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## Local Teachers & Staff Fear LAUSD Cuts

By Rachel Heller  
Ledger Contributing Writer

Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) budget cuts could force staff reductions and class size increases at neighborhood schools next year.

Marshall High School might lose up to \$500,000 in services, including its only college counselor, diploma advisor and up to ten teachers, according to principal Daniel Harrison.

"There is a lot of uncertainty. It's a very fluid situation," he said.

Los Feliz Elementary School could also lose four to five teachers said principal Kathy Pilkinton.

"I don't know what our budget for next year will look like yet, but I'm sure we will be receiving fewer funds than this year," Pilkinton said.

Class sizes in grades kindergarten through 3rd could rise next year from 20 to 24 students, she said. Cafeteria and custodial staff could also be reduced.

Another area of concern is the school's coaches. Los Feliz Elementary now has a full-time literacy coach and a part-time math coach, which Pilkinton said helps student performance. The district cur-

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**A MONUMENTAL DAY**—Los Angeles City Councilmember Tom LaBonge and Van Griffith, the great-grandson of Griffith J. Griffith, celebrate the official naming of Griffith Park as Los Angeles' Historic Cultural Monument 942. The dedication ceremony, March 12th, capped a year-long city review process. Also pictured are (left to right): Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks; Barry Sanders, president of the Board of the Recreation and Parks Commission; Clare Darden, of the Griffith Family Trust and Louis Alvarado, Honorary Mayor of Griffith Park.

## SL Attackers: "Opportunist" Gang Members

By Heather Downie  
Ledger Contributing Writer

Los Angeles Police Dept. officials said they are working to pin additional crimes on two juvenile gang members allegedly involved in a rash of street robberies in Silver Lake. No other arrests have been made.

In early February, the 15-year-old and 16-year-old boys were charged with two of the 10 street robberies that occurred

**While the juveniles' identities have not been released, both had dropped out of school and were living near the intersection of Hollywood and Vermont Blvd., authorities said.**

in Silver Lake and Echo Park between December 30th and January 31st. Police are now working to implicate them in two crimes that occurred in the San Fernando Valley and Hollywood areas during the same time frame, said Gang Unit Detective Lou Vargas.

"Any time we arrest someone, we try to tie them to as many crimes as we can," said Vargas. "And these juveniles were pretty busy."

The boys, who were found with stolen property from the robberies near the intersec-

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[PROFILE]

## Los Feliz Ranks 1st For LA's Top Cop An Interview with Police Chief Bratton

By Mark Groubert  
Ledger Guest Writer

As New York City Police Commissioner, William Bratton made \$165,000 a year and lived in a so-so apartment in the not-so-glam Murray Hill section of midtown Manhattan. His commute to work took him briskly across 34th Street, onto East River Drive and then quickly down to One Police Plaza located on Park Row near the entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge.

Now with a salary of \$300,000, Bratton can live a little larger and breathe a little easier. Since his hire as the Los Angeles chief of police in 2002, crime within the city, ac-

cording to police statistics, has dropped for six consecutive years.

In June of 2007, he was reappointed to a second five-year term—the first chief to be reappointed to a second term in two decades.

Bratton lives in the Oaks section of Los Feliz—a neighborhood of some 700 homes with an active homeowner's association. Blues guitar great Robert Cray used to live there and Brad Pitt still does.

Bratton said he decided to make Los Feliz home after



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## Only the Name's The Same Tangier to Reopen as Korean BBQ Restaurant

By Heather Downie, Ledger Contributing Writer

**LOS FELIZ**—Live music used to travel through the red walls, plush pillows and exotic carpets of Tangier, Los Feliz's North African style restaurant and bar. Now the space is empty.

Scattered tools, bare concrete floors and paint splattered ladders have replaced the dimly lit tables of the popular Hillhurst Avenue hot spot. This summer, the space will reopen as a "cook it yourself" Korean BBQ restaurant.

While Tangier will retain its name, many performers and patrons are mourning the loss of the original haunt, which closed in December.

"Tangier was... a staple of Los Angeles—a place where



**LAST CALL**—Singer-songwriter Brandon Schott played Tangier's last show, Dec. 20th. "Losing Tangier," he said, "is a big blow." Photo credit: Joshua Pickering

friends could gather and enjoy wonderful entertainment in the back room after dinner and cocktails," said Vixen Romeo, creator of the Pin Up Girls, who performed at Tangier on a number of occasions. "We are so sad that the heart of this magical venue, that

featured some of L.A.'s most wonderful performers, will beat no more."

Many will remember Tangier for its Moroccan-inspired cuisines, but the spot's biggest draw was its revolving door of bands.

"Which is why the best way to say goodbye was to play some music," said Los Angeles singer-songwriter Brandon Schott, who played the final show on Dec. 20th, the night Tangier closed its doors.

"It was a pretty celebratory evening, but there was certainly an air of melancholy," said Schott. "For artists that operate in the singer-songwriter realm, losing Tangier is a big blow."

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**[LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER]  
Spotting A Box**

It's becoming an on-going game for my 14-year-old son and me—ever since all the blue neighborhood mailboxes disappeared.

Each afternoon lately when I pick Griffin up from Thomas Starr King Middle School, I have a handful of mail with me that apparently has no where to go: the box outside the *Ledger* offices on Hillhurst is gone; my back up box in front of Franklin Avenue Elementary is gone. The box in front of my gym, disappeared. And now, the box at King Middle School... van-

ished too! So now—with Griffin in tow—I drive around the neighborhood trying to “spot a box.” We usually come up short-handed and end up at the Post Office on Vermont—an

**...the city of Los Angeles generates some 800,000 pieces of mail a day—down from 2 million pieces a couple of years ago.**

excruciating painful place to go due to lack of parking and long lines, no matter the time of day.

With another proposed 2

cent price increase for a first class stamp expected May 11th; the very real possibility of mail delivery being reduced to five days a week; increased ease and acceptance of electronic communications and now the removal of 1/4th of all the collection boxes—some 9,300 of them—in Los Angeles alone, I'd say things for the USPS don't look so good.

According to Joseph K. Harrison, a USPS spokesperson, the city of Los Angeles generates some 800,000 pieces of mail a day—down from 2 million pieces a couple of years ago. “It's an historic decline,” said Harrison.

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**Burglary:** March 6th, 7:00 a.m. at 4700 Ambrose Ave. Suspects entered unlocked rear sliding door, ransacked and took property. Suspect fled location with property.

**Assault with deadly weapon,** March 6th, 3:00 a.m. at Commonwealth and Avocado. Suspect told victim "I want you." Suspect became upset with victim after she rejected advances. Suspect struck victim with rocks and fled location.

**SAFETY TIP:** Secure all doors and windows, do not leave garage doors open even if you are home. Report suspicious activity and watch out for each other.

**Robbery:** Feb. 22nd, 2:45 a.m. at Sunset Blvd. and Hyperion Ave. Victim was sitting at the bus stop when suspect approached him. Suspect punched victim and knocked him to the ground. The suspect took victim's property and fled on foot.

**Burglary:** March 2nd, 9:00 am at 2600 block of Glendale Blvd. Suspects pried open the rear kitchen door and entered. Suspected ransacked rooms and removed property and fled.

**Burglary:** March 4th, 3:00 a.m. at 2900 Angus St. Suspects smashed rear window of victim's residence, gained entry. Suspects ransacked home and took property. Suspects were confronted by victim. Suspect fled location on foot leaving their car at scene.

## GGPNC \$140,000 Budget Finally Approved

By Rachel Heller, Ledger Contributing Writer

**LOS FELIZ**—More than half-way through its fiscal term, the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) approved its budget March 17th for the 2008-2009 year.

The largest item in the \$139,532 budget is education, with \$44,801 allocated for projects at local public schools, said GGPNC treasurer Tomas O'Grady. These funds include \$17,000 for a native plant garden at Thomas Starr King Middle School and \$2,500 to purchase library books for Los Feliz Elementary School.

Outreach took the second-largest allocation – a total of \$37,890 – with \$8,499 set aside to revamp the GGPNC website and \$8,500 for the council's annual news-

letter. The Park, River and Open Space committee will receive \$29,980 for projects including Griffith Park fire recovery signage and brochures.

The budget came late in the fiscal year, which runs from July 1st to June 30th, because expense records of "sufficient detail" had not been kept prior to O'Grady's term as treasurer, he said. About one-third of the funds outlined in the budget have already been spent.

The budget is now awaiting approval by the Los Angeles Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment. Neighborhood Councils receive \$50,000 from the city of Los Angeles each year. Unused funds roll over from year to year.

## [ROVING REPORTER] Changes At Tangier

By Jennifer Haning  
Ledger Contributing Writer



Tangier Restaurant recently closed for remodeling and will reopen this summer with the same name, but serving Korean BBQ instead. Will your feelings about this local hot spot change in response to its new look/mission?



"Change is good, but keeping the same name helps maintain originality and atmosphere. It's the same place with a whole new vibe."  
- Jordyn Mack



"Tangier was a wonderful place to go. It had great food and great wine. But what I remember the most was its amazing ambience."  
- Lori Larriva



"For a social spot like Tangier, it takes more than material changes to draw a fresh crowd. You can't reinvent the wheel just by adding a new bolt."  
- Mark Mulkeen



"I don't think the owners should change the name of such a well-known business. Establishments that have dependable customers and a good reputation should definitely use that as a source to retain the regulars."  
- Jeff Knapp

## Pipe Installation To Close Key Park Artery

**GRIFFITH PARK**—The installation of a water pipe in Griffith Park will shut down a portion of Crystal Springs Drive for a year or more, according to the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power.

