates that 18,603 of these are Korean-born.

The council also approved a resolution introduced by Ryu in support of H.R. 2358, which, if passed, will award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Chinese American veterans of World War II.

The Ryu resolutions were approved amidst a flurry of other immigration-related resolutions. They include resolutions in support of federal legislation that would add migrant families separated at the border by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and a resolution requesting the city attorney to file an amicus brief in support of Ms. L., et al., v. U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement, et al. which seeks a permanent injunction preventing ICE from continuing to separate parents from their children at the U.S. border.

“I came to this country when I was six years old,” Ryu said. “And when I see these children imprisoned at the border, or adoptees who only know this country as their own treated like foreigners, I think ‘that easily could have been me.’”

“I am honored to be an American citizen, and it is a privilege I do not take lightly,” Ryu added. “But I am no better, or more qualified, or more deserving of American citizenship than these adoptees and children. I am lucky.”

O’Farrell, cast of ‘On Your Feet’ to dedicate new Hollywood crosswalk

Los Angeles City Councilman Mitch O’Farrell, 13th District, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and the cast of “On Your Feet! The Emilio and Gloria Estefan Broadway Musical” will conga across the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street to dedicate the latest scramble crosswalk to be installed in Los Angeles.

A special press event is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, starting at 1 p.m., in front of the entrance to the Metro Red Line station at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. The event will begin with a brief speaking program followed by a ceremonial “first dance” across the intersection.

A scramble is a crossing system that allows everyone to cross from each corner, in all directions, including diagonally, at the same time. Previously, a similar crosswalk was installed at the intersection of Hollywood and Highland in November 2015, which since then has reduced pedestrian incidents.

Users are encouraged to spread the word about this new safety feature on social media using the hashtag #HollywoodVineScramble. In addition to the pedestrian scramble operation, left-turn arrows are being installed for vehicles making northbound, westbound, and southbound left turns (northbound is already existing).
Tab Hunter, an actor, singer, film producer and author, died July 8 at 86. A wreath was placed at his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in his memory.

Hunter starred in more than 40 films, and was one of the movie industry’s most notable performers in the 1950s and ‘60s. He faced constant speculation from fans and media about his sexuality, and confirmed that he was gay in his 2005 autobiography. He had been with his partner, producer Allan Glaser, for 35 years.

His first starring role at age 19 was opposite Linda Darnell in “Island of Desire.” His filmography includes “Battle Cry,” “The Pleasure of His Company,” “That Kind of Woman,” “Gunman’s Walk,” “They Came to Cordura,” “Ride the Wild Surf,” “The Loved One,” “The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean,” and the Academy Award-nominated “Damn Yankees.”

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The L.A. Justice Fund, a public-private partnership created to assist people who are facing deportation and cannot afford legal assistance, can now help children and parents who have been separated and are currently residing or detained in the L.A. area, following a unanimous vote by the Los Angeles City Council.

Mayor Eric Garcetti worked closely with the City Council to expand eligibility for the program, with a motion that permits use of funds for the legal defense of families separated under the Trump Administration’s “zero tolerance policy” and are now in Los Angeles.

“Every child should endure the trauma of being separated from their parents or the terror of not knowing if they will ever see their families again,” Garcetti said. “I am grateful for the City Council’s partnership and swift action, because we must do everything possible to reunify these families now. Los Angeles is answering cruelty with compassion – by giving hope and assistance to people in desperate need.”

“When we created the L.A. Justice Fund we looked to help provide legal representation for people whose only crime was looking to create a better life for their family,” Councilwoman Nury Martinez, 6th District, said. “No one could have imagined we would need it to defend children separated from their families. As a mother and an elected representative for this city, I can think of no better purpose than to use this Justice Fund to reunite families separated by this abhorrent policy.”

The L.A. Justice Fund was created by Garcetti, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, the California Community Foundation and the Weingart Foundation. To date, the fund has awarded $7.4 million to 17 L.A.-based nonprofit legal service providers.

“When the federal government callously rips apart families and traumatizes innocent and defenseless children, who will speak up for them? Who will be on their side?” Councilman Mike Bonin, 11th District, said. “With this action, Los Angeles will be.”

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L.A. Justice Fund offers assistance to separated families

Thousands of protesters throughout the Los Angeles area have called for separated families to be reunited.
Los Angeles County has received three grant awards totaling $40 million from the state of California to support the development of affordable apartments and related infrastructure projects in the county’s unincorporated areas. The projects will generate more than 320 new affordable apartments, 500 new bike lanes, and $40 million from the state of California.

The remainder of the grant for affordable apartments, $10 million, will fund Metrolink’s East Los Angeles Wellness Hub and Calvary walking path in the 1st District. This project will include 113 affordable apartments connected along a two-mile walking path, with 76 units dedicated to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

“Countless residents in the unincorporated areas of my district have experienced skyrocketing rental rates in their neighborhoods. Others live in their cars, stay with family or friends, or are living on the streets with nowhere to go,” Supervisor Hilda L. Solis said. “Without safe and affordable housing, hard-working individuals and families are at risk of losing their homes and jobs. This project not only provides much needed housing, but also wraparound health services to keep residents healthy and in their homes. As demonstrated by this grant, L.A. County is doing everything we can to take the necessary steps to bring new affordable housing projects to life.”

The funding comes from a combination of cap-and-trade revenue through the California Strategic Growth Council’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program and Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds from Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Act of 2006. The AHSG Program provides funds to projects that achieve greenhouse gas reductions and benefit disadvantaged communities through affordable housing projects and pedestrian-friendly training. These improvements, in turn, reduce reliance on automobile use and revitalize urban environments.

Members of Legislature fight for net neutrality

California legislators announced a deal to move forward a proposal to restore Obama-era net neutrality protections that were repealed under President Donald Trump's Federal Communications Commission in early June.

Senate Bill 822, introduced by state Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) earlier this year, was amended two weeks ago in the Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee. Since then, Sen. Wiener and Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles), and Assemblymen Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles) and Rob Bonta (D-Oakland) have worked to craft a strong and enforceable net neutrality proposal.

The legislators announced an agreement on bill language that will ensure California enacts provisions that were left out of what was repealed by the FCC last year. This agreement includes key original concepts in Wiener’s SB 822, including a ban on fees to access internet service, providers’ ability to make investments, and a ban on preference of content and type of traffic.

