City to Spend $800,000 on Feral Cat Study
By Sheila Lane
Ledger Contributing Writer

The city of Los Angeles has earmarked $800,000 to study in 2017 the environmental impact of feral cats. The study must be completed, by court order, before the city can consider the best way to manage feral cats, estimated to be between 1 and 3 million in the city. Feral cats, some say, possibly cause a negative impact to the environment by killing birds and other wildlife and therefore disturbing nature’s natural balance. Additionally, some fear that feral cats’ fecal matter—high in bacteria—potentially cause a negative impact to the environment, and “we’re a 40-year-old organization,” said Zeller, “and actually many people have been with the organization for 40 years.”

Suspect Arrested In Wilshire Country Club Murder
By Sheila Lane
Ledger Contributing Writer

HANCOCK PARK—An employee was stabbed to death at the Wilshire Country Club on Rossmore Avenue and a suspect has been taken into custody.

According to Aareon Jefferson of the Los Angeles Police Dept., at about 8:45 p.m. October 20th, Wilshire police officers responded to a call of a stabbing at the country club. When officers arrived, department paramedics were treating Emmanuel Bravo, 28, a kitchen employee for an apparent stab wound.

Local Historical Society Gets New President
By Sheila Lane, Ledger Contributing Writer

Judy Zeller, President of the Windsor Square-Hancock Park Historical Society, has been elected president of the society for 2017. She said her affinity for the area was immediate. “I loved the city as soon as I touched down,” said Zeller. “It actually met my husband and got married six weeks later and never left.”

She has been a member of the society for about eight years, has served as secretary for the group and was named president this past summer. According to Zeller, most of the 257 members of the society live within Windsor Square, Hancock Park, Fremont Place, Windsor Village and Brookside, but membership is open to all.

Zeller said that historybuffs from as far as San Diego have called her to learn more about the organization. And once a member, loyalty to the society appears to be strong. “We’re a 40-year-old organization,” said Zeller, “and actually many people have been with the organization for 40 years.”

But, she said, currently young families who are moving into the area are also expressing interest in local history. “We want everyone to participate,” said Zeller. “We want to be a local community group where people get to participate.”

Kids Make a Difference with Art
By Sheila Lane, Ledger Contributing Writer

LARCHMONT BOULEVARD—HoldYou Foundation, a non-profit group devoted to providing financial assistance to families in need who have a child facing a critical illness or injury, will host a fundraiser November 5th where children can make art for hospitalized children.

The event, Kids Holding Kids, is open to children—two years old to teenage—and will be at Art Works Studios and Classroom. The art will be distributed to local children’s hospitals and selected works will be chosen to create wrapping paper and cards for HoldYou Foundation.

HoldYou is the brainchild of Natalie Hill. She was inspired by her own experience as an ill teenager who had to spend significant time in a Philadelphia hospital. Surrounded by critically ill and much younger children, she was struck by how many of her fellow patients had no parents around as she did. “Why are all these kids by themselves?” Hill said she asked herself.
Who We Are

ALLISON B. COHEN Allison is the publisher of both the Larchmont Ledger since 2015, and the Los Feliz Ledger since 2005. She holds a Master’s Degree from the University of Southern California’s Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism (her thesis was on local community newspaper development) as well as a B.A., also from USC, in Broadcast Journalism. Prior to starting the Ledger newspapers, Allison wrote for the Los Angeles Times, the Larchmont Chronicle and other publications. She has lived in the neighborhoods of Hancock Park, Oxford Square and Los Feliz and has served as a vestry and school board member for St. James Episcopal Church and school, on the board of the Ellin of Los Angeles, as a local Big Sunday Captain and a long-time member of the Larchmont Babysitting Co-Op. Allison has two grown sons who, after graduating from Loyola High School, now work in finance and in pharmaceuticals.

ERIN HICKEY Erin joined the Larchmont Ledger family in March 2015. Previously, she worked as a freelance, writing for FLOOD Magazine and copy-editing for Rare Bird Books, J. Ryan Stradal, and 826LA. In college, she was managing editor of her school paper, the Union Weekly. A native Angeleno, Erin enjoys window-shopping on Larchmont Boulevard and prosciutto sandwiches from Larchmont Village Wine.

SHEILA LANE Sheila has been with the Larchmont Ledger since February 2015. Prior to that she was a writer for an internet news program, a contributing writer to a series of books on Hollywood legends and a development executive for television and film companies, including the Hallmark Hall of Fame. Sheila’s connection to the Larchmont community stems from years of involvement with the St. James Episcopal School, Operation School Bell and Madison Hollow School.