The project will break ground on April 2nd. Crystal Springs Dr. between Los Feliz Boulevard and the Ranger Station will be closed for at least the first year of construction. Motorists will be routed onto Griffith Park Drive.

The new water line will replace an older pipe installed in the 1940s with a history of leaks. The project will cost about \$50 million, according to DWP project manager Cynthia Provinse.

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[GREETINGS FROM TOM]  
**Hoover Walk Mural Dedicated**

By Los Angeles City Councilmember Tom LaBonge

We honored Mary Frances Reynolds-Smith and mural artist Ricardo Mendoza at the March 26th mural dedication of the Hoover Walk mural.

Mary Frances and Mary Rodriguez, Council District 4 education deputy, spent years nurturing this mural to completion and the results are spectacular.

Mary Frances and Mary wanted to clean up the frequently tagged walk, which is a cement stairway and retaining wall at the north end of Hoover St., just below Prospect St. Students from Franklin Elementary, King Middle and John Marshall High schools use the stairway to walk to school every day.

In 2003, they received a \$5,000 Community Beautification Grant and quickly realized it wasn't enough. The following year, they applied for a \$10,000 grant through the same program and received it as well. They hired Ricardo Mendoza, who began painting on a huge canvas in his studio. When finished he would

prepare the wall and apply the mural on site.

But the heavy winter rains of 2005 caused tremendous damage to the cul de sac around the wall. Mud, concrete and building materials washed into the street and an



adjacent retaining wall was destroyed. My office secured a FEMA grant to repair the retaining wall and the city cleaned up the street. Finally, when the FEMA money came through, city workers built a retaining wall, paving the way for the mural to be installed.

That's when Mr. Mendoza noticed that the wall itself had deteriorated and required professional restoration. It was

cracked and decaying. My office hired Nathan Zakheim Associates to restore the wall.

Go by and take a look—it's beautiful.

**Report from the Nation's Capitol**

By Eric Garcetti, President, Los Angeles City Council



In March, hundreds of Southern California civic and business leaders flooded our nation's capitol to lobby the White House and Congress on our local priorities.

Our goal was to make our representatives in Washington fully aware of the many "shovel ready" projects in Los Angeles that will create jobs and address infrastructure needs. We also wanted to meet with key leaders to advocate for California's fair share of federal dollars, which are often disproportionately allocated to less populated states.

I am convinced that California can lead the way out of this economic crisis. One way, is by creating more "green" jobs. Energy Secretary Steven Chu said he believes Los Angeles is positioned to be a leader on cre-

ating green construction jobs, training workers for this growing field, and promoting new technologies.

Even during these tough economic times, we want to make sure our communities continue to see the decrease in crime that they have experienced the last seven years. Mayor Villaraigosa, Chief Bratton and other members of our Los Angeles delegation met with Attorney General Eric Holder to advocate for more federal funding to put police on our streets and in our neighborhoods.

We also briefed Attorney General Holder on some of our innovative gang suppression, prevention, and intervention initiatives, such as our "At the Park After Dark" program that keeps certain parks and recreation centers open until the late evening hours in the summer with programs to attract young

people giving them a supervised place to be.

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Never before has the fate of our community been so closely bound to the fate of our nation. All of these initiatives that will bring more opportunity—from job training to job creation to gang intervention to after-school programs—are important components of Los Angeles's effort to keep our neighborhoods moving forward. I believe they are also how we will keep America moving forward.

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## Entertainment: A Stimulus for Our State

State Assemblymember Paul Krekorian

In February, the California State Legislature wrapped up a marathon session that finally ended a two-year spending plan that will bridge the state's unprecedented \$42 billion deficit caused by the global fiscal crisis.

Much about the budget plan was difficult to support and undoubtedly will cause significant pain to many Californians.

But, in the midst of a flurry of spending cuts and increased revenue, we took an important step in the right direction when the Legislature passed, and the governor signed, my economic stimulus legislation as part of the budget compromise.

My bill contains three vitally important job-creating provisions: a long-overdue tax incentive to keep film and television production jobs from fleeing to other states and countries; a tax benefit for small businesses that hire new full-time employees during the next two years, spurring job-creation during the economic downturn; and a correction to the tax code that will encour-

age multi-state businesses to invest more in payroll and infrastructure here in California.

Each of these three components is important, and, taken together, they will save or create jobs for tens of thousands of middle class Californians who are struggling with the uncertainty of this recession. The film and television production incentive alone will play a critical role in preserving one of California's signature industries that employs nearly 250,000 people in Los Angeles County, but which increasingly is sending those jobs elsewhere.

Motion picture and television production is one of the most significant contributors to California's gross state product. The film industry is dominated by small businesses, with 80% employing fewer than 10 people. Thousands of small businesses that are not directly a part of the industry are dependent on local spending by studios and production companies. Filming in California produces jobs not only for the cast and crew, but also for neighborhood retailers, hard-

ware stores, car rental agencies and many other vendors.

But the dominance California has experienced in this industry has rapidly eroded over the last 15 years as the advantages we have enjoyed since the birth of Hollywood are now giving way to competitive economics.

More than 40 other states, and many foreign countries, have adopted tax incentive policies designed with only one purpose—taking film and television jobs away from California.

If just 10 feature films

leave California, we lose an average of \$106 million in state tax revenues and millions more in local revenues.

My bill will make California economically competitive with the rest of the world and will encourage production to stay home. Specifically, the bill provides for a 20% refundable tax credit for qualifying expenditures on items purchased and leased in California for film and TV productions and for payroll, the percentage increases to 25% for productions lured to California from else-

where. The people who will benefit from my legislation don't carry briefcases, they strap on tool belts. They are middle class folks who work hard and pay taxes—and they have been suffering terribly from the loss of work. Until now, California has done nothing to give them reason to be hopeful.

*Paul Krekorian is the Assistant Majority Leader of the State Assembly and represents the 43rd District, including Burbank, Glendale and Los Angeles.*

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# SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

**Compiled by Kristen Taylor  
Ledger Family Matters  
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Dates: 6/9 - 8/29  
Ages: 1st grade - 7th grade  
Schedule: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. M-F  
Cost: \$225/week or \$45/day. 3p.m.- 6p.m. extended care is \$10/day.  
First day to register: In progress.  
[www.andersonadventurecamp.com](http://www.andersonadventurecamp.com)  
(626) 564-0330 ext. 422  
[andersonadv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andersonadv@sbcglobal.net).

**Aloha Beach and Surf Camp**

Boys and girls ages 4 through 7 enroll in the Keiki program at Paradise Cove, Malibu. Campers between 8 and 15 are enrolled in the High Action program at a different beach, lake or water park on a rotating basis. Transportation from many meeting points around Los Angeles is included.

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Dates: 6/23 - 8/2  
Ages: 4 to 15

Schedule: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. plus transportation time  
Cost: \$92 to \$104/ day depending on when you register and for how many days.  
First day to register: Early bird registration ends 3/1/08.  
[www.alohabeachcamp.com](http://www.alohabeachcamp.com)  
(818) 932-4600

**Art Center for Kids Summer Workshops**

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**Art Center College of Design**

950 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105  
Dates: 7/7 - 8/15  
Ages: Grades 4th - 8th  
Schedule: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., or 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Cost: \$260/week; scholarships are available.  
First day to register: 5/12/08  
[www.artcenter.edu/kids/](http://www.artcenter.edu/kids/)  
(626) 396-2319

**Autry National Center Summer Camp**

4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA, 90027-1462  
Dates: 6/22 - 7/29.  
Hours/Ages: 5 - 7, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 9 to 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Pre- and post-camp care and supervised lunch time available.  
Cost: Varies by age/hours per day. Early bird and member discounts available. Extended care is also available at additional cost.  
First day to register: In progress.  
[www.autrynationalcenter.org](http://www.autrynationalcenter.org)  
323-667-2000

**California Science Center**

Hands-On Science Camp offers activities covering physics, chemistry, biology, space and earth science in more than 25 courses.

700 Exposition Park Drive, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, CA 90037  
Dates: 6/24 - 8/24  
Ages: Pre-K - high school  
Schedule: Varies with age, from 1 1/2 hours to six hours a day.

Cost: \$140-\$260 per week; member discounts available.  
First day to register: 3/1/08  
[www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/SummerCamp/SummerCamp.php](http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/SummerCamp/SummerCamp.php)  
(213) 744-7400

**DayJams: Rock Music Camp**

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**American Jewish University**

15600 Mulholland Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90077  
Dates: July 7-11 and July 14-18  
Ages: 8 - 15

Schedule: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.  
Drop off 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.; pick up 5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Cost: One week \$620, two weeks \$1180  
First day to register: In Progress.  
[www.dayjams.com](http://www.dayjams.com) (800) 295-5956

**Enterprise Farms Riding Camp**

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3919 Rigali Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039  
Dates: 6/30 - 8/29  
Ages: 6 and up  
Schedule: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Cost: \$450 per week  
First day to register: In progress  
[www.enterprisefarms.com](http://www.enterprisefarms.com)  
(323) 665-8977

**Eye Dreams Professional Performing Summer Arts Program**

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135 N. Marengo Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101  
Dates: 7/7 - 8/15  
Ages: 7 to 23  
Schedule: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with pre- and after-care available  
Cost: \$225 per week with early registration  
First day to register: In progress  
[www.eyedrea.m.sla.org](http://www.eyedrea.m.sla.org)  
626-698-1092

**Golden State Gymnastics**

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1828 N. Keystone St., Burbank, CA 91504  
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Ages: 3 and up  
Schedule: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., or 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; aftercare available.  
Cost: Full-day \$240 per week; Half-day \$165 per week. M, W, F and T, Th also available. Sibling discounts and multiple week discounts also available.  
First day to register: In Progress  
[www.goldenstategym.com](http://www.goldenstategym.com)  
(818) 558-1177