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State Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, said the agreement reached by Wiener, Bonta and Santiago maintains a ban on fees to access internet service, providers’ ability to make investments, and a ban on preference of content and type of traffic.

“I am proud to stand with my colleagues Senator de León, Assemblymember Santiago, and Assemblymember Bonta to advance the strongest Net Neutrality protections in the nation,” Wiener said. “After Donald Trump’s FCC obfuscated net neutrality, we stepped in to protect California residents and businesses and to ensure an open internet,” Wiener said. “For months, we have worked with a broad coalition to pass strong and enforceable net neutrality protections. As internet service providers and media companies like AT&T and Time Warner consolidate, net neutrality is more important than ever. I want to thank my colleagues Senator de León, Assemblymember Santiago, and Assemblymember Bonta for working with us to ensure that California moves forward with a bill with strong net neutrality proposals that will protect California consumers and set the standard for robust net neutrality efforts throughout the country.”

“This president and his administration have made it clear that in today’s America, only some of our freedoms are secure,” de León said. “Here in California, we believe a free and open internet is one of those freedoms. I am determined to protect the internet and fight for net neutrality in our state, which is why we are fighting so hard to preserve Net Neutrality. After weeks of a vigorous debate and negotiations, I am proud to stand with my colleagues, Senator Wiener, Assemblymember Santiago and Assemblymember Bonta to advance the strongest Net Neutrality protections in the nation. If Donald Trump won’t stand up to powerful special interests to protect consumers, the state of California will.”
Metro lays tracks for tunnel boring machines

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The commission will also hold hearings to consider appeals of the department’s decisions to deny license applications or to impose administrative penalties on the licensees who violate city regulations. The commission may also make recommendations to the mayor and City Council for the adoption of laws and regulations pertaining to cannabis-related activity.

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Panel explores transit and housing

The Los Angeles Unified School District board member Mónica García is set on July 10 to serve a second, one-year term as president. It marked the eighth time García’s colleagues selected her to lead the board governing the nation’s second-largest school district.

First elected in 2006, García is the longest-serving member of the school board. She thanked her colleagues and reaffirmed her commitment to serving the students and families.

“This academic year calls on us to put kids first, to see more of them get to graduation and to struggle with the hard choices that are part of this organization,” García said. “I am proud to be someone who believes in people, and it’s the people of L.A. Unified I believe in. This system does the best it can. It’s all of our jobs to make it better.”

García selected board member Nick Melvoin to serve a second consecutive term as vice president.

“I am excited to continue serving in this role and working closely with President García to put kids first and ensure all kids graduate ready for success in college, careers and life,” Melvoin said.

“The seven board members and I share the goal to put our students first,” added LAUSD Superintendent Austin Beutner. “I look forward to continuing to work with board President García and all board members to deliver on our promise of providing every student with a high-quality education, and to renewing the commitment of everyone in Los Angeles to public education.”

Libraries launch lunch program for children

The Los Angeles Public Library is serving free meals to children and teens every weekday through Aug. 3 at the Central Library in downtown and 14 branch libraries citywide.

The library’s lunch program, which is a partnership between the library and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, provides nutritious free meals to children and teens.

The program, which began in 2013, has grown in popularity with children and their families, and library staff and volunteers who serve the meals in library community rooms.

“The library recognizes the importance of a healthy meal for a child or teenager who learns to grow, and the library is pleased to help fill in when students are not in school,” said Diane Oliver-Koster, principal librarian and associate director for the library system’s Exploration and Creativity Department. “Our summer lunch program provides a natural foundation where we can further engage with families who may not know of the amazing services and programs the library offers.”

Nearly 55,000 meals have been served during the first five years of the library’s summer lunch program. The program also expanded from two locations in 2013 to 15 this summer.

In addition to serving lunches, the library offers programs and activities to keep children and families engaged, including music, games, STEAM activities, crafts and more. Additionally, children’s and young adult authors will visit Los Angeles Public Library branches, with some of the events corresponding with Summertime Lunch.

For information and list of libraries offering summer lunches, visit falla.org/lunches.

Stay healthy with Cedars’ free exercise classes

The Cedars-Sinai Healthy Hearts program is sponsoring its fifth year of its free “Exercise in the Park” program. Exercise classes are led by Cedars-Sinai Healthy Hearts personnel in Echo Park Lake between mid-August. The one-hour exercise class combines Zumba, dance, strength training and stretching.

More than 30 participants are regulars at the popular Vineyard Recreation Center, 2542 Vineyard Ave., in the West Adams neighborhood. The executive director of Healthy Hearts, says the community loves the classes.

“We are thrilled to partner with neighborhoods and what we’ve found is that they continue to exercise after the summer classes have ended,” Buendía said. “Parents bring their children and are exercising together. It’s good for the families, for their health and for the sense of community it brings to the neighborhood.”

Residents can join free exercise programs offered by the Cedars-Sinai Healthy Hearts program.

Classes are held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday and Tuesday at the Vineyard Recreation Center. Additional classes are offered from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday at the Westside Neighborhood Park, 3085 Clyde Ave., near south Fairfax Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard. For information, visit cedars-sinai.edu.

Annual Lotus Festival returns to 13th District

The annual Lotus Festival, one of the city’s signature events celebrating Asian cultures and set against the backdrop of blooming lotus flowers in Echo Park Lake, will begin Friday evening with a night market. The event features the in-person return of the Catalina Mitch O’Farrell, 13th District, announced.

The “Teen壯y,” sponsored by O’Farrell, will take place on Friday, July 13, at 7 p.m., on the main lawn of Echo Park Lake. The free program will feature performances by local artists Robert Berryman and friends, and Charlie Overbye and the Broken Arrows.

The annual festival, sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Parks and Los Angeles Lotus Festival Inc., will take place on Saturday, July 14, from noon to 9 p.m., and Sunday, July 15, from noon to 8 p.m. Visitors will see a return of the popular dragon boat races, participate in arts and crafts, enjoy food and music, and witness the spectacular lotus flower beds.

This year, the 38th annual event will feature the culture and traditions of the People’s Republic of China.

The Los Angeles Animal Services Department will also host cats and dogs from the city’s shelters.

The festival made its debut in 1972 as the “Chinese Lotus jade” takes place in the month of July to coincide with the blooming of the lotus flowers. The celebration was designed to promote awareness of the contributions by Asian-Americans in local communities.

According to the Echo Park Historical Society, the Echo Park Lake lotus beds are considered to be the largest in the western United States.