LIBBY BUTLER-GLUCK is the Admissions Manager, overseeing ad sales, client relations and management of accounts. She resides in Los Feliz with her husband, David and daughter Georgia. Libby’s favorite pastime is knitting (she’s quite good at it), she loves Korean BBQ, and when asked what her favorite color is, she says she is currently “obsessed with pastels.”

TIFFANY SIMS has been the graphic designer for the Ledger newspapers since 2007. She has a BFA in Graphic Design from UCLA. While she currently lives in the Valley, she has owned a duplex in Silver Lake since 2005. She enjoys going to flea markets, DIY home improvement projects and fix-up vintage travel trailers.

November Community Meetings

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Outreach Committee November 5th at 9 a.m.
403 N. Larchmont Boulevard
Governing Board November 9th at 7 p.m.
743 South Lucerne
Land Use Committee November 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
4350 Wilshire Boulevard

Mid City West Community Council
Purple Line Extension Community Meeting November 3rd at 6 p.m.
1019 S. La Cienega Boulevard
Board of Directors November 15th at 6:30 p.m.
543 North Fairfax Avenue
Planning and Land Use Committee November 21st at 6:30 p.m.
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Governing Board November 7th at 7 p.m.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

More New Shops For Larchmont
By Sheila Lane, Ledger Contributing Writer

LARCHMONT BOULEVARD — Shopaholic Sample Sales, a purveyor of discount women’s designer apparel, opened October 8th and Trina Turk, a boutique featuring clothing by its namesake designer, is expected to arrive on the street in coming months.

Shopaholic Sample Sales, which sells discount women’s designer apparel, opened its third location on Larchmont Boulevard on October 8th.

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Car Crashes into Vernetti Restaurant
By Sheila Lane, Ledger Contributing Writer

LARCHMONT BOULEVARD— In an incident that left no one seriously hurt, a van jumped the curb in front of Vernetti restaurant, headed toward sidewalk diners and stopped when it hit a structural beam of the restaurant on the evening of October 15th. Steve Vernetti, chef and owner of Vernetti, said he was grateful that there were no major injuries and that the restaurant sustained only minor damages.

“All the first responders who came that night said that we were amazing, lucky that nothing worse happened,” said Vernetti.

The incident occurred around 7 p.m. when the restaurant had 38 diners inside and nine out on the sidewalk.

According to Vernetti, an elderly driver tried to park in a space in front of the restaurant. When the driver realized that he had not shifted gears into park, he overreacted and accidently pressed the accelerator rather than the brake.

A couple eating at a Vernetti sidewalk table—that was legally placed, yet in the path of the van—heard the car hitting a nearby parking meter and moved to get out of the way, said Vernetti.

After the car hit the structural beam, Vernetti said he ran out to talk to the driver.

“He was in shock,” said Vernetti. “I assured him that no one was under the car and told him to turn off the engine. Everyone was very gentle with him.”

Vernetti said that many police and fire vehicles came to the scene and that one woman was treated for a minor cut on her head, presumably as tables and chairs were pushed by the car’s impact, but that no one was taken to the hospital.

Calls to the Los Angeles Police Dept. to confirm this were not returned by press time.

The couple who were in the path of the van told Vernetti that despite the incident, they enjoyed their dinner.

“They loved the food and staff, and even wrote a Yelp review,” said Vernetti.

Vernetti estimated that the material damage to the restaurant—a few broken tables, chairs, dishes, flatware and three tiles on the exterior wall—was minimal.

“Maybe $2,500,” he said.

The damage was so minimal that Vernetti was able to serve brunch the next morning to 140 guests.

Looking at the predominantly glass exterior walls of his restaurant, Vernetti said he was glad that he decided to spend the extra $2,000 to make what could have been a cosmetic beam into a supporting beam.

“There is something to be said for over-engineering,” said Vernetti.

A structural beam at Vernetti restaurant held firm against impact and helped prevent an accident from becoming a disaster. Photo credit: Steve Vernetti.

Local Karate School to Host Free Women’s Self Defense Day

Knowles Karate Academy, located on W 3rd Street near S Wilton Place, will host a free 2-hour seminar on women’s self defense Saturday, November 19th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendees will learn self-defense techniques, as well as tips on personal safety and awareness.

Clothing line fodada is sponsoring the event, which will be free of charge, but space is limited.

Those interested in attending should register at knowleskarateacademy.com
Councilmember Ryu's Father Dies of Heart Attack

By Allison B. Cohen

Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu's father died October 17th of a heart attack, according to Estevan Montemayor, Ryu's spokesperson.

Eul Chul Ryu, 70, was born December 26, 1945 in Chung Chun Bok Do. In 1974, he married Michelle Won Chung Ryu in Seoul, South Korea and together raised three children: Joseph 30, Esther, 32 and David, 41.