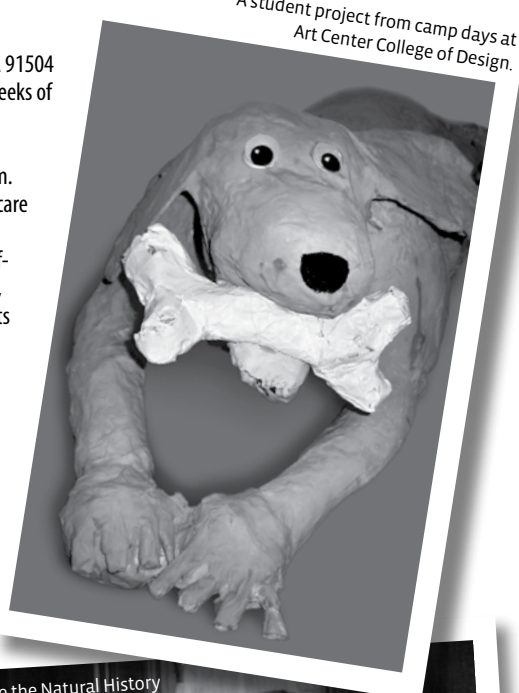
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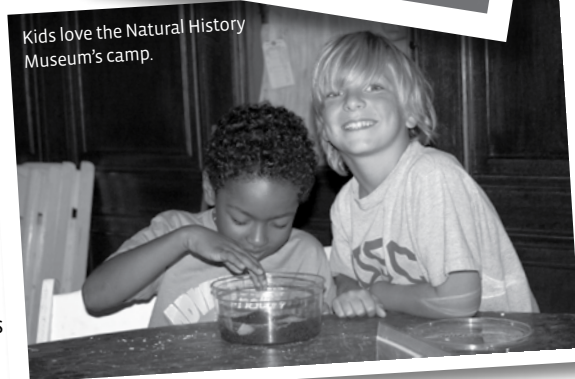
5215 Bakman Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91601  
Dates: 6/30 - 8/22  
Ages: 4 - 16  
Schedule: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; full and half-days available. Sign up by the day or week.  
Cost: \$60 per day or \$275 per week. Tuition price includes lunch.  
First day to register: In Progress.  
[karate4kidsusa.com](http://karate4kidsusa.com), (818) 755-4573

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1637 1/2 Silver Lake Blvd.  
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1918 W. Magnolia Boulevard, Suite 206, Burbank, CA 91506  
Dates: Young Actor's Club 6/23-6/27; Young Performer's Acting Intensive 8/4 - 8/8  
Ages: 6 and up  
Schedule: 9 - 4  
Cost: Young Actor's Club \$449; Young Performer's Acting Intensive \$999  
First day to register: In Progress.  
[www.aiastudios.com](http://www.aiastudios.com)  
(818) 563-4142, [anita@aiastudios.com](mailto:anita@aiastudios.com)

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### Questions

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**Los Angeles County Museum of Art**  
5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036  
Dates: 7/7 – 8/22  
Ages: 6 - 12  
Schedule: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Cost: \$250 per week; member discounts available.  
First day to register: 3/28/08  
[www.lacma.org/programs/ArtCamp.aspx](http://www.lacma.org/programs/ArtCamp.aspx)  
(323) 857-6139, [educate@lacma.org](mailto:educate@lacma.org)

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Cost: \$255/ week  
First day to register: In Progress  
(323) 445-3790  
[silverlakecamps@hotmail.com](mailto:silverlakecamps@hotmail.com)

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**Camino Nuevo Charter High School**  
3500 Temple Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90004  
Dates: 7/7 – 7/18; 7/21 – 8/1; 8/4 – 8/15  
Ages: 7 - 16  
Schedule: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Cost: \$350 per session  
First day to register: 3/3/08 at The Silverlake Conservatory of Music, 3920 Sunset Blvd.  
[www.silverlakeconservatory.com](http://www.silverlakeconservatory.com)  
(323) 665-3363

**Silverlake Recreation Center Day Camp**

Children participate in sports, arts and crafts, and cooking. Children 7 and up will swim once a week, and there's an optional field trip every Friday.  
1850 W. Silver Lake Dr., Los Angeles 90026  
Dates: 6/23 – 8/23  
Ages: 5 (must have completed Kindergarten) -12  
Schedule: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. regular camp; extended care available.  
Cost: \$75 Monday – Thursday, lunch included. Friday field trips are a separate fee.  
First day to register: May 2008  
[Silverlake.RecreationCenter@lacity.org](mailto:Silverlake.RecreationCenter@lacity.org)  
(323) 644-3946

**Summer Acting Camp**

Offers multiple courses in acting, singing, tap dance, stage combat, movement and improvisation. Each session culminates in a final performance at Glendale's Alex Theatre.

**First Baptist Church**  
209 N. Louise St., Glendale, 91206

**Alex Theatre**  
Dates: 7/8 – 7/28; 7/29 – 8/18  
Ages: 5 and up  
Schedule: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. with free early arrival from 7:15 a.m.  
Cost: \$600 per session until 3/15; \$700 after  
First day to register: In Progress.  
[www.summeractingcamp.com](http://www.summeractingcamp.com)  
(818) 546-2498

**Summer with Shakespeare**

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**A Noise Within Theatre Company**

234 S. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91204  
Dates: 7/7 – 8/8  
Ages: 10-18  
Schedule: M, W, and F 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Cost: \$750  
First day to register: In Progress.  
[www.anoisewithin.org](http://www.anoisewithin.org)  
(818) 240-0910 x5  
[education@anoisewithin.org](mailto:education@anoisewithin.org)

**Summerkids**

Summerkids Camp and Summer Challenge are both conducted at The Angelus Mountain Center, a privately-owned, 56-acre campground of meadows, wild and wooded areas, a stream, lodge, cabins, pool, amphitheater and sports fields.

**3697 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Altadena 91001**  
Dates: 6/9 – 9/5  
Ages: Summerkids Camp: K-5th grade; Summer Challenge Camp: 7th – 9th grade  
Schedule: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with extended care available. Sessions vary in the number of days or weeks.  
Cost: Varies depending upon the number of days per week and number of weeks registered.  
First day to register: In Progress.  
[www.summerkids.net](http://www.summerkids.net)  
(626) 577-9979  
[summerkidscamp@earthlink.net](mailto:summerkidscamp@earthlink.net)

**Theatre 360 Summer Camp**

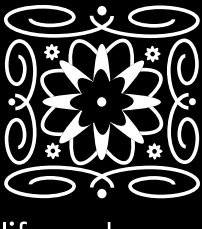
Each two-week session will focus on a different series of shows, styles, historical

periods, composers, and choreographers. Campers learn songs, scenes, monologues, and dances from a variety of theatrical sources. More intensive acting, dance and voice programs are also available.


75 N. Marengo Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101  
Dates: 6/16 – 8/22

Ages: 6 - 18  
Schedule: Two-week sessions from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; extended care available.  
Cost: \$450 per session  
First day to register: In Progress.  
[www.theatre360.org](http://www.theatre360.org),  
(626) 577-5922

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except for those children living outside the normal pick-up areas or in inaccessible areas.

**Hahamongna Watershed Park**

707 West Woodbury Rd, #F Altadena, CA 91001  
 Dates: 6/23 – 8/29  
 Ages: Pre-Camp ages 3 – 5; Day Camp 1st – 5th grades; Outpost Camp 6th – 9th grades  
 Schedule: Choose 2, 3 or 5 days a week.  
 Hours vary by Camp.  
 Cost: Price varies by number of days and weeks registered.  
 First day to register: In Progress.  
 www.tomsawycamps.com  
 (626) 794-1156  
 info@tomsawycamps.com

**Wizard of Art**

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 1947 Hillhurst Ave., Los Angeles CA 90027  
 Dates: 6/9 – 8/15  
 Ages: 4 and up  
 Schedule: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
 Cost: Register by the week; call for tuition  
 First day to register: Late March  
 (323) 661-0341

**ZooCamp**

Choose from themed week long programs covering different areas and creatures of the Los Angeles Zoo, with a focus this year on primates. New for this year are drawing, sculpting and painting classes.

**Los Angeles Zoo**

5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027  
 Dates: 6/23 – 8/15  
 Ages: 4 - 12  
 Schedule: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with extended care available  
 Cost: \$300 per week; member discount available  
 First day to register: April; check website  
 www.lazoo.org/education  
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26800 Saunders Meadow Rd. Idyllwild, CA 92549  
 Dates: 6/14 – 6/20; 6/21-6/27; 6/28-7/4  
 Ages: 8-14  
 Cost: \$850/week  
 First day to register: In Progress.  
 www.guidediscoveries.org  
 (800) 645-1423

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 Dates: 6/24 – 8/19  
 Ages: 3rd – 10th grades  
 Schedule: Choose one – four week programs depending on age.  
 Cost: Varies by number of weeks.  
 First day to register: In Progress.  
 www.ramah.org  
 (888) CAMP-RAMAH or (310) 476-8571  
 info@ramah.org

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 Sea Camp 7/6 – 8/15

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 Schedule: Junior Sea Camp is week long sessions; Sea Camp is three week sessions.  
 Cost: Junior Sea Camp is \$1,150/week; Sea Camp is \$3,300/three weeks  
 First day to register: In Progress.  
 www.guidediscoveries.org  
 (800) 645-1423  
 info@guidediscoveries.org

**Griffith Park Boys Camp**

Located in Griffith Park. Camp provides a residential camping experience and field trips for boys aged 6-14, with counselor training programs for older boys.