Echo Park Lake is located at 751 Echo Park Ave. For information, visit laparks.org/lotusfestival.

The annual Lotus Festival will be held at Echo Park Lake this weekend.
The Garland’s
‘Songs of the Summer’

Come to a free summer concert series under the stars tonight at The Garland’s outdoor venue to see LoveSoldier. Guests and locals 21 and older can enjoy inventive drinks, bites and live music from 7 to 10 p.m. Retro Polaroid cameras are available at the Lobby Bar for guests to snap photos to bring home. Photos are $4 each. For tickets, visit bit.ly/2NEoOwC. 4222 Vineland Ave., North Hollywood. (818) 980-8000.

Friday the 13th fun

Visit Brennan’s on Friday, July 13, at 5 p.m. for the eatery’s summer comeback, complete with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Venice Chamber of Commerce. Lincoln Tattoo Company artists Frank Ball Jr. and Steve Layans will be in the patio offering free Friday the 13th tattoos. Enjoy extended happy hour offerings including a free pizza. Live music will play near the new sports court with cornhole, giant Jenga and other fun lawn games. 4089 Lincoln Blvd., Marina Del Rey. (424) 443-5119.

Summer dineL.A.
2018

Starting July 13, dineL.A. celebrates 10 years. This year’s 15-day series showcases the diversity of culinary talent across Los Angeles. As of 2018, dineL.A. is officially the largest restaurant week in the nation with 415 participating restaurants, which includes 70 restaurants participating for the first time, such as Maude, Umeda, 189 by Dominique Ansel, The NoMad Los Angeles, Baco Mercat, Bar Amo, Best Girl at the Ace Hotel, Gesso, Harlowe and Jaffa. For fine dining, the dineL.A. Exclusive Series, sponsored by American Express, features restaurants with special dinner menus starting at $95. Participating restaurants include Alexander’s Steakhouse, BOA Steakhouse in Santa Monica and West Hollywood, CUT Beverly Hills, Jean-Georges Beverly Hills, Melisse, Patina Restaurant, Spago Beverly Hills, The Arthur J, The Bazaar by Jose Andres, Umeda and Wolfgang Puck at Hotel Bel-Air. For menus and reservations, visit bit.ly/2ovvd18.

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spot tucked within the Mondrian Los Angeles. The dineL.A. lunch menu is $20 and the dinner menu is $39. Highlights include market-driven ingredients celebrating California cuisine by executive chef Andrew Bice. Diners have the option to choose two courses that include octopus or hummus and pita, and an Ivory burger or tuna melt for lunch. Dinner options include a half chicken, salmon or prime steak. Finish with a refreshing dessert – favorites include the chocolate mousse or raspberry sorbet. 8440 W. Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood, (323)848-6000.

Celebrate Bastille Day at Melody
Executive chef Justin Abrams and the owners of Melody are hosting on July 14 a Bastille Day soirée on the patio from 4 to 10 p.m. to celebrate the restaurant’s French roots. Guests can enjoy $1 oysters from 4 to 6 p.m., $8 glasses of wine and $10 glasses of bubbly, in addition to snacks and a creative French dinner menu. Melody’s patio will also host petanque games, a sport similar to bocce ball. 751 N. Virgil Ave., Los Angeles, (323)922-6037.

Rustic Canyon’s vegetarian dinners
Every Tuesday in July, chef and co-owner Jeremy Fox and chef de cuisine Andy Doubrava are creating a five-course vegetarian tasting menu to showcase the versatility of Southern California produce. A limited amount of tickets are available for July 17, July 24 and July 31 at $75 per person. Sommelier Ferdinando Mucerino will also offer curated wine pairings for $45 per person, with bar manager Nate Reed crafting nonalcoholic cocktail pairings for $25 per person. 1119 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)393-7050.

Culver City’s ‘SummerTiní’ tasting
On July 18, look for balloons in Culver City’s downtown area between 5 to 9 p.m. for free summer fun. Check in at any participating business to pick up a “Third Wednesday Tasting” passport. Get a stamp each time you cool off with a “SummerTiní” or nonalcoholic “SummerTea-ní” option. Enjoy live music in the streets as you make your way over to the Kirk Douglas Theatre to turn in your passport, and enter a raffle to win summertime prizes. Take advantage of downtown’s universal valet parking system. Drop your car off at any of the convenient locations and then pick it up at another. Free parking is also available for up to one hour in any of downtown’s three municipal parking structures. Downtown Culver City is located just south of the 10 Freeway and east of the 405, between the intersection of Culver and Washington Boulevard and Duquesne Avenue. (310)202-6060.

National Ice Cream Day Butterbeer Ice Cream
Celebrate National Ice Cream Day at The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios Hollywood. The theme park is now serving Butterbeer-flavored ice cream along with frozen and hot Butterbeer beverages, Butterbeer potted cream and fudge. Reminiscent of butterscotch and shortbread, the cool Hogswide ice cream treat is served at various carts located within the village and at The Three Broomsticks restaurant. 100 Universal City Plaza, universalstudioshollywood.com.

Farmers market flavors at Small Batch
The family-friendly artisanal ice cream shop Small Batch by ‘Top Chef’ Season 14 winner Brooke Williamson and husband and co-chef Nick Roberts is now open in Mar Vista. The rotating menu of seasonal, house-made ice cream flavors are created by Playa Provisions’ pastry chef Lindsay Kirk using only fresh and natural ingredients found at the local farms market. Small Batch’s menu features ice cream, sorbets, popsicles, shakes and ice cream sandwiches. There are over 150 fun topping choices. Flavors include fresh sweet corn, lemon with homemade strawberry pop rocks and a unicorn sundae made with a chocolate-dipped waffle cone with a sparkler on top. For adults wanting to stay on the healthier side, the shop also features a great selection of vegan options including chocolate coconut and the vegan lava flow with strawberries and coconut milk. 12222 Venice Blvd., (424)289-9552.
Beverly Hills Police Department

June 25
At 9:40 a.m., an unknown male suspect assaulted a victim in the 9700 block of Wilshire. The suspect was approximately 43 years old, 6 feet tall and 220 pounds.

June 26
An identity theft was reported in the 500 block of Haynes Avenue at 9 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 200 block of Peck Drive.

Two unknown males committed a grand theft in the 9600 block of S. Santa Monica at 1:43 p.m.