Eul Chul earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Seoul National University and a Masters in Sociology from Hongik University. He taught civics and sociology at various high schools in South Korea.

"My father spent his career as a teacher because he was an intellectual at heart who valued understanding the world in which we live and wanted to share that with his many students," said Ryu in a statement.

"Growing up, he instilled that life and business before the disruption will get back to normal soon. "I haven't seen a change yet, but I'm going to give it time," he said.
Justin De Leon of Apollonia's Pizzeria said he's had some issues with Metro about a broken gas line, but was glad to see the street closures end.

"We're pretty excited that we're getting closer to business as usual," said De Leon.

Street Closures, Thankfully, End Early

By Sheila Lane, Ledger Contributing Writer

HANCOCK PARK—Weekend street closures of Wilshire Boulevard between La Brea and Highland avenues due to Purple Line subway related construction have ended six weeks earlier than expected.

Officials from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) said in a statement that along with the contractor on the project, Skanska, Traylor and Shea, they were able to expedite the work via such strategies as early lane reconfigurations on Fridays and "close coordination" with elected officials, community stakeholders and city departments.

Street closures began June 10th, with closures of Wilshire Boulevard from Detroit Street to La Brea Avenue, and were expected to continue eastward toward Highland Avenue for two weekends into late November.

The work involved required excavating portions of Wilshire Boulevard to place concrete deck panels across the roadway to act as a temporary street surface while work continued underground.

As the last of the closures ended on October 9th, David Nematpour of TLC Cleaners & Laundry said he is hopeful that life and business before the disruption will get back to normal soon. "I haven't seen a change yet, but I'm going to give it time," he said.

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Joe Louis: All American Hero
By Laura Collins, Ledger Columnist

One name that always comes up in the list of famous residents of Lafayette Square is the legendary boxer Joe Louis. During the 1960s, he lived at 1711 Wel-lington Rd. with his third wife Martha Jefferson, a successful Los Angeles attorney who was also the first black woman to prac-
tice law in the state of California. Loui-
se was born in 1914 in Lafayette, Alabama. At the age of two, his father died, and when his mother re-
marrried, the family relocated to Detroit, Michigan. Legend has it that as a teen, Joe Louis had his pugilis-
tic aspirations from his mother by hiding his boxing gloves in his violin case and shortening his name from Joseph Louis Barrow to Joe Louis in the hope she wouldn’t hear about him boxing.

At the age of 17, Louis made his boxing debut and just three years later in 1935, he was ranked as the number one contender in the heavy-
weight division.

Two years later in 1937, Louis took the heavyweight tile from James J. Braddock. Louis’ victory was a major moment in African American history. Thousands of African Americans stayed up all night across the country in celebra-
tion.

When Louis enlisted as a private in World War II, his celebrity and good nature led him to help the cause of vari-
ous black soldiers with whom he came into contact, includ-
ing Jackie Robinson.

The Army recognized Louis’ potential for raising morale among the troops, so instead of active duty, he was placed in the Special Services Division. He and other no-
table figures, including Sugar Ray Robinson, traveled over 21,000 miles holding boxing exhibitions before two million soldiers.

After Louis left the mili-
tary, he received the Legion of Merit award. He tried a few-
more bouts in the ring until he discovered he had a heart condition.

In addition to that, the IRS had tallied up a heart-
stopping $500,000 tax bill. After a try at a comeback to pay off his taxes, he went to work at Caesars palace in Las Vegas, where he brought his celebrity and glamour to the casino.

Louis also loved golf and when he was asked in 1952 to play in the San Diego Open as an amateur, he became the first African-American to ever do so. Louis was instrumen-
tal in having the Professional Golf Assoc. lift the “Cauca-
sians Only” clause in their constitution.

When Louis died in 1981 in Las Vegas, President Ronald Reagan waived eligibility rules for burial at Arlington Na-
tional Cemetery, where Louis was buried with full military honors.

Legendary boxer Joe Louis lived in Lafayette Square with his third wife, Martha Jefferson.

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A Note to Our Readers

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ends up contaminating the city’s water stream.

According to the city’s Animal Services Dept., about 1/3 of the cats brought into Los Angeles shelters this past year were euthanized. That means currently a substantial number of feral cats are breeding, growing their populations further.

“We would love to have a spay and neuter program. Right now, these cats are just breeding out of control,” said Brenda Barnette, the department’s general manager.

While some have scoffed at the high price tag for such a study, Barnette said the city is already spending roughly $500,000 annually on staff managing feral cats in local shelters. This latest round of funding is the most recent chapter in a contentious, years-long struggle to determine the city’s policy toward feral cats.