4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles 90027  
 Dates: 6/23 – 8/23  
 Ages: 6-14  
 Schedule: Weekly sessions  
 Cost: \$215-240 per session  
 First day to register: 3/30/08  
 www.laparks.org/dos/ca.m.ps/griffith.htm  
 (323) 664-0571  
 GP.BoysCamp@lacity.org

**Hollywoodland Girl's Camp**

Located in Griffith Park, nestled between the Hollywood Sign and the Griffith Park Observatory, designed to provide girls with camping and recreational programs in a mountain atmosphere. Weekly themes and field trips are provided.


3200 Canyon Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068  
 Dates: 6/23 – 8/23  
 Ages: 6 – 14  
 Schedule: Nine one-week sessions (Mon-Sat).  
 Cost: \$250/week or less  
 First day to register: 3/30/08  
 www.laparks.org/dos/ca.m.ps/hollywoodland.htm  
 (323) 467-7193  
 Camp.Hollywoodland@lacity.org

**YMCA Camp Surf**



Camp Surf has a strong focus on ocean activities, but also offers rock climbing, archery, games, campfires, skits and dances.  
 560 Silver Strand Blvd., Imperial Beach, CA 91932  
 Dates: Weekly sessions 6/15 – 8/22  
 Ages: 8 - 16  
 Cost: Three-tiered voluntary pricing structure  
 First day to register: In Progress  
 www.camp.ymca.org  
 (760) 765-0642

**YMCA Raintree Ranch**

YMCA Raintree Ranch is a small specialty camp focused on riding, caring for horses and camp fun. Campers learn to ride, and get to know horses' care and feeding.  
 2315 Frisius Road, Julian, CA 92036  
 Dates: Weekly session 6/15 – 8/22  
 Ages: 9 - 16  
 Cost: Three-tiered voluntary pricing structure  
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**Griffith Park, across from the L.A. Zoo**

## Game, Set, Match For This Court King

By Kimberly Gomez, Ledger Contributing Writer

**GRIFFITH PARK**—In the early 1970s, a then-recent accounting grad, Jerry Goldstein, was hanging around the Riverside Drive tennis courts trying to pick up students wanting to learn tennis.

“The Billie Jean King versus Bobby Riggs match [in 1973] started the boom when ladies and older people decided they could play,” said Goldstein. “After that, I found out I could make a living out of tennis and enjoyed every minute of it and still do.”

Goldstein became known as a “really good for the weekend-tennis-average-public-parks-tennis player.” Eventually, he formed Griffith Park Tennis that has offered tennis lessons for four decades.

But another organization, LA Tennis, Inc., has beaten out four other applicants—including Goldstein’s Griffith Park Tennis—to take over running tennis lessons and the courts out of Griffith Park.

“It seems wrong to me, like something is off,” said Deirdre Mendoza of Los Feliz. “I think Jerry should be Griffith Park tennis until Jerry wants to quit.”

But the city says their decision to switch concessionaires was based on what’s best for the community.

People associated with LA Tennis have worked at the location for at least 10 years, said Shawn Larsuel, with the city’s Dept. of Recreation and Parks. “We expect to have the same type of service with some additional enhancements and programs that they are coming to the table with.”

New lights are to be installed, officials said, and some new programming will be put in place, like kids’ summer camps and seniors’ programs. Also, there will be a new pro shop and events with the U.S. Tennis Association.

Even with the changeover, many, including Goldstein,

will be staying on, but in a reduced capacity.

“I still love my job and I feel if I [won] the lotto I would continue teaching,” he said. “I think there’s a lot of life lessons in tennis.”

### Q and A with AYSO Los Feliz Commissioner, Brent Whittlesey

By Bea Bestor, 4th Grade Franklin Ave. Elementary

Just weeks into the brand new Los Feliz American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) season, I interviewed Brent Whittlesey, one of the founders.

*Q: Why did he start AYSO?*  
*A: So kids can play soccer in their neighborhood.*

*Q: Do you have any kids playing in the league?*


*A: No. But my daughter, who is at Immaculate Heart High School has played AYSO before.*

*Q: Have you ever coached a soccer team before or started a league?*

*A: Yes. I have and two years ago, I started a different AYSO league.*

*Q: Tell me more about AYSO Los Feliz.*

*A: There are 120 kids that registered this season. I hope by next season we will have 250! Players are ages 5 to 13. Girls and boys are going to play together on the same teams during our spring season. Our games will be at the Riverside Drive soccer field in Griffith Park. We will have six teams of 5 and 6 year-olds, four teams of 7 and 8 year-olds, four teams of 9,10 and 11 year-olds and one team for girls under age 14.*



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[REAL ESTATE]

# The Price is Right

by Richard Stanley  
Ledger Columnist

In this real estate market some property owners are sitting on the sidelines thinking that now is a terrible time to sell. The truth is otherwise. If you have equity left in your home and a desire to make a change, 2009 could be the year for you to take advantage of some of the best bargains of the decade.

But how can an owner in this market sell the old house and buy a new one? Fortunately, the real estate market is not frozen—it's just populated with cautious buyers and lenders.

Many sellers are finding "ready, willing and able" buyers. Here's how.

The key to a successful sale is the "right" asking price. The "right" price is a price that encourages buyers to write offers in a reasonable amount of time given prevailing market conditions.

Realtors may share their asking price opinions, but the seller makes an economic decision by selecting a price the realtor may represent. No amount of realtor marketing effort can overcome the disadvantage of a significantly too-high price. Saying the "wrong" price louder and more often

convinces no one. It's why some houses sit unsold, month after month. A seller in denial of market realities is not likely to find success.

Some realtors make a habit of agreeing to promote over-priced properties. Perhaps they feel that the seller will succumb later to their arguments to lower the asking price? Perhaps they think that lots of their personalized "For Sale" signs in a neighborhood mean market dominance? Perhaps they feel that one sale out of many over-priced listings justifies taking the risk that the rest might never sell?

All I know is that there is no substitute for transforming "For Sale" to "Sold"—and the path to "Sold" begins with the right price at the outset.

A good realtor has the courage and integrity to tell a prospective seller what she or he truly believes the right price should be.

Once the seller selects a price that the realtor believes in, that price is the sole price a good realtor may represent. It is not ethical for a realtor to imply that the seller's price is, in any way, soft. Rather, a good realtor encourages a

buyer to write a fair and reasonable offer for the seller to consider seriously.

Some areas of California have, at times, tried a pricing technique imported from Australia called "value range pricing." In this scheme, a seller selects a price range for the realtor to represent.

The theory of value range pricing is that more prospective buyers who do computer searches (and almost all do in our market area) will find a property listed for sale within a range of prices than if the property were listed with just a "fixed," or single, price. More prospective buyers, equals more competition and offers for a property which equals higher sale prices, or so the theory goes.

In fact, sale prices do not inflate. Perhaps disappointed sellers reject many offers as too low? What does seem to happen with value range pricing is that market times seem to shorten. Perhaps sellers whose properties are over-priced are tempted by "ready, willing and able" buyers with offers at the low-ends of their ranges?

In any event, even value range pricing is subject to the verities of over-pricing. Over-price a property, and it will sit without prospective buyers and remain unsold. Sellers beware!

*Richard Stanley has been the top agent at the local Coldwell Banker office since 1995. He may be contacted at rstanley@richardstanleyrealtor.com.*

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1893	Lucretia Ave	635,000
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1886	Lucretia Ave	600,000
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2508	Hyperion Ave	\$620,000
3663	Los Feliz Blvd 7	525,000

### 90027 Single Family Homes

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4060	Farmouth Dr.	1,550,000
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2070	N Edgemont St.	1,300,000
2002	N Oxford Ave.	1,264,000
2015	N Oxford Ave.	1,254,000
3807	Shannon Rd.	1,165,000
3531	Griffith Park Blvd	1,087,000
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2420	Moreno Dr.	1,275,000
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#### [CITY SLEUTH]

### Behind Those Walls on Hillhurst

By Diane Kanner, Ledger Columnist



#### LOS FELIZ—

Caddy corner from the Desert Rose restaurant is a faded pink building maintained by the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power.

Distribution Station 54 at 1653 Hillhurst Ave. is usually a solitary place. Recently, however, trucks driven by workers in white jumpsuits could be seen coming and going, rolling

and homes.

Stations like Station 54, are open to the public before they are activated, and never again, for safety's sake. Station 54 opened in 1954, coincidentally, the last time anyone from the public was welcomed inside its roofless tilt-up concrete walls.

Ever since citizens had a say in their look, stations

### DWP wants to be a good neighbor, and it wants to avoid drawing attention to what are, in fact, hazardous sites.

in and out of a two-story high retractable metal door on the Prospect Ave. side. What goes on here? The bunker of institutional solitude had visitors, and I wanted to be one of them.

Stephanie Interiano of DWP's public affairs office informed me that crews were upgrading conduit for circuits inside and outside the station before she generously made arrangements for an on-site meeting for me with two department engineers.

On a rainy Wednesday at 1 p.m., my car rolled through the opening provided by the retractable door. Ahead was row after row of electrical conductors humming and converting power from an unnamed energy-creating plant for use by apartment buildings

have been designed to blend in. "People don't want an eyesore," one of the engineers said. "You can drive by some power stations and not be aware they are there."

The intent in appearing unobtrusive is two-fold. DWP wants to be a good neighbor, and it wants to avoid drawing attention to what are, in fact, hazardous sites. "These places look harmless," I was told, "but they are dangerous. We can't have people wandering in."

An exception was made, in my case, for the edification of *Los Feliz Ledger* readers.