June 27
At 9:30 p.m., two unknown female suspects committed a burglary in the 300 block of S. Redford Avenue. The suspects were approximately 5 feet 4 inches tall, one was approximately 200 pounds, while the other was approximately 120 pounds.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle in the 400 block of S. Robertson at 4:45 p.m.

At 6:45 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 200 block of El Camino Drive.

An unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 8600 block of Wilshire at 10:10 p.m.

June 28
At 5 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 200 block of S. Doheny Drive.

An unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 8600 block of Beverly Green Drive.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle in the 9900 block of Robins Drive at 9:15 p.m.

June 30
At 9 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 8500 block of Wilshire.

July 1
At 4:13 a.m., an unknown male suspect assaulted a victim near the corner of S. Santa Monica Boulevard and N. Bedford Drive. The suspect was approximately 6 feet tall and 200 pounds.

An unknown female suspect robbed a victim in the 8700 block of Wilshire at 3:54 p.m. The suspect was approximately 34 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall and 160 pounds.

At 4:10 p.m., four unknown male suspects assaulted a victim near the corner of Clifton Way and N. Almont Drive. The suspects were approximately 4 feet 10 inches tall and 135 pounds.

An unknown male suspect assaulted a victim in the 4800 block of Gregory Way at 4:40 p.m.

West Hollywood Sheriff’s Station

July 2
At 7:30 a.m., an unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 900 block of Gardner.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 7100 block of Santa Monica at 2:20 p.m. Another petty theft was reported near the same location at 3:36 p.m.

At 4 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 500 block of N. Highland.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle in the 1000 block of Palm at 5 p.m.

At 9:30 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 8800 block of Santa Monica.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 900 block of Westmount at 8:20 p.m. A second vehicle burglary was reported near the same location at 9:23 p.m.

At 11:25 p.m., a suspect assaulted a victim during a domestic violence incident in the 1000 block of Genesee.

Los Angeles Police Department

July 2
At 2 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 900 block of S. Tremaine.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 1500 block of Courtley at 8:30 a.m.

At 11:20 a.m., an unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Harper and Rosewood.

An unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 8600 block of Hollywood at 11:30 a.m.

At 2 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 7900 block of Melrose.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 1000 block of S. Clark at 4 p.m.

At 4 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 5900 block of Wilshire.

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle in the 6600 block of Hollywood at 7:45 a.m.

At 9 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 7000 block of Melrose at 8:40 a.m.

At 11 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 7200 block of Beverly.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 7600 block of N. Sunset at 11:45 a.m.

July 3
At 3:30 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 7800 block of W. Sunset.

At 8:30 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 12300 block of N. Harper.

July 4
At 11:15 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 200 block of S. Santa Monica.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 7500 block of Beverly.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Santa Monica and San Vicente.

An unknown suspect robbed a victim in the 7100 block of S. Western.

At 7:30 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 8300 block of Beverly.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 500 block of N. Citrus at 10:30 a.m.

At 11:50 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 400 block of Hauser.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 8400 block of W. Third at 10:40 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary near the corner of First and Manhattan.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 6300 block of Hollywood at 4:45 p.m.

At 5 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 6500 block of Hollywood.

At 12:45 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 400 block of S. Rexford Drive.

July 5
At 2:45 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft near the corner of Santa Monica and Genesee.

A suspect assaulted a victim during a domestic violence incident in the 9200 block of Sunset at 2 a.m.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 7200 block of Sunset.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 7800 block of W. Sunset.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 6200 block of W. Third at 10:40 p.m.

At 11:55 p.m., an unknown suspect was assaulted near the corner of Lexington and Vine.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 500 block of N. Citrus at 10:30 a.m.

At 12:50 p.m., a suspect assaulted a victim in the 400 block of Hauser.

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An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 6300 block of Hollywood at 4:45 p.m.

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At 3:30 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 7800 block of W. Sunset.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 6200 block of W. Third at 10:40 p.m.

At 11 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 600 block of S. Western.

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 8300 block of W. Sunset at 11:45 a.m.

At 2:30 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 6300 block of W. Third.

An unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Sunset and Vine.

At 5 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 800 block of N. Serrano.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 600 block of Vine at 5:30 p.m.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 500 block of W. Olympic at 4:10 a.m.

At 8 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 800 block of N. Serrano.

An unknown male suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 1500 block of N. Genesee at 9:30 p.m.

At 9:30 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a grand theft near the corner of Selma and Las Palmas.

July 6
At 1:30 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 800 block of Poinsettia Place.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 6600 block of Lindenhurst at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:50 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 100 block of Kelsey.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Sunset and Vista at 8:30 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 100 block of N. Citrus.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 1000 block of W. Olympic at 9:30 p.m.

July 7
At 1 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 800 block of N. La Cienega.

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked near the corner of Hollywood and Vine at 1:40 a.m.

At 12:45 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 6200 block of W. Third.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 6600 block of Beverly at 1:45 a.m.

At 5:30 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 6000 block of N. Poinsettia.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 6900 block of Hollywood at 7:30 p.m.

At 9 p.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 800 block of N. Poinsettia.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 8200 block of Wilshire at 9:38 p.m.

At 10:35 p.m., an unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Sunset and Ivar.

A suspect burglarized a vehicle near the corner of Blackburn and Sweeter at 11:30 p.m.

The following crimes occurred in West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and the area patrolled by the LAPD’s Wilshire and Hollywood Divisions between June 25 and July 8. The information was compiled from www.crimemap.org. To report a crime, call local law enforcement agencies. Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, Wilshire Division (213) 743-4746, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department West Hollywood Station (310) 855-8850, and the Beverly Hills Police Department (310) 455-9495.

Park Labrea News/Beverly Press
Cal-Mare transports Angelenos to Italy’s soulfulness with its upscale coastal décor and delicious Italian dishes. The menu highlights seafood from both the Mediterranean and Pacific Ocean, as well as fresh handmade pastas and brick oven pizzas.

Cal Mare, opened by executive chef Joe Sasto, of Season 15 of Bravo’s “Top Chef,” with chefs Michael Mina and Adam Sobel, sits on the ground floor of the newly redesigned Beverly Center. The name combines California’s nickname with the word “mare,” which means “sea” in Italian, a fusion reflected also in the restaurant’s interior, designed by Bishop Pass. On one wall, aqua-colored tiles have been laid like fish scales; on another, off-white brick walls give the space an Italian tavern feel. The plate with a Grassy Bar oyster from Morro Bay arrived with a beautiful purple flower adorning the shell. The raw oyster was spiked with Limoncello granita and pink peppercorns.