In 2005, the city had a policy called “Trap, Neuter and Release” (TNR), meaning after caught feral cats were neutered they were released back to whomever had requested the sterilization procedure, like a homeowner trying to prevent continued breeding on their property, for example.

But they alleges they stopped those practices in 2006, due to threatened litigation from alliance of predominate locally environmental groups, who said the city did not have proper California Environmental Quality Act—known as CEQA—clearances for the program.

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[HOUSE & HOLMES]
Flush with ideas
By Rob Loos, Ledger Columnist

We have a toilet paper problem.
The bathroom in our 1920’s era home is very pretty, but it’s also diminutive and every square inch is enveloped—the shower, bathtub, toilet, sink and storage shelves use all of the space.

But our biggest problem is the awkward location of our toilet paper dispenser. It requires not only the reach of a NBA point guard, but also the detective skills of Robert Langdon to be able to expose the roll concealed in the wall behind the towel rack.

There are few things more embarrassing than having someone visit your rest room and not be able to locate the toilet paper. We have wondered why it takes guests so long in the bathroom, and why our boxes of “facial tissue” are fully decimated after a dinner party. Now we know. I was stumped about how to solve this issue. I figured that the towel rack had to go, but then where would we put wet towels? We couldn’t just hang them in our bedroom.

I was hoping to solve this problem on my own, without bothering my contractor friend Dave, but no such luck. I reached Dave on a Friday night at a restaurant perched high above downtown.


I let Dave get back to his date who was nibbling garlic snail tacos.

Dave was right. I went online and found a “tower” that’s about 15 inches tall, holds three rolls of T.P., and has a dispenser at the top. It sits out all by itself and there is no way that anyone can miss it. All of which once again goes to prove, “If I can’t figure it out—and I know that I can’t—my friend Dave can.”

[KEEN TO BE GREEN]
Tired of Toxicity
By Meher McArthur, Ledger Columnist

The other day, Britney Spears’ old hit “Toxic” came on the radio. I don’t love the tune, so I quickly changed channels in search of something more my style.

However, the song got me thinking about how much toxicity we face in our lives. This last week, I spent hours coughing after we used a powerful cleaning product in our home.

I heard news reports of local power plants leaking gas and hurricane-related floods spreading animal waste and toxic coal ash in the eastern United States.

Meanwhile, the presidential campaign—surely the most noxious in the nation’s history—was inciting an alarming level of anger and hatred countrywide.

It was all enough to make me want to run screaming into the hills to live with the squirrels.

So much toxicity in our physical and psychological environments is damaging not just to our bodies and our planet, but also to our souls. It seems to me that we have become used to accepting toxicity, stress and sickness as a normal part of our daily lives—in our homes, our food, our air and in our politics.

After a truly debilitating election season, it will be a relief to turn off the news for a while and spend the holidays striving for a healthier, cleaner and kinder world—one in which we don’t need to endlessly consume goods, entertainment and energy, one in which politicians focus on compassion and inclusion instead of anger and exclusion, and one in which we can breathe in the fresh air more fully and deeply.

“We have become used to accepting toxicity, stress and sickness as a normal part of our daily lives.”

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[OUR BREAD AND BUTTER]

Water Pipes to Be Replaced Throughout City
By Kimberly Gomez, Ledger Columnist

Slowdowns on some Los Angeles streets may be a sign that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has sped up the process of replacing deteriorated pipes.

In the last year, LADWP replaced more than 52 miles of underground pipes surpassing the 2015-16 goal by 20,000 feet.

The water main replacements are critical because they produce a dramatic reduction in leaks—enabling more water conservation and fewer service disruptions.

LADWP was able to outdo this year’s water main replacement goal in large part because of a rate increase package approved earlier this year.

“Every drop counts when we’re in drought conditions, and L.A. can’t afford to let rotting pipes and bursting water mains get in the way of conservation,” said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti at a recent press conference.

Not all old water mains are created equal. Only some old mains are considered “questionable,” meaning they need urgent attention.

Among other factors, replacements are prioritized by leak history and age. Basically, the older the neighborhood, the higher the likelihood that area is on LADWP’s to-do list.

As one of the older parts of the city with pipe almost 90 years old, the Larchmont area is scheduled for pipe replacement next spring in May or June, with a completion date expected October 2017.

“For the most part, our crews can replace [pipe] from one block to the next in a month’s time,” said LADWP’s Jesus Gonzalez.

On larger streets, such as the current work in Silver Lake at Sunset Boulevard and Fountain Avenue, traffic may be slow while one or two lanes are shut down.