The structure also houses a control room. Here operators monitor electrical production on panels with the gauges and switches a power station couldn't exist without.

#### [KEEN TO BE GREEN]

### Going Green with a Group

By Meher McArthur



I asked managers at two local grocery stores if they could possibly stop packaging produce in styrofoam. They listened politely but did nothing, leaving me feeling small and powerless.

This prompted me to join a local environmental group. Now, my voice feels louder and my efforts go further. With Earth Day coming up (Wed., April 22nd), this is a great month to join in green group activities.

On April 18th, Leimert Park Village hosts South L.A. Earthfest, featuring eco-homes, gardening, green cars, healthy cooking shows, eco lectures, and a screening of *Fuel* ([www.southlaearthfest.org](http://www.southlaearthfest.org)), while the LA County Sanitation Districts hosts an Earth Day family festival in Whittier, including tours of the water reclamation plant, puppet shows, green booths, music and arts and crafts ([www.lacsd.org](http://www.lacsd.org)).

On April 22nd in Silver Lake, at Triangle Park near Sunset Junction, join the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce Green Committee and build a giant ball out of plastic bags to show how many plastic bags can be avoided if our local businesses give up using them this year ([www.silverlakechamber.com/green](http://www.silverlakechamber.com/green)).

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**[SENIOR MOMENTS]**  
**Going the Distance**

By Stephanie Vendig, Ledger Columnist

Recently, I received—and accepted—an invitation from the National Stroke Association to participate in a four-month marathon training program in Griffith Park each Saturday.

Marathons are very popular these days. They are no longer just for runners. About 17% - 40% of participants are walking, according to some estimates. You can train as an

mostly flat. Now, of course, everybody goes at their own pace, and we all finish at different times. They set up water and snack stops along the way. Alumni of previous marathons are your cheerleaders, and when you finish, you have plenty of food awaiting you to restore your energy.

You can take pride in crossing that finish line, or feel good with the knowledge that you are reducing the consequences of

**The National Stroke Association, like other charities, has discovered that marathon training can be a good source of revenue.**

individual, or with others. You see people around you who are moving in silence, and at the same time you see people carrying on animated conversations even if they are running. For me, it is more fun sharing while you are going on your way. Then, all of sudden, you are there. You didn't notice the miles going by.

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When I joined, I committed to raising a minimum amount of funds leading up to my desired marathon. The staff gives plenty of advice and incentives for fund raising; and each Saturday, the coaches, a middle-aged couple with plenty of marathon experience, give us advice on how to run or walk a marathon, including what you wear and how to pace yourself. After important stretching, you take off together on a designated route in which the distance is increased each week. And it is

health conditions, such as diabetes or preventing stroke. Only a few of us look like real athletes. Basically, most see their mission as spreading the word that stroke can be prevented or treated. And with the help of the National Stroke Association, education and research can be funded to make that idea a reality.

The Orange County Half Marathon along the beach on May 3rd is my chosen debut.

**Phony IRS Communications**

By Wendy Caputo  
Ledger Columnist

Scams are becoming more creative all the time. A more recent attempt at fraud is phony e-mails called "phishing" that are identified as being sent from the Internal Revenue Service to the recipient. Scams can occur all year long, but are more frequently during tax season.

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**CLASSES**

Contact Griffith Park Adult Community Center (GPACC) at (323) 644-5579 or stop by at 3203 Riverside Dr., in the parking lot of Friendship Auditorium south of Los Feliz Blvd to get a schedule of classes and events. Other classes are held at the Silver Lake Recreation Center, 1850 W. Silver Lake Dr. (323) 644-3946.

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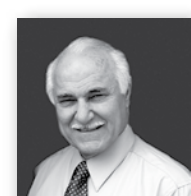
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**3rd Annual Artwater Music and Arts Festival,** Sat., April 25th, 11a.m. to 7 p.m., A celebration of music, art, dance and community in Atwater Village. Information: www.friendsofatwatervillage.org

**Big Bunny's Spring Fling,** annual three day event featuring the Easter Bunny and arts and crafts. April 10, 11, 12th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens 5333 Zoo Drive (323) 644-4200 www.lazoo.org

**"Keep It Heavy, Make It Light,"** solo exhibition by Mark Warren Jacques. Artist Reception: April 11th, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. April 11th through May 1st LittleBird Gallery 3195 Glendale Blvd. (323) 662-1092 www.littlebirdgallery.com

The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs Presents Group Art Shows: **"From There to Here: Contemporary Southern California**

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**"Edward Biberman Revisted,"** solo exhibition of 27 works by Edward Biberman from 1929 to 1984. Curated by Suzanne W. Zada. Biberman's first premiered in 1971 during the Municipal Art Gallery's inaugural. Location: Project Room All Free Admission Through April 19th. Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery 4800 Hollywood Blvd. (323) 644-6269 www.culturela.org

Center for The Arts, Eagle Rock Presents: **"High Strangeness,"** a group art show, through April 28th Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock 2225 Colorado Blvd. (323) 226-1617 www.centerartseaglerock.org

**Books**

**Los Angeles Times Festival of Books** Event attractions include over 450 authors, author panels, exhibitors, outdoor stages, and children's areas. Free Admission April 25th, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. through April 26th, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. UCLA Main Campus Info:www.latimes.com

**Children**

**"Cirque!"**— performances by professional acrobats and aerialists (www.troupe.com), face painting, games, crafts and

food for ages 2-12. \$12 adults; \$8 children, April 25, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Rose Scharlin Nursery School, 2414 Lake View Ave., Silver Lake Info: www.rosescharlin.com

**Clubs**

**Los Angeles Breakfast Club** Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Public welcome.

**Film**

Alex Theatre Film Society Presents: **"The Time Machine,"** (1960), a novel by H.G. Wells, starring Rod Taylor and Yvette Mimieux. April 25th, 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Alex Theatre 216 N. Brand Blvd. (818) 243-2539, www.alextheatre.org

**Politics**

**Silver Lake Neighborhood Council** April 1st, 7:00 p.m. 1511 Micheltorena St. Micheltorena Street Elementary School, www.SilverLakeNC.org

**Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council** April 21st, 7:00 p.m. Los Feliz Community Police Center 1965 Hillhurst Ave., 2nd floor www.ggpnc.org

**Music**

**Los Angeles County Museum of Art Friday Night Jazz Series:** Jazz Wave featuring SuperSax, April 17th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Jazz vocalist, Judy Wexler, April 24th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Free Admission LACMA, LA Times Central Court 5905 Wilshire Blvd. (323) 857-6115, www.lacma.org

**Lectures & Learning**

**National Poetry Month "Poems That Tell A Story: The Narrative Impulse"** A Free Workshop by Terry Wolverton. Create your own poem, bring paper and pencil. Pre-Registration Required. April 5th, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Skylight Books 1818 N. Vermont Ave. (323) 227-4633 www.skylightbooks.com

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**Theatre**

**"Dead, Therefore I Am,"** A Goth-Punk Comedy by Max Leavitt, The East Theater @ the Complex, 6476 Santa Monica Blvd., April 17th - May 24th, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 3 p.m. TIXS: 323.960.7714 www.plays411.com/dead

The Red Chair Children's Production Company Presents: **"Annie Jr.,"** a musical suitable for the entire family, based on the popular comic strip. Live On Stage Performance: April 17th, 7:30 p.m. Alex Theatre 216 N. Brand Blvd. (818) 243-2539 www.alextheatre.org

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"Big Sunday"—a day of volunteering in Los Angeles—is coming to King Middle School, May 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Volunteers will work with students and staff on a "Spring Cleaning and Greening" of the campus and finishing a "learning and sensory garden" for the students—an idea conceived by Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council board member, Tomas O'Grady.

Also, volunteers will run a gently used "clothing store," repaint and spring clean the entry breezeway with art teacher, Ms. Roth and her students, help with plant maintenance, host a health and wellness fair and book giveaway and create a craft and safe space for younger children.

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[RESTAURANT REVIEW]

**Local Lives the Locavore Life**

By Pat Saperstein, Ledger Restaurant Critic



Chef Jason Michaud surprised Silver Lake residents last year when he turned his Eastside Mercantile store into Local Restaurant.

Michaud, who formerly cooked at Three Drunken Goats and Cobras and Matadors, redid the space into a streamlined, casual café that retains a bit of the funky antique shop atmosphere.

Michaud is committed to the “locavore” philosophy of sourcing ingredients locally and organically whenever possible, as well as using recycled and biodegradable packaging and filtered water.

At lunch, Local has plenty of vegan and vegetarian options, an organic-by-the-pound salad bar and California-raised pork and turkey burgers.

It’s become a popular breakfast spot, with choices like whole wheat banana pancakes

and chilequiles, while dinner brings on main courses including braised lamb and osso buco-style pork shank.

The space is a bit awkward, with room for only a few tables inside. Most of the restaurant’s seating is on the patio or sidewalk.

Local gets the ingredients right, but the execution can be uneven. The large, floppy veggie burger (\$11) is composed mainly of the nutritious grain quinoa—an interesting idea, but on a big bun, the dish turns into starch-on-starch. A dinner entrée of striped bass (\$14) is bland atop a doughy potato-corn pancake. Even more problematic is Treviso salad, which comes as a whole head with stem intact, as if it were plucked out of the garden with no further thought of how it could be manageably eaten. Whole pistachios—

some with bits of shell dangerously clinging to them—hide in the salad’s creamy dressing.

On the other hand, the heritage pork sloppy joe, more like a pulled pork sandwich, is deliciously piggy in a balanced barbecue sauce, and a side of spaghetti squash is appealingly caramelized with plenty of lemon and garlic.