Chef Sasto wanted us to taste two of his crudo plates, so he sent out tasters of amberjack with grilled avocado, golden sautéed and shaved fennel, and yellowfin tuna crudo topped with chopped kowai, black olive and coriander. The dynamic flavors were incredibly refreshing.

A must-order at Cal Mare is the bite-sized potato focaccia pinwheels, made with potato and basil pesto. Parmigiano-Reggiano foam is swirled on each one, completing the savory treat.

We also tried a new delectable dish made with sugar snap peas and yellow wax beans alongside Sonoma County’s Bellwether Farms crudo topped with chopped kiwi, and white sturgeon caviar on top. The raw oyster was spiked with Lanocello granita and pink peppercorns.

The dish made with whipped burrata, stinging nettle and lobster roe butter with crushed pink peppercorns to glaze the pasta. Sasto uses all the lobster from head to tail. It was delicious.

The last dish we ordered was the freshwater prawn scampi served butterflied with Calabrian chile peppers, garlic and wine broth with a sprinkling of fresh coriander, basil and pepper. Sasto dredges the head in flour to fry up crispy for guests yearning to eat Italian style. At the end of our meal, our server rolled a digestive cart to our table with an array of bottles. We could choose from Limoncello and other after-dinner digestives and settled on three different light and refreshing Limoncello drinks – the grapefruit-tarragon, the Meyer lemon with verbena and the classic lemon.

Desserts include an Italian iced coffee with a trio of mini cannolis; a chocolate pudding with hazelnut crunch and a sprinkling of salted caramel; and Harry’s Berries strawberries bathed in lime juice and sea salt. We settled on the strawberry, which our server drizzled with 25-year-old balsamic vinegar to enhance the flavors. It was also served with a refreshing gelato made from Sasto’s $30,000 Italian gelato machine. The gelato at Cal Mare was, in fact, so good that we ordered more – a combo that included a scoop of Meyer lemon gelato and my favorite, a vanilla-cherry gelato featuring chocolate shavings, malt candy and pieces of fresh cherry.

Next time you crave pasta and seafood, Cal Mare’s pleasing dishes will inspire a blissful experience that leaves you wanting more.

The restaurant opens at 4 p.m. daily for dinner. On Sunday, it opens at 10 a.m. for brunch. $5.131 La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, (424)332-4595.
Wildfire ignites in Griffith Park

A photograph from the May 10, 2007, issue of the Park Labrea News/Beverly Press showed heavy smoke rising above Griffith Park as firefighters battled a blaze that burned for two days and scorched more than 800 acres. The fire, which erupted on May 8, 2007, damaged Griffith Park landmarks and popular hiking destinations, including the Bird Sanctuary, Dante’s View and Captain’s Roost. Firefighters prevented the flames from spreading to the Griffith Observatory and Greek Theatre, as well as the picnic areas, golf courses, merry-go-round and Los Angeles Zoo on the eastern edge of the park. However, the blaze burned hundreds of trees and stripped many areas of vegetation. On July 10, another fire erupted in Griffith Park northwest of the observatory. Firefighters contained the blaze within three hours, but it burned 25 acres of land and damaged vehicles parked along park roads. For information, see page 3.

Rock’n’ benefit supports Cedars’ regenerative medicine program

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center held its third annual “Board of Governors Rock for Research” celebration on July 8 at a private residence in Beverly Hills. The festival-style event featured a concert by Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and food from restaurants including The Grill on the Alley, Craig’s, Border Grill, Wally’s Beverly Hills, Café Diem and Il Pastaio and Shake Shack.

In one of the largest donations in Children’s Hospital Los Angeles’ history, an anonymous donor has gifted $20 million to expand care in the hospital’s Maurice Marciano Family Foundation Emergency Department and Trauma Center.

“The funds will be used to expand the waiting room, create 11 new patient bays (increasing patient capacity by 30 percent) and install high-tech cardiopulmonary monitors and electronic medical record monitors. The gift will also be used to remodel nursing stations to enhance team-based care.

“The new space and technology, the department will increase its capacity to deliver safe, innovative care, improve workflow and reduce wait times for patients, while also training the next generation of pediatric emergency medicine specialists,” said Dr. Alan L. Nager, director of emergency and transport medicine for CHLA.

Opened in 2011 as part of the Marion and John E. Anderson Pavilion, the emergency department was originally built to handle 65,000 patient visits annually. It is currently operating beyond capacity, managing nearly 100,000 patient visits each year. With 44 percent of CHLA’s inpatients admitted through the emergency department, the enhancements are critical for the well-being of patients.

Another critical addition, and key to the hospital’s long-standing commitment to family-centered care, is the creation of a dedicated Child Life team, whose members are certified and trained to prepare young patients during rigorous emergency procedures, communicate with anxious family members and guide clinicians on child-friendly care delivery. The gift will also be used to purchase a new MRI machine.

Construction is expected to begin later this year and normal emergency department operations will not be impacted. For information, visit chla.org.

Crossword Puzzle by Myles Mellor

Across
1. Golden state, for short
2. Some sharks
9. Thanks
14. Metal in rocks
15. Acid
16. School ruler
17. Officer, abbr.
18. Hangers (fgr)
19. Performs high-tech eyework
20. Handled the car well, for example
23. Enzyme
24. Mob enforcer
25. Aps’ art
27. Moscow ruler
28. Legal org.
31. Deaf
32. Diet
35. Cut short
37. Obsession or Rogers
38. Show appreciation for
39. Popular street name
40. Just survive
41. A party to
42. Record label of the Beatles’ “Ain’t She Sweet”
43. “Peking” end
44. Popular street name
46. Kind of wit
48. There and back
49. Flight segment
51. _____ system (blood typing)
52. Honour
53. Cut short
54. Show appreciation for
56. Perfect score
57. Asian countries
58. “Ethyl” or “benz” finish
59. Beauty salon workers
66. “Who’s there?” response
68. “…Rosenkavalier” (Strauss opera)

Down
1. Newspaper man, Black
2. Knowledge of the mysterious
3. The Buddha
5. Not to be missed
6. Lat
7. “I’m ___ your tricks!”
8. Comme-ci comme-ca
9. City in India
10. Emissary
11. Guff
12. Madame, for short
13. Stake’s sound
21. Kyushu porcelain
22. “…the bridled cat hath received” (Shak)
25. ___ system (blood typing)
26. No way, no how
28. Everyday guy Joe
29. Bar beverage
30. Monk’s station
33. Advertising medium
34. Cardiff
35. Advertising medium
36. Career campaigner
37. Token
39. Bo Derek film (1979)
40. Steak name
41. Rude’s end?
42. Musical genre for No Doubt
43. String instrument
44. Tie up with string
52. Croup
55. Pears’ home
56. More aloof
57. British noblemen
58. Crosswise, on deck
59. Type of cuisine
60. “…uf Eden”
61. Quot of the Chaplins
62. Squirt gun
With 20 films under its belt, the Marvel Cinematic Universe is a machine, an unstoppable force that knows how to generate movies that can garner over $1 billion (twice this year alone) and average near the $800 million mark. And the franchise does this three times a year now. But ‘Ant-Man and the Wasp’ is the closest the MCU gets to a B-movie.