All efforts are made to plan work during the lowest impact hours, with 9 a.m. start times, and workers and equipment off the streets by 3 p.m.

And because LADWP uses durable ductile iron pipe that will last 100 years, crews aren’t expected to return anytime soon once the job is done.

For updates and notices in your area, visit ladwpnews.com

[THEATER REVIEW]

Going…Going…GONE! Takes Us Out to the Ball Game
By Marilyn Tower Oliver, Ledger Theater Critic

Set in the press box of a Los Angeles baseball stadium, Emmy-winning writer Ken Levine’s new baseball drama explores the life-changing relationships between four sports journalists during a seemingly endless no-hitter between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Shana (Anna Abrams), a beautiful, young sideline reporter, is filling in for a friend.

Big Jim (Troy Metcalf) writes a sports blog, but dreams of being a novelist. Los Angeles Times sports columnist Mason Young (Dennis Pearson) worries about losing his job in the shrinking world of print media. Dennis (David Babich), serving as official scorer for the first time, is distracted by calls from his bossy wife who wants to buy a house he can’t afford.

The relationships between the four characters are comic and poignant at the same time.

The three men jib in suits at 3 p.m. and L.A. can’t afford. Babich is moving as the Xanax popping, nerdy sportswriter is believable.

At times, the banter in this 90-minute one act play made me feel like I was watching a sitcom, but the overall drama kept my interest and made me ponder what was coming next.

Going…Going…GONE! runs through November 6th at The Hudson Guild Theatre, 6359 Santa Monica Boulevard, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. $30. Parking in adjacent lot. $3. (323) 960-5521 or www.play411.com/gone

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[HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP]
By Mike Guardabascio, Special to the Ledger

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL
The Cubs' football team has struggled to a 3-5 start this year (2-2 in the Mission League) and it will be hard to replicate last year's special run to the second-round of the CIF-SS Pac-5 Division playoffs, which saw Loyola host a playoff game on campus for the first-time ever.

A strong finish with wins over Alemany (October 28th) and Sherman Oaks Notre Dame (November 4th) would likely mean another playoff appearance for the Cubs.

QB Sean O’Malley is leading Loyola with over 1,200 yards passing and nine touchdowns, while senior Patrick O’Reilly has rushed for three scores. Winston Anawalt leads the defense with 79 tackles.

The stars of the fall for Loyola have been the Cubs’ water polo and cross country teams.

The Loyola XC program is ranked No. 1 in the CIF-SS Division 2, and recently dominated the second Mission League meet by sweeping with the fastest seven finishers. David McAndrews, Shane Bisell, Co- rey Kumanamoto, Liam Jamieson and Brandon Cobian were the top five finishers for Loyola—all five are juniors.

The Cubs’ water polo team is No. 8 in the CIF-SS Division 1 rankings and are off to a 10-4 start (and a perfect 2-0 in league). The Cubs are led by Marko Vavic, a Youth National Team member so talented he’s played with adult members of the national team in the USA Water Polo National League. Vavic is the son of USC coach Jovan Vavic.

LA HIGH SCHOOL
The Los Angeles High Romans football team has been the talk of the LA City Section this Fall, as head coach Eric Scott continues to have LA High pointed in the right direction.

When Scott took over in 2014, he inherited a Romans team coming off a one-win season and which hadn’t had a winning campaign since 2007’s 6-5 record.

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LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL
The Cubs’ football team has struggled to a 3-5 start this year (2-2 in the Mission League) and it will be hard to replicate last year’s special run to the second-round of the CIF-SS Pac-5 Division playoffs, which saw Loyola host a playoff game on campus for the first-time ever.

A strong finish with wins over Alemany (October 28th) and Sherman Oaks Notre Dame (November 4th) would likely mean another playoff appearance for the Cubs.

QB Sean O’Malley is leading Loyola with over 1,200 yards passing and nine touchdowns, while senior Patrick O’Reilly has rushed for three scores. Winston Anawalt leads the defense with 79 tackles.

The stars of the fall for Loyola have been the Cubs’ water polo and cross country teams.

The Loyola XC program is ranked No. 1 in the CIF-SS Division 2, and recently dominated the second Mission League meet by sweeping with the fastest seven finishers. David McAndrews, Shane Bisell, Corey Kumanamoto, Liam Jamieson and Brandon Cobian were the top five finishers for Loyola—all five are juniors.

The Cubs’ water polo team is No. 8 in the CIF-SS Division 1 rankings and are off to a 10-4 start (and a perfect 2-0 in league). The Cubs are led by Marko Vavic, a Youth National Team member so talented he’s played with adult members of the national team in the USA Water Polo National League. Vavic is the son of USC coach Jovan Vavic.