With no corkage and affordable main courses, dinner for two is under \$50. Local belongs to the endearingly sloppy breed of near-Eastside restaurants—its heart is in the right place, even if service and presentation are almost too casual.

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[GOOD LIFE]

**Van Gough’s and Hemingway’s Drink: Absinthe**



By Paul Hickey, Ledger Wine & Spirits Writer

NOTE TO READERS: The late Chris Rubin also wrote

about this increasingly popular drink for the Ledger. Here is Paul Hickey’s take on it.

Many readers have asked me about one of the world’s most misunderstood alcoholic beverages; absinthe, the storied drink of Toulouse Lautrec and Vincent Van Gough. Van Gough was addicted to it and absinthe probably contributed to his madness: he did go completely bonkers, you may remember, and proved it by

cutting off his ear and sending it to the object of his affection as a token of his ardor.

The absinthe of those times contained wormwood which was believed to be addictive and for that reason was outlawed in the United States—and France—in 1915. The successor to absinthe in America, Pernod, has resided on liquor department shelves since those days, without the wormwood, thank you, and is still revered to this day.

But here’s the surprise! Absinthe, the anise flavored drink that was known

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**Tangier from page 1**

On that final evening, the restaurant's kitchen was no longer in operation. Tangier had stopped serving their piquant mussels in a coconut ginger broth, cognac peppercorn steak mignon and miso-cod. Only unsold, leftover liquor was available for purchase.

While unfortunate, Tangier's closing was not unexpected. Rumors the space would close due to impending financial troubles had circulated for months. And in early December, Tangier stopped scheduling bands in anticipation of the shut down.

Los Angeles is losing "a forward looking community music spot," said Scott Sterling, who booked close to 1,000 bands at Tangier over the course of seven years. Sterling helped draw bands like The Bird and the Bee, Cold War Kids, Louis XIV, the Silversun Pickups, Great Northern, Dengue Fever and others.

"There are so few venues in L.A. where you can perform, and most if not all of the people in the room are actually listening to you. Tangier was one of those places. I'm certainly going to miss playing there," said Gretchen Lieberum, a jazzy singer-songwriter who frequented the spot.

The venue's closing is also a setback for the Los Angeles dating community, said Vilius Gavrilienka, CEO and event planner for DateandDash, (a Chicago-based speed dating company. For two years, DateandDash held weekly match-making sessions on the patio.

"Tangier is a special place to me," said Gavrilienka. It was the first location his company held events in Los Angeles. It's also where he fell in love. "It was one my favorite spots in L.A. It will be missed."

Tangier will complete its Korean BBQ transformation

in mid June. However, there will no longer be live music, said Mike Cho, VP of Marketing for S Road Dining Inc., the owners of the new space.

They may, however, keep the sign out front. Cho said it's become a Los Feliz icon.

**Crimes from page 1**

tion of Hyperion and Rowena avenues, were described as "opportunistic" gang members looking for easy targets.

While the juveniles' identities have not been released, both had dropped out of school and were living near the intersection of Hollywood and Vermont Boulevard, authorities said.

Since their arrest on Feb. 7th, street robberies in the Silver Lake and Echo Park areas have declined.

"These were the main suspects. When you nab the leaders or the actual persons doing the robberies, the other gang

members stay away from committing crimes. They worry that they police might show up at their door," said Vargas.

However, officials cautioned Silver Lake and Echo Park residents to continue to be street smart. "There may be other criminals still out there hunting for victims," said Vargas.

The other eight street robberies that occurred throughout the area will remain "open cases," according to Vargas. Victims of those crimes were unable to recall defining characteristics of their attackers and cleared the two juveniles arrested during a photo line-up.

**Bratton from page 1**

looking in Marina del Rey and the San Fernando Valley. He picked the area for its easy access to all points throughout Los Angeles—especially downtown.

"I'm usually out the door by 5 a.m. or 5:15 a.m., so [at] that hour of the morning it's

15 minutes to get to the office," he said.

He also liked the area's village like feel.

"Los Feliz in some respects is almost an oasis within the city," he said, comparing it to certain parts of Italy.

"I vacation frequently in the Amalfi Coast in the area of Positano. Los Feliz has the same almost bucolic feel to it," he said.

But it's not just the look of Los Feliz. The chief and his wife, Rikki Klieman, a legal analyst for True TV, also love the area's culinary climate as well.

"Certainly one of the attractions is that on a weekend we can walk down from where we live down onto Vermont or Hillhurst and go to Fred 62 for breakfast. Or we go over to The Alcove on Hillhurst. We're big fans of Farfalla and Vermont Restaurant, with Michael and his partner. Those are favorite sit-down restaurants we go into. And you've got Little

Dom's. . . In many respects it's like a little village."

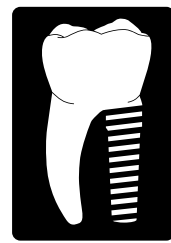
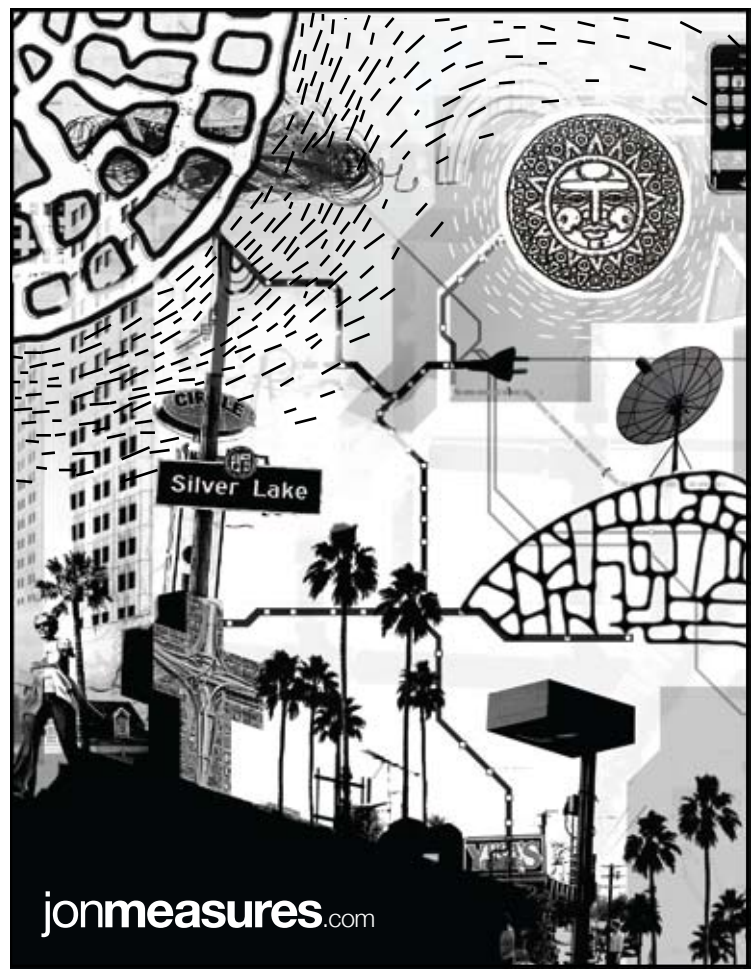
Welcome to the neighborhood, Chief.

**Meadow Area To Get Crosswalk**

**By Kimberly Gomez Ledger Contributing Writer**

**SILVER LAKE**—Responding to the need for a crosswalk near the new Silver Lake Meadow and community concerns that a full traffic signal at Earl Street would create "cut-through" traffic, the city is instead planning on installing a crosswalk at the 2300 block of Silver Lake Boulevard.

The installation of the crosswalk is on hold, however, due to city budget concerns. Construction has also stalled, due to the holdup of previously allocated state funds, for the Silver Lake Meadow Walking path that was originally scheduled to open this spring.



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## Two-Wheeling It

By Kathy A. McDonald  
Ledger Contributing Writer



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rates one from the city's energy. From our bikes, the streets came alive.

While in Italy last January, I was struck by the sharing of city streets by cars, scooters, bikes, buses and pedestrians.

Milan as started a bike-sharing program. A similar



Bikeshare program in Rome, Italy.

L.A.'s burgeoning bike culture in action, visit Heliotrope at Melrose (Hel-Mel) where bike and bike repair shops abound, like Orange 20 Bikes, the Bicycle Kitchen and Pantry.

In February, the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council sponsored a block party at the bike-friendly intersection and their first ArtCycle: a guided group ride of local art galleries and studios.

I joined a ride along with more than three dozen other riders who leisurely navigated the route. We elicited numerous honks, a few negative shout-outs but overall mostly positive responses and questions from people in cars and on the streets. Driving sepa-

idea is being investigated for Los Angeles. And Rome has closed its historic center to limited local traffic and public transport; on Sundays, the road to the Coliseum is closed to all traffic—people stroll and ride to take in the famed architecture.

Could there be a day when Griffith Park is closed to vehicles even for a few hours? Or perhaps Silver Lake Boulevard could be reduced to one lane for a weekend day for the hundreds of walkers and bikers that flood the area?

For more information: [www.easthollywoodartcycle.com/index.html](http://www.easthollywoodartcycle.com/index.html) and for posted group bike rides [www.midnightridazz.com](http://www.midnightridazz.com).



## Bilingual Foundation of the Arts' "House of Bernarda Alba"

By Marilyn Tower Oliver, Ledger Theater Critic

As a Spanish major I was particularly excited to find out that the 20th century classic, "The House of Bernarda Alba," was being performed by the Bilingual Foundation of the Arts at their Teatro Carmen Zapata playhouse in Lincoln Heights.