That’s not a dig at the film, only to say the stakes are much more tame than we’re used to. Frankly, it’s a breath of fresh air. No world-ending scenario to dwell upon, nor a generic villain whose motivations can be summed up with “I hate the world, so let’s burn it all down.” It’s a charming film, even if the script sometimes gets a bit clunky along the way.

Avid comics readers know all about legacy characters, those superhero mantles passed on from person to person, like Captain America passing from Steven Rogers to Bucky Barnes/Winter Soldier to Sam Wilson/Falcon. ‘Ant-Man’ was the first film to draw attention to this by focusing on Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) rather than the classic iteration of Ant-Man, Hank Pym (Michael Douglas), who serves as mentor instead. This continues in the sequel as the Wasp – originally Janet Van Dyne (played by Michelle Pfeiffer here) – is daughter Hope (Evangeline Lilly), who in the comics is actually Ant-Man’s supervillain established in an alternate timeline.

Speaking of Janet, the plotline focuses on her in the Quantum Realm, another dimension only accessible by shrinking to the subatomic level. You see, Scott previously escaped this place in ‘Ant-Man,’ hinting that Hank’s wife might in fact be alive. But somebody stops them from their task, new antagonistic Ghost (Hannah John-Kamen, whose motivations are actually understandable once we get to know her. And that’s a travesty likely to be fixed by future films. But hats off to John-Kamen (star of Syfy’s ‘Killjoys’) as Ghost for providing us at least a veneer of complexity. A little crazy, a little angry, a little powerful all add up to a compelling character from a modest story.

As much popcorn fun as this is, I can’t help but feel a little disappointed. We have so many light-hearted entertainment options out there, and the Quantum Realm opens up so many possibilities for exploration and untapped characteristics of the comics in film adaptations. We barely glimpse into it, and how splendid these films would be if they embraced narrative oddities to the fullest without an obligatory self-referential joke nodding at audience members who might be bewildered out.

**Artist’s sculptures explore marginalization**

Band of Vices Art Gallery presents ‘Process & Materials,’ the new solo exhibition by artist Sharon Louise Barnes, on view until Aug. 4. The gallery will host an artist talk with Barnes on July 28 at 4 p.m.

Featuring over a dozen new abstract sculptures and multimedia works on canvas, the salvaged objects that comprise this new exhibition become Barnes’ vehicle to explore the subjects of marginalization, social class and willpower, while the process of creating them connects her to her heritage as an African American.

Process and materials are essential elements of any artists’ practice, whether that be painting on canvas or creating sculpture. Over the course of her creative career, which has included everything from music to visual art, Barnes has turned the creation of her sculptures into an alchemical process that allows her to find hope and transformation in the struggle to work with rough and salvaged materials.

‘By using industrial materials that might normally be held in a laborer’s hands, as well as an array of discarded materials that can be found on city streets, my abstract works are both conceptual and aesthetic,’ Barnes said. ‘They look outward into society, opening dialogues about marginalization, about how we determine value and the potency of characters. They also speak to my African-American heritage where people built something from very little or nothing, and demonstrated the power to transform one’s condition through the exercise of will.’

The recurring motif of cloud and tree-like formations made of interwoven strips of roofing paper appears in suspended sculpture pieces like ‘She Wove Creation Through Her Daily Work,’ and ‘Humming in the Night.’ ‘Viewpoints: A Vertel’ juxtapose found photo transfers with abstract acrylic and mixed media backgrounds. The works are a coalescence of passions she’s been exploring as an artist for almost two decades.

‘On this creative path, nothing has been more remarkable in my memory than when my fifth-grade teacher gave me the tools of perspective drawing to create the illusion of reality, or when my African-American history teacher exposed me to the visual artists of the Black Arts Movement,’” Barnes said. ‘These instances truly changed my life because they brought me to understand both the sheer magic of legacy characters, and the power of art and its unstrained power to communicate.’

Band of Vices is located at 5375 W Adams Blvd. For information, visit bandofvices.com.
The Korean Cultural Center of Los Angeles and Ilpa Gayageum Ensemble present a performance of “A Journey from the Past,” featuring Busan’s traditional Korean musical genre, Jajinmori rhythmic cycle. The event will feature the group’s repertoire, featuring songs written specifically for the ensemble, as well as traditional folk and instrumental music. Admission to the class and concert is free, but reservation is required.

The performance is presented as a part of the Korean Cultural Center’s ARI PROJECT performing arts series, which features a rich program of modern fusion world music, jazz, royal court tea ceremonies, puppet shows, and theater.

KCCLA hosts traditional Korean music concert and class

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KCCLA is located at 5505 Wilshire Blvd. For information, visit kccla.org, or contact tammy@kccla.org or (323)936-3015.
Gloria Estefan makes surprise appearance at opening night of ‘On Your Feet’

BY KAREN VILLALPANDO

“On Your Feet!” opened Tuesday night at The Hollywood Pantages Theatre and enticed the crowd to do just that with a rousing rendition of “Conga,” just one of the 26 smash hits performed during the show. Based on the life of Grammy winning superstar Gloria Estefan and her husband, Grammy winning producer-musician-entrepreneur Emilio Estefan, the Broadway musical chronicles the dynamic duo’s rise to stardom, first as Latino sensations, and then as the ravenous crossover band, Miami Sound Machine, to the American music scene.