LA HIGH SCHOOL
The Los Angeles High Romans football team has been the talk of the LA City Section this Fall, as head coach Eric Scott continues to have LA High pointed in the right direction.

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**Time to Fall Back**

Anthony Cook, Ledger Columnist

Darkness will seem to fall early after the return of Standard Time on November 6th. On that morning, 1:59 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time will be followed by 1 a.m., Pacific Standard Time. Sunrise will move from 6:22 p.m. on the 6th to 5:21 p.m. on the 7th because of setting the clock back one hour.

Venus is the brilliant planet in the southwest sky after sunset. Planet Saturn, golden in hue, is the object closest to Venus early in the month, but will appear farther from and lower to the right of Venus as the month goes on, and will disappear into the bright twilight by about the 23rd.

Orange planet Mars is the moderately bright object on the other side of Venus, along the imaginary line extended from Saturn through Venus and higher in the south-southwest. All of the evening planets set before 9:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

The bright planet Jupiter gleams from the eastern horizon by 4:00 a.m. at mid-month, and is high in the southeast before sunrise.

The Moon is first quarter on the 7th, full on the 14th, last quarter on the 21st and new on the 29th. It will appear close to Venus on the 2nd, Saturn on the 3rd and Jupiter on the mornings of the 24th and 25th.

The full moon occurs only three days before the Leonid meteor shower, which reaches its maximum before dawn on the 17th. This year’s shower is only expected to trickle out a dozen meteors per hour, but even that poor showing will most likely brighten our night sky.

The younger historians in the crowd.

“We will have a spinning wheel with question such as ‘Who lives in the Getty House?’” on Irving Boulevard, said Zeller. (Readers: the answer is Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.)

However, the society’s premier event is their annual garden tour. According to Zeller, over 500 people attended last spring’s 12th annual tour.

“The theme was outdoor living—al fresco,” said Zeller. “The gardens of the [Los Angeles] mayor were open to the public, as were five other houses on Irving Boulevard. People could walk up and down the streets and see all these gardens with food and wine in each of the gardens.”

Zeller said the event is more than a social gathering; it’s a major fundraiser.

“We earmark a project every year to support with the proceeds from the event,” said Zeller.

This year, close to $17,000 will go to the Wilshire Division police station on Venice Boulevard to redo their landscaping. In past years, funds have gone toward the Larchmont Boulevard traffic median and John Burroughs Middle School, on South McCadden Place.

Alongside the social events, the historical society has an archive rich with information. Zeller said that when she is approached by homeowners who want to restore their homes to their original grandeur, she directs them toward the society’s files.

“We have a lot of research that members have done,” said Zeller. “They’ve gone down to city hall, they’ve gone through the records and they have original pictures.”

Myrna Robin Gintel, head of membership for the society, said she believes Zeller is leading the organization in the right direction.

“I think she’s doing a terrific job,” said Gintel. “She’s bringing in new members and bringing a new energy that we’re really looking forward to sharing with the rest of the community.”

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When first faced with a $500,000 request for such a study during a Los Angeles City Council sub-committee meeting last April, Los Angeles City Councilmember, Paul Krekorian said it was “ludicrous” that the city was being forced to do an extensive environmental impact report to neuter cats and was taken aback by the cost.

“My primary concern is the financial cost and the budget,” he said at the time.

When told the actual total was $800,000, as $500,800 had previously been approved for the study the prior year, he remarked, “Oh dear God.” Ultimately, however, the city approved the line item after Barnett submitted a breakdown of the costs.