This play, the last work by Spanish poet and playwright Federico Garcia Lorca—a major figure in world literature—was written a short time before his execution at the age of 38 by Franco's firing squad in the early days of the Spanish Civil War in 1936. Although this play is probably his most famous work, its author never lived to see it performed.

The story deals with the household of Bernarda Alba, an autocratic, domineering woman, who wants to exert complete control over her five daughters. As the action opens the family is returning from the funeral of Bernarda's husband. She decrees that the family will observe eight years of mourning, a tradition in her family. As tensions mount, we discover that the daughters—who range in age between 20 and 39—desire the love of a village man named Pepe Romano, but with the exception of the oldest daughter, Angustias, their relationships with men are mostly forbidden. Obsession and sexual repression lead to a tragic end.

[THEATER REVIEW]

The play is Spanish to its roots. Lorca, an avowed communist and a homosexual, was particularly critical of the social conventions of traditional Spanish society and particularly of the constrictions placed upon women in that society.

Like all the productions at the Bilingual Foundation of the Arts, "The House of Bernarda Alba" is performed by the same all Latino cast in both English and Spanish, but the preference is Spanish. I attended the first English performance due to deadline constrictions. Although the production was filled with energy and tension, I think it might have been more meaningful in Spanish.

Of the daughters, the most commanding were Eliza-


beth Del Sol as the oldest sister Angustias, Rachel Garcia as the conniving Martirio and Ariana Estrada as the sensual younger sister Adela.

The Bilingual Foundation of the Arts has been in operation for about 35 years, located in the old Lincoln Heights jail building for most of that. It is the principle venue for classic and contemporary works in Spanish in Los Angeles. Through April 17th, all remaining performances are in Spanish.

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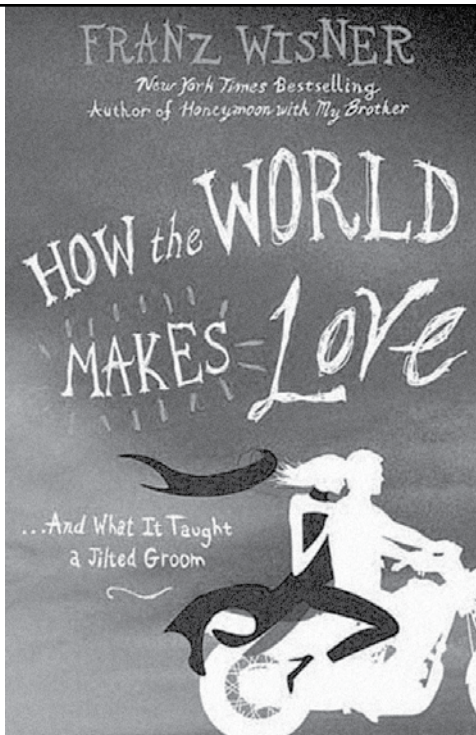
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[RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY]



**Passover and the days of Easter Coincide In April**

By Roberta Morris  
Religion and Spirituality Columnist

“What makes this night different than all other nights?” The question at the beginning of the Seder Haggadah (the text used for the Seder supper) always startles me. The same story, the same foods, often the same music and same game (hide the matzah).

It's same meal Jesus celebrated over 2,000 years ago, and again this year by Christians on Holy Thursday, April 9th.

Passover is usually celebrated in private homes on two consecutive nights, while Chabad of Greater Los Feliz is welcoming everyone to join their public Seder Wed., April 8th and Thurs., April 9th.

“The public seder concept is that the evening is about education. The entire Seder is meant to be an educational workshop,” said Chabad's Rabbi Leibel Korf. “It's a way to direct what we are as Jews to people at any level of understanding.”

A special service for the holiday begins at 6:45 p.m. The seder itself begins at 7:30 pm. Call (323) 660-5177 for information and to RSVP. Passover continues until April 15th.

For Christians, Holy

Thursday (or Maundy Thursday) commemorates the last supper Jesus' ate with his friends before he was arrested and crucified. This year, Maundy Thursday falls on April 9th.

Saint Mary of the Angeles Anglican Church makes the connection between Holy Thursday and the Seder explicit, referring to their 7:30 p.m. service the “Solemn Mass of the Lord's Seder.” It's followed by a 10 p.m. service called the Tenebrae, by candlelight.

Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church and Hollywood Lutheran Church are celebrating Maundy Thursday together with a contemplative communion service at Mt. Hollywood at 7 p.m., April 9th. Then on Good Friday, April 10th, at 7:30 p.m. they are holding a joint service of prayer, scripture and song held at Hollywood Lutheran Church.

Also at Mt. Hollywood Congregational: Easter morning, April 12th, 6 a.m. service with coffee, tea, and conversation about joy in resurrection followed by an upbeat celebration with special brass ensemble at 10:30 a.m.

[BEING WHOLE]

**Non-Attachment**

By Elma Mayer  
Ledger Columnist

Lots of folks are practicing detachment these days – much of it involuntary. As the distance between people and their paychecks increases, the opportunity to realize healthy detachment grows.

Detachment simply means there are no energetic cords binding you to stuff, weakening your energy field. You are still inter-dependent but you have a great degree of freedom. You are present, not holding on to the past or attached to a particular future. You allow change.

Non-attachment, whether from material stuff, a job or a relationship, doesn't begin with letting go of the thing itself. It begins with awareness of your emotions and thoughts. Are you willing to change your feelings, opinions and assumptions?

Over-attachment to your stuff creates rigidity and increases fear of loss. This kind of fear makes you experience the pain of loss before it ever happens.

Emotional over-attachment causes a cascade of physical stress. Aches, pains and ailments are often the representation of thoughts and emotions, mirroring over-attachment with symbolic accuracy.

Non-attachment isn't just a nice new-age platitude – it's a self-healing attitude.

[STAR GAZING]

**“Hundred Hours of Astronomy”**

By Anthony Cook  
Astronomer, Griffith Observatory



Early evenings in April feature the Big Dipper high in the northern sky, Leo the Lion high in the south, Boötes the Herdsman in the northeast, while Virgo the Maiden is low in the southeast. The bright stars are Regulus of Leo, Arcturus of Boötes, and Spica of Virgo.

Leo hosts Saturn, about 20 degrees to the lower left of the star. On the 13th, watch at 12:21 a.m., P.D.T. for a rare event—a transit (crossing) of the disk of Saturn by the shadow of Saturn's largest moon, Titan.

The moon hides the planet Venus in a rare event—called an occultation—during dawn on Wed., April 22nd. The planet will take more than a minute to fade behind the lower portion of the moon's crescent at 5:07 a.m., and just as long to reappear from behind the unlit portion of the moon 51 minutes later.

Watch for the Lyrid meteor shower on the 25th. The shower peaks just before dawn. Expect to see one Lyrid meteor every three minutes between midnight and dawn from locations free of light.

2009 is the “International Year of Astronomy,” the global celebration of Galileo's first observations through a telescope 400 years ago. During the “Hundred Hours of Astrono-

my” (April 2nd and 5th), the observatory's regular observing will be augmented by public star parties by local clubs, colleges, and Celestron telescopes, and other special events. See [www.griffithobservatory.org](http://www.griffithobservatory.org) for more information.

**Observatory Events in April**

The Griffith Observatory's monthly “All Space Considered,” is set for Friday, April 3rd, 7:30 p.m. The event is free and includes a space update program.

Public Star Party, Sat., April 4th, from 2 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Free. For information: [www.GriffithObservatory.org](http://www.GriffithObservatory.org).

**OMGC's “An Evening in Black and White,” May 2nd**

Our Mother of Good Counsel, in Los Feliz, will hold their 2nd annual “Evening in Black and White,” Silent Auction and Cocktail Party, May 2nd, starting at 6:30 p.m.

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**LAUSD from page 1**

rently funds the coaches, but the school would have to foot the bill next year if it wants to retain them.

"That would be a huge chunk out of our budget," said Pilkinton, noting that a full-time coach costs \$45,000 to \$50,000 per year, and a part-time coach costs half of that. "But the coaches are critical in improving student achievement."

Ivanhoe Elementary School is also hoping to hold onto its academic coaches, but since the school doesn't qualify for Title 1 funding—which are supplemental federal dollars given to schools with high poverty—it is now seeking parent donations.

The school's parent support group is trying to raise almost \$350,000 to retain academic coaches, physical education coaches, kindergarten aides and

more. By May, the school must pay at least \$180,000 to the district to secure the academic coaches alone.

At Thomas Starr King Middle School, average class sizes might rise from 32 to 35 students. One of the school's five counselors might also be cut, which could drive up the student-to-counselor ratio – now 450:1 – by 150 students.

King receives Title 1 funding, said principal Kristen Murphy, so despite the district's cuts, they school is expanding its technology program. Next year, there will be one computer for every two students in the 6th grade class, she said.

Several teachers received cautionary pink slips last month, Murphy said. But King will transition next year from a year-round to traditional calendar and will lose about 400 students to neighboring

schools, so she said any loss of teachers might not be felt profoundly in the classroom.

"We're hopeful. We're keeping our fingers crossed," she said. "It's a year of big changes."

The LAUSD is facing \$800 million in budget cuts as the economic crisis forces public schools across California to absorb more than \$8 billion in state funding cuts. More than 26,000 teachers statewide have already received cautionary pink slips, including 2,300 within LAUSD.