The story begins as Gloria, beautifully performed by Cuban-American Broadway actress Christie Prades, finishes a concert in Washington D.C. with plans to board the band’s bus back to New York. The night of her fateful bus accident, passing through the bus, the story looks in the rear-view mirror at Gloria’s childhood and her musical start. Her grandmother, Consuelo, played by Nancy Daniels, encourages Gloria to pursue her singing career, much to the chagrin of her mother, Gloria Fajardo, played by Debra Cardona, who believes Gloria’s music career will lead to the fateful bus accident on a snowy night leaving Gloria with steel rods permanently implanted in her back. The road to recovery was long, yet the tenacious Estefan, with encouragement from her family and fans, climbs back on top.

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Fans of “Shark Week” are invited to enjoy a new exhibit on the series at The Paley Center for Media in Beverly Hills is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Discovery Channel’s “Shark Week” with a multimedia exhibit running from Saturday, July 14 through Sunday, July 29 on Discovery Channel. The Paley Center is located at 465 N. Beverly Drive. For information, call (310) 786-1000, or visit paley.me/sharkweek.

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Free choral event scheduled in Walt Disney Concert Hall

Over 2,000 singers will gather at Walt Disney Concert Hall on Saturday, July 21, to take part in “Big Sing California,” the largest free group singing event in California history. The event features a live concert by the full 100-voice Los Angeles Master Chorale that will perform from the stage with the 2,000-person audience singing along to selected works on the program. The concert will be conducted by composer Eric Whitacre, Grant Gerishorn, the Master Chorale’s Kiik & David Gindriff artistic director; and guest conductors Mona Smiley and Rollo Dilworth. Whitacre, who is currently the Master Chorale’s Swan Family artist-in-residence will also serve as the event’s host. The concert in Los Angeles will be broadcast to five venues across the state, in San Diego, Berkeley, Sacramento, Fresno, and Riverside, where more singers will join the performance experience by viewing the concert on large screens and singing from the audience. Around 10,000 singers are expected to take part statewide. The songs selected for “Big Sing California” range from straightforward sing-alongs such as “Lean On Me,” “This Land is Your Land” and “Hey Jude,” to selected works on the program also features an exclusive arrangement of Pentatonix’s “Sing” by Grammy Award-winning arranger Ben Bram, of “Pitch Perfect” and “Glee,” created especially for “Big Sing California.” People must register online to join the Los Angeles wait-list or any of the five hub venues. A rehearsal will be held at Walt Disney Concert Hall on Thursday, July 19, at 7 p.m. “Big Sing California” is the largest community project the Master Chorale has ever undertaken. The project was boosted by a $450,000 Exploring Engagement Fund grant from The James Irvine Foundation. “Big Sing California” is made possible with lead support from the National Endowment for the Arts, Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the California Arts Council. The Walt Disney Concert Hall is located at 111 S. Grand Ave. For information, visit lamasterchorale.org/big-sing-california.

‘Celebrity Autobiography’ adds show

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts has added another showing of “Celebrity Autobiography” on Saturday, July 21, at 9 p.m. “Celebrity Autobiography” is the Drama Desk award-winning hit comedy show where celebrities act out other celebrities’ jaw-dropping memoirs. The 2018 edition features new selections from Oprah, Celine Dion, Britney Spears, David Hasselhoff, Ricky Martin, Elizabeth Taylor and more. The show will be acted out live on stage by a number of artists including Laraine Newman, Eugene Pack, Doyle Reayel, Sherrin Shepherd, Jennifer Tilly, Steven Weber, Fred Willard and more. Tickets are $30, $40 and $50. The first showing is on July 21 at 7 p.m. The Wallis is located at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd. For information and tickets, visit sowallis.org or call (310)464-4000.

Annual trail ride supports people living with AIDS

The Life Group LA will hold the 13th annual “Saddle Up L.A.” fundraising horse ride on Saturday, July 14, in the hills of Griffith Park. Proceeds benefit the Los Angeles nonprofit’s support for people with AIDS. The goal is to raise $100,000. The ride begins at the L.A. Horse Rentals Stables in Glendale, and lasts two hours. Riders can participate in one of two rides – a scenic mountain ride through the hills of Griffith Park and a less challenging Poker Ride in which riders travel the lower trails of Griffith Park and stop four times to draw playing cards to build a poker hand. The riders with the best poker hands can win a special prize. A country barbecue will be held after the ride, and it is open to the public as well as riders. Tickets are $50 for the barbecue only. The Life Group LA was founded in 2005 and provides information and emotional support through medical forums, support groups and the POZ Life Weekend Seminar. All services are offered in a nonjudgmental and safe environment with compassion and understanding.

To register for the ride or buy tickets to the barbecue, visit saddle-upla.org.
Brownley visits local shelter housing immigrant children

Brownley visits local shelter housing immigrant children who have been separated from their parents by government policies. Due to President Trump's 'zero tolerance' immigration policy, thousands of children have been separated from their parents and left without a chance to reunite with them.

The congresswoman calls the situation a 'humanitarian crisis' and asks for reunification.

U.S. Rep. Julia Brownley (D- Thousand Oaks) of Southern California facility housing immigrant children who have been separated from their parents by government policies. Brownley, who has been a vocal critic of President Trump’s immigration policies, visited the facility in order to call for reunification.

Brownley's visit comes as the Trump administration continues to implement policies that result in the separation of children from their parents at the border.

Brownley's visit was part of a broader effort by lawmakers and activists to raise awareness about the human rights abuses occurring at immigration detention centers.

The congresswoman's visit highlights the urgent need for a comprehensive immigration reform that prioritizes family reunification and protection of vulnerable individuals.

Brownley's visit also serves as a reminder of the ongoing challenges faced by immigrant communities and the importance of advocating for policies that promote dignity, respect, and equal treatment for all individuals.

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Mid-Wilshire area. Dozens to hun-
dreds of customers in the Beverly
Grove, Miracle Mile and Hollywood areas were also without power.

By Monday evening, tempera-
tures lowered to the mid-90s and power had been restored to most areas. LADWP Chief Operating Officer Adam Adams said the power outage was caused by equipment and infrastructure to be over-
loaded, resulting in outages in several areas. Crews worked around the clock to repair electrical disrup-
tions and transformations, but the time needed for repairs some-
times ran past estimates by hours and days.

"The power went out at my house at 4 o'clock on Friday and I came back on Monday morning at 3:20 a.m.," said Iris Peterson, a res-
ident in the Grove, Miracle Mile and Hollywood areas. "I called the customer service and they were sarcastic and basically told me I live in a 100-
year-old city and the infrastructure hasn't been updated since I was born. I expect my power not be out for the three longest days of the year."