“I think that there were a number of [city council members] who realized that even though it’s a big ticket item on the front end,” said Barnett, “when they really thought about it, they realized that down the road it could be a cost savings for the city.”
discovered how deep the need "was, 'Thank you. We need first explained the program, the hospitals had when she those needs. You does its best to meet any outstanding bills, Hold- and other urgent expenses. as mortgage payments, utili- non-medical expenses such or injured children most in families with critically ill Children's Hospital UCLA. Here in Los Angeles, HoldYou, which was founded and other events the foundation Holding Kids event, similar for them to see that other kids to other events the foundation has help will grow awareness of HoldYou and put a spot- light on the needs of families in medical and financial cri- in addition, she said she believes the resulting artwork will raise the spirits of her young beneficiaries. "I just think it will be nice for them to see that other kids care about them," said Hill, "and believe that they will get better." Hill hopes that the Kids Holding Kids event, similar to other events the foundation has held, will grow awareness of HoldYou and put a spotlight on the needs of families in medical and financial crisis. In addition, she said she believes the resulting artwork will raise the spirits of her young beneficiaries. "I just think it will be nice for them to see that other kids care about them," said Hill, "and believe that they will get better." the hospitals had when she first explained the program, was, "Thank you. We need you. Please." Hill said she has since discovered how deep the need was for an organization like hers, and how few there actu- ally are. "There’s a real void," said Hill. "It’s almost a bigger void than I realized." Sometimes, Hill said, the "urgent" in "urgent expenses" can really mean "immediate." "A social worker once emailed me at 5:30 p.m.," said Hill. "[She wrote] Oh my God, I’m so sorry to send you this so late. This mom just told me that her electricity is getting turned off tonight... Here’s the application. Can you help me?" Five minutes later, I emailed her back and said, 'It’s been paid.' [The cli- ent] was a single mom with three kids at home and an in- fant with liver disease waiting for a transplant." Hill said that by taking care of the material hardship of these families, parents can spend more time with—and focus better—on their hospi- talized child. "The kids do better when their parents are there," said Hill. "You need a parent advocate—who someone can an- swer a doctor’s questions." Moreover, Hill said, as some of these parents are mon- itoring their child in between hospital visits for life-saving treatments, they need to be concentrating on their child, not financial concerns. Nancy Hayes, manager of clinical social work at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA, said that families who receive aid from HoldYou are grate- ful that someone understands their position. "The relief and gratitude of parents when they learn of this assistance is tremen- dous," said Hayes. "Kindness from people who have never even met them, but who get what they’re going through, is very helpful not only with practical needs, but in sus- taining hope during a very difficult time." Since starting HoldYou last November, Hill and her board of professionals and ad- visors have served 22 families. The amount of aid given to any one family is dictated by need and by the evolving bud- get of HoldYou. The start-up foundation has already received dona- tions from individual do- nors, family foundations and corporate sponsors, but Hill is constantly exploring ways to grow the foundation with more skilled people and new resources. "We just want to do more," said Hill. Hill hopes that the Kids Holding Kids event, similar to other events the foundation has held, will grow awareness of HoldYou and put a spotlight on the needs of families in medical and financial crisis. In addition, she said she believes the resulting artwork will raise the spirits of her young beneficiaries. "I just think it will be nice for them to see that other kids care about them," said Hill, "and believe that they will get better." HoldYou holds Kids, An Art Party Fundraiser, Saturday, November 5th, 2016. Admission starts at 4 p.m. and a silent auction open from 4-7 p.m. The event is free for children ages 12 and under. All proceeds will go towards HoldYou and support the needs of children battling life-threatening illnesses. The event will feature artwork created by children and special performances by local artists and musicians. The event is open to the public and will feature a special surprise donation for HoldYou. For more info, visit holdyou.org.
I went to my first Assembly Leadership Committee meeting on Thursday. ALC is a new group at CWC Hollywood that helps to plan for assemblies at school. ALC members perform in skits as part of the presentations. We met after school and discussed the Halloween ski for this year’s all-school meeting. So many people had good ideas for the ski! Coach Jessie, CWC Hollywood’s social/mental coach, is in charge of the 8th-grade group, all 5th graders.

At the meeting with my committee, we reviewed and analyzed our “Halloween miracle” play from last school year. That skit was about being positive, giving and generosity. We are all working hard to find a new idea for this year’s assemblies. I am so excited to get to do something on stage! I wanted to sign up the moment I heard about the new program. We will also plan a presentation for the walkathon pep rally this year.

There are other opportunities to help the school. Our junior coach program lets kids help out after recess and other times in the day. You can also sign up to be a green captain and work to make the school more eco-friendly. Wow!

This month was a fun-filled month for Turning Point School. It began with Back to School Night, where our parents got to meet all of the teachers and sit in on some of our classes. Then the annual Back to School Picnic, which was an exciting day where all of the Turning Point School families came together to enjoy games, food, and music.

Recently, the 7th grade headed to Malibu with their Environmental Studies class to participate in a “Sandy Beach Monitoring” program. Students spent the day as scientists, collecting samples and data to take back and share with other students in the statewide program called LIMPETS. 7th grader, Gabriel Ziering, said that one of his favorite parts of the day was “when we were digging for sand crabs to analyze and study.”

Coming up this month is our Carpool Challenge, which is a favorite for all students. Each time a student carpools, walks, bikes, etc. to school, they will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of the month, the winning raffle tickets will be selected at an all-school assembly and the lucky students will “win big” for their entire grade with prizes like a “no homework” night, extra recess, and even a waffle party. It’s a great competition and one of the students’ favorites. (I’m personally rooting for the 7th graders!)
Students Build Robots and Produce TED Talks
By Yvonne Joseph, 9th grade
Fifteen GALA girls were invited to hear the U.S. Secretary of Education speak at Mount Saint Mary’s College last month. G A L A students and staff also attended a “Women in STEM” symposium at Mayor Eric Garcetti’s residence.