**Good Life from page 17**

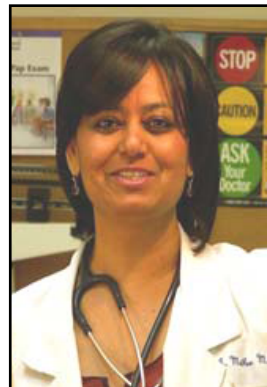
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**[EDITORIAL]  
GGPNC: Appointed  
Members Breed  
Cronyism**

By Tomas O'Grady

My son, Dylan Tyler O'Grady, was born the morning I wrote this. He's an American by birth, something I can never be. While growing up in Ireland, I dreamt of America, a place where limitations are based on talent and determination, and where everyone has a chance to try to be anything. America was "...life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and "domestic tranquility" and a dozen other guiding principles placing freedom above all things. America was "Democracy."

I love Los Feliz. My sense of community was not imbued in Ireland but right here in L.A., just east of Western. I love this country, and its sense of fairness. America has been good to my family and me. That's why I ran for—and won—a seat on the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) last summer.

Neighborhood Councils were formed to bring government closer to the people and to fully represent them at City Hall. Of the 89 neighborhood councils across Los Angeles, a large majority of their boards are chosen—with all the joy and frustration that goes with it—by popular vote. Winston Churchill got it right when he said: "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms."

However, this is not the case with the GGPNC. Comprised of 19 people, neighborhood "stakeholders" do elect 10 District Representatives, but the other nine board members are "appointed." An Appointed Board member is given an equal vote and can use it to appoint other appointees. And appointees also can vote to reappoint themselves!

According to the website of the city's neighborhood council oversight agency, DONE, (<http://done.lacity.org/ncdatabase/nc%5Fdatabase%5Fpublic/>) only a handful of neighborhood councils even have appointed positions. The GGPNC, however, has, by far, the most appointed board members—a total of nine, (47% of its board). For the other rare boards that also have appointed positions, most, unlike the GGPNC, do not allow appointed board members to vote on council business.

The GGPNC has been set up this way since the first governing board wrote and ratified these rules in 2002. This violates one of the tenets of American Democracy: "By the people, for the people," and to me it sets up a system for cultivating cronyism. Think about it. Your

taxes fund these neighborhood councils. In the GGPNC's case, this means not taxation without representation—but rather, taxation with about 53% representation. We can do better.

Nine appointments are up this August. I believe the people should decide who holds those offices. I have asked the Council to consider changing these rules—to have the courage to give back the board's power to the people. The only true way for any governing body to focus on the issues YOU care about is if the people elect that body—the entire body. Stakeholders can make their opinions known by writing [GGPNC@ggpnc.org](mailto:GGPNC@ggpnc.org), or calling (323) 908-6054.

*Tomas O'Grady is a member of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council.*

**[OPEN MIKE]  
CD 13? CD 4?  
Passing the Buck  
On Reservoir  
Sidewalk Lighting  
By Greg Ptacek**

During the first phase of the installation of the Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan, a sidewalk was constructed along the west side of Armstrong Ave., from Silver Lake Blvd. to Edgewater Terrace and a bit beyond – about 300 feet. The sidewalk was badly needed, since that stretch of Armstrong is a very steep hill.

But, no one ever installed lighting, so at night it's pitch black. Walking such a steep grade, without the benefit of any artificial lighting, is an accident waiting to happen. There is also potential for a crime along the sidewalk, which is obscured from view by shade trees.

None of this is the fault of the firm that created the Master Plan. It calls for lighting there. So why hasn't it been installed after more than a year?

Here's what I found after calling the Silver Lake depu-

**[OPEN MIKE]**  
Regarding "Griffith Park—Now A Historic Monument," (March 2009, *Los Feliz Ledger*), a point of clarification: The entire park, including the Autry and the Toyon Landfill, is listed as part of the Monument. Only specific projects which were already in the public hearing EIR process as of August 21, 2008, when the monument was taken under consideration for Monument listing, are exempt from review under the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Daniel D. Paul, Architectural Historian and Author of the *Griffith Park Historic-Cultural Monument Application*. ICF Jones & Stokes

ties for our two City Council districts. To paraphrase:

Council District 4: "Since it's technically in Council 13 [by a couple hundred yards], it's Council District 13's problem."

Council District 13: "It's definitely a problem, and we know about it, but we can't do anything because it's on land owned by DWP."

Does that sound like broken government, or what? And do we need to remind our elected officials that DWP doesn't "own" anything; the taxpayers who fund DWP own it.

Has anyone in City Hall compared the expense of installing a couple of streetlights versus the expense of settling a lawsuit brought by an accident or crime victim?

*Greg Ptacek is the former Vice President of the Committee To Save Silver Lake's Reservoirs.*

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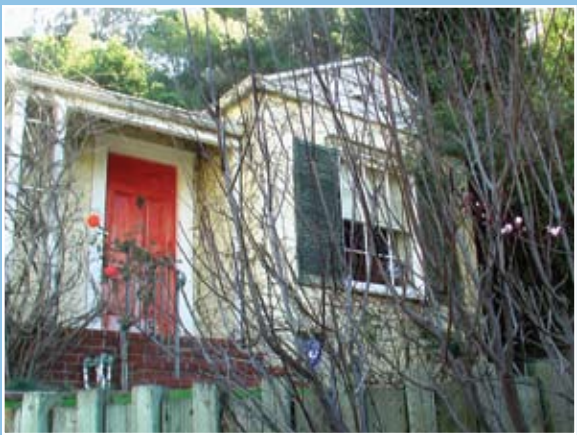
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February 27, 2009

Dear George and Eileen,  
We want to offer an enthusiastic "thank you!" for the hard work and success you put into the sale of our house. We never imagined that in this challenging market we would sell our home within a week with multiple offers and for over the asking price! Your expertise and marketing was invaluable-you priced our house right, advertised consistently, and created a "buzz" in our neighborhood and beyond. We'll always remember how quickly you sold our first home, and your knowledge and experience is the reason we returned to you when it came time to sell this time. We trust you to listen to our needs and offer the best, most sound real estate advice out there. Thank you for being our advocates and partners!

Bob and Nicole Martinez-Diamond



**Just Listed**



**3600 Crestmont Ave Silver Lake \$1,275,000**  
A very special Four-Plex on a wonderful street to street lot & incredible views from downtown to the ocean. Fabulous 2 bd & 2 ba owners unit + 3 wonderful apartments each with fabulous views. Good income & 2 units will be delivered vacant at COE. Must See!

**Just Listed**



**71 Glen Summer Road Pasadena \$869,000**  
Beautifully renovated 3 bed & 2 bath Spanish home in the outstanding San Rafael neighborhood on one of the most beautiful tree lined streets in Pasadena. Gorgeous kitchen opens to family rm, old world character & details, hardwood floors, Cent A/C. Yard & deck.

**Just Listed**



**1971 Myra Avenue Los Feliz \$769,000**  
Charming 3 bd 1.5 ba Cape Cod set up high on a lovely knoll on a great corner location. Spacious living room with fireplace. Formal dining room, Newly refinished hardwood floors, A/C, copper plumbing. Great indoor outdoor flow. Franklin Elementary & Marshall High.

**Just Listed**



**1945 Beachwood Drive Unit E Beachwood Canyon \$529,000**  
Fabulous spacious 3 bed & 2 1/2 ba townhouse in the desirable Beachwood Canyon area w/a wonderful floor plan that feels very much like a home. Remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, formal dining room, fireplace, patio, good storage, laundry, 3 parking spaces.

**Just Listed**



**7250 Franklin Avenue #309 Hollywood Hills \$505,000**  
Spacious 2 bed & 2 bath condo w/views of Hollywood landmarks. Dining area, wet bar, nook for home office. Enjoy a gracious lifestyle living in this luxurious full service building, valet parking, concierge, pool, spa, fitness center w/roof top patio w/wraparound views.

**For Sale**



**2700 Glendower Avenue Los Feliz Hills \$1,595,000**  
W.L. Skidmore Brick and Glass 3 bd 3 ba Masterpiece + full guest apt w/kitchen & full bath. Sweeping city views from downtown to the Westside & Griffith Park. Huge Gourmet kitchen, stunning LR opens to large view terrace. Cozy Media rm. 2 fireplaces.

**For Sale**



**1315 Romulus Drive Glendale Adams Hills \$539,000**  
Classic Adams Hill 2 bd 1 ba Spanish with home office & a pool! Spacious living room w/a fireplace & beamed ceiling steps down to sunny library area with view. Formal dining room. Walking distance to Adams Square. Great patio & swimming pool for summer parties!

**For Lease**



**3908 Clayton Avenue Los Feliz \$2,950**  
Los Feliz 2 bed & 2 ba Spanish in the Franklin Hills w/incredible city views. 2-story living room w/gorgeous fireplace, home office, Cook's kitchen w/stainless appliances, large breakfast room, hardwood floors, beautiful French doors which lead to lovely view patio.

**In Escrow**



**3733 Clayton Avenue Los Feliz \$959,000**  
Stunning 4 Bd, 3 Ba Architectural w/views. Dramatic living room with fireplace opens to lovely patio. Large cook's kitchen w/large breakfast area. Formal dining room, polished concrete & honey colored hardwood flrs. Central A/C. Terraced patios & gardens.

**In Escrow**



**2237 Panorama Terrace Silver Lake Hills \$789,000**  
Character 4 Bed & 2 Ba Cape Cod home. Enter into a bright and sunny living room w/a fireplace that leads to wonderful deck w/picturesque views of the Silver Lake & Los Feliz hills. Formal dining room. Large street to street lot. Ivanhoe School District.

**Sold**



**1957 Myra Avenue Los Feliz \$895,000**  
Lovely 3 bd 3 ba Traditional on a beautiful street in the hills of Los Feliz. Spacious living room w/fireplace and great windows. Spacious view patio off formal dining room. Breakfast room, large family rm & home office. Apprx 2570 sq ft. Room for pool.