Peterson said she had to throw away snacks in her food and face almost unbearable conditions in her home. She plans to file a claim as a power outage for the loss.

Elwood Avenue resident Karen Gilman said her family endured a power outage that began Friday night and forced them to stay in a hotel for 48 hours. She said residents of the short 300 block of South Rossmore Avenue, said the electricity at her home was out for nearly 72 hours.

In Charnow's case, power was off on one side of the street and on the other side because they operate from different electrical grids, she said.

Ryu criticized the LADWP for not communicating effectively with customers.

"This heat wave left tens of thou-
sands of Angelenos without power or air conditioning, and as a result were not able to be cooled by shelters. It's one thing to lose power, it's another thing entirely to go without air conditioning," Ryu said.

"I'm not prepared to give a list of outages and unfortunately didn't have the level of detail of information that we would have liked to have communicated," Adams said. "I understand it's frustrat-
ing for residents and customers."

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Scooters cause legislative concerns for local councils

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A scooter that had been left in the mid- dle of a sidewalk out of the way of a blind man. “Some of the operators of these scooters are not operating them in a responsible way,” Heilman said. Improviding regulation or bans haven’t hindered the value of the companies so far. Lime announced that it raised $55 million from investors including Uber, which plans to make Lime scooters available in its ride-hailing app.

“As electric scooters grow in pop- ularity and become a more belo ved way to travel short distances, the partnership adds to Uber’s vision of becoming a transportation platform for people around the globe,” Lime co-founders Toby Sun and Brad Bao said in a statement. “We are working to co-brand our scooters and make Lime available in the Uber app, with more news to follow. We could not be more thrilled about this partner- ship and what it brings to riders everywhere.”

Mayor Pro Tem John D’Amico, the lone no vote when the council first voted on the ban last month, and again this week on the revised ver- sion, said previously that it was “short-sighted” to ban the devices.

“This is the first time this many people under 35 have shown up for anything,” he said, noting the most- ly young public speakers who addressed the council with a wide array of opinions.

The Los Angeles City Council is working at the committee level on regulations for the scooter compa- nies.

Councilman Ryu said the councilman is “excited about the opportunity dock- less scooters create to greatly in crease mobility in Los Angeles.”

“As it pertains to dockless scoot- ers, Councilmember Ryu believes helmets are important for the safety of riders, and ensuring that the pub- lic right of way is clear on side- walks,” Pampanin said. Furthermore, ensuring neighbor- hoods are not blighted with improp- erly parked scooters is another important aspect that should be addressed.

Councilman Mitch O’Farrell is “monitoring the discussion as it makes its way through the public process,” Tony Arra ngia, his spokesman, said.

Alison Simard, spokesman for Councilman Paul Koretz, 5th District, said the councilman sup- ports scooters with city regulation.

Koretz voted for moving forward with regulations and enforcement procedures in the Transportation Committee.

“The scooters do help solve our first mile, last mile issues getting people to and from public transit and to short destinations without cars,” he said. “However, we are hearing complaints such as competition riding on sidewalks and blocking the right of way, which are already illegal. As this is a somewhat new phenome- non, the city is working on establish- ing a set of regulations and we hope this will help mitigate some of the issues, while providing an alterna- tive mode of transportation.”

Metro construction continues through Beverly Hills

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Metro has repeatedly said it can safely build the portion of the tun- nel that goes under the high school. Besides the concerns over effects on students and faculty, the district also altered plans for park- ing at the high school due to changes made by Metro’s construction. Approximately one-fifth of Measure BH, a $385 construction bond that appeared on the June 5 ballot, was earmarked for parking at the high school. The bond is primarily for facility upgrades throughout the district, but the largest budgeted item in the project list is $85 million for the parking. It was determined that the proximity between its originally planned parking project and Metro’s Purple Line Extension tun- nel alignment would have been too close for the district to secure the approvals it needed.

For the past number of years, Purple Line construction has made its way down Wilshire Boulevard within close proximity of business- es and residences. It’s scheduled to be completed in 2026, in time for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. Construction on the city’s new Wilshire/Rodeo station began last fall with utility relocation. Beverly Hills residents expressed their con- cerns about factors such as traffic impacts and the aesthetics of public spaces near construction sites.

Metro is responsible for con- structing sound walls that are at least 20 feet high around the stag- ing yards located at the southwest corner of Wilshire and Reeves, and at the northeast corner of Wilshire and Canon, based on a memoran- dum of agreement between the city and Metro. The city will cover the walls with banners that include way-finding and public informa- tion, images and graphics about Beverly Hills and Metro.

“Metro has always taken the position that they will mitigate, but we wouldn’t know what to have them mitigate if we don’t have the numbers through data,” school board member Mel Spitz said. “So it’s good to have the data.”

Beverly Hills hosts junior master gardener programs

Two new gardening classes have been added to the Junior Master Gardener Program at Greystone Mansion & Gardens for kids 6-12 years of age. Space is available for “How to Start a Garden” on Sunday, July 15, and “How to Maintain a Garden” on Sunday, July 22.

Participants can enroll in one or both classes. The classes are taught at Greystone Demonstration Garden at Greystone Mansion & Gardens: The Doheny Estate. “How to Start a Garden” will cover intro- duction to soil, amending a plant bed, tool safety, plant selection and seed starting. “How to Maintain a Bed” will cover irri- gation, transplanting, fertilizers, a lching, composting, pesticides and seed tape.

The Junior Master Gardener Classes are brought to Beverly Hills through the University of California Cooperative Extension and are taught by certi- fied master gardeners. The pro- gram provides children with an outdoor venue where they come together to learn how to grow a vegetable garden and the bene- fits of locally grown, organic food that is environmentally friendly, sustainable and cost- effective. Participants will work on projects that develop critical thinking skills and entrepreneur- alskills, as well as gain self- confidence through project pre- sentations. Children who com- plete the program will receive the Golden Ray Certificate from Texas A&M University’s Junior Master Gardener Program.

Greystone Mansion & Gardens: The Doheny Estate is located at 905 Loma Vista Drive in Beverly Hills.

For information, visit beverly- hills.org/bmrc.

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Beverly Hills dedicates new art

The city of Beverly Hills, along with the City Council and Fine Art Commission, will host a dedication of “Folded Square – Alphabet G” by Fletcher Benton on July 17 at 1 p.m. at Rexford Mini Park.

The work was given to the city through a donation by the Louchheim family.

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