In 6th grade Computer Science, students are learning to type and are building a robot. In 9th grade Computer Science, students are building websites in collaboration with students in India.

In 6th and 9th grade P.E., the girls are learning ballerina terminology and techniques. The girls are also learning social line dances as a way to dance for fun and fitness with their families and friends.

In Leadership, students are selling snacks and have started a recycling program at our school. They are also planning a Fall Festival.

In 6th grade Math, students are learning fractions. In English, the 6th graders are writing personal narratives and in Earth Science, they are learning about rocks.

In 9th grade Biology, students are doing a project on biomes ecosystems. In 9th grade English, students are studying and producing their own TED Talks.

Bustling along the sidewalks and surging past traffic, those participating in Immaculate Heart’s annual WALK event will fill the usually empty foothills of Los Feliz on November 4th. The school’s largest fundraiser, our beloved I H WALK matches for its 43rd year this fall!

High school and middle school Pandas alike are sponsored by generous WALK donors, making our school family and friends. In past years, these contributions have benefited Immaculate Heart in a variety of ways, such as the purchase of school vans and campus water-filling stations, as well as the recent installation of air-conditioning in the school auditorium. Proceeds from this year’s WALK will be used for new turf on our ball field.

Sparking WALK-themed gear, students and faculty suit up in annual, student-designed bags, shirts, and sweatsuits. This year, look for excited (and later exhausted) young women in powder blue t-shirts either jogging or trekking through Los Feliz streets throughout the morning and early afternoon. After such a workout, students will rejoice on the campus quad with well-deserved barbeque and dancing.

Also right around the corner, Immaculate Heart’s theater group, The Genesian Players, will present its first of two major productions of the 2016-2017 school year. In keeping with the spirit of Halloween, this fall the Genesian Players will stage the musical comedy The Addams Family. The production opens Thursday, November 10th, at 7:30 p.m. and continues at the same time Friday and Saturday evenings, November 11th and 12th, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, November 13th. The public is invited.

Additionally, IHHS’s Mock Trial teams face off in their first competitive rounds in early November. The high school will have two competing teams this year, as well as one from the middle school. Student teams will square off by simulating a realistic trial in the courtrooms of downtown with a verified judge.

Immaculate Heart looks forward to a bountiful Halloween Season as it also welcomes prospective freshmen to its campus on Saturday, November 12th, for our Academic Playday for Eighth Graders. Those participating in the event will enjoy an informal morning of fun and games as they get to tour the campus and meet with faculty in the high school’s departments. Those interested in attending should contact Immaculate Heart’s admissions office.

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A Kid Is a Terrible Thing to Waste
By Rita Mauceri, Ledger Columnist
Malcolm Gladwell is an anomaly in the rather small sphere of modern writers who have achieved rock-star status. His best-known works like The Tipping Point and Outliers have reached a surprisingly huge audience given the slightliness heady nature of his writing.

Gladwell is also the creator/host of the podcast Revisionist History. I recently listened to an episode entitled “Carlos Doesn’t Remember,” which was at once shocking, illuminating, and heartbreaking. Every parent should listen to it.

Without giving too much away, the episode talks about “capitalization” which Gladwell defines as “the percentage of people in any group who are able to reach [or capitalize on] their potential.” From the beginning, he says, “Americans have told themselves that they’re really good at capitalization—any kid can grow up to become president.” He then goes on to prove that that assumption is completely and utterly wrong.

As a society, our capitalization rates are shockingly low and Gladwell explains why. He starts with a tough question: “Is the system geared to serve the poor smart kid, or the rich smart kid?”

Gladwell introduces listeners to Carlos, a gifted Hispanic student who was “rescued” from a desperately low-income community. His rescuer was Eric Eisser, a rich, white, former entertainment attorney who started a non-profit called YES. Eisser scouts for talented, promising kids like Carlos and then uses his connections to get them into private schools.

Gladwell describes Carlos as a “really, really gifted kid,” but also says, “It’s almost impossible to imagine Carlos making it into the fancy school without Eric… In order for the system to work, for the poor smart kid to make it up the ladder, he needs an advocate—and not just an ordinary advocate—a high-powered guy with lots of connections who can get you in and watch over you.”

Gladwell then leaves us with the question that if capitalization requires an Eric Eisser, how many Eric Eisners are out there? And what happens to the kids who don’t have an Eric Eisser in their lives?
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