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Since 2001: A news odyssey

THE KEEPING IT HOOD ISSUE

Representing the hoods

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILMONT Jeanne Dodson turned one corner, and then another, up and down the street, frustration slowly creeping in with every missed spot.

It was late at night and hardly the last thing that the Santa Monica resident wanted to do — find a parking space in an impacted Wilshire Boulevard-Montana Avenue neighborhood, where it appeared as though every single possible spot was already occupied.

"I literally could not get into my own home because there was no place to park," Dodson said on Thursday of her parking adventure in 2005. "I had to spend a night with a friend because I could not get into my home."

"That's just stupid," Dodson added.

The experience sparked Dodson's

interest in bringing to light the issues of her neighborhood to city officials, working to alleviate street parking woes through becoming an active member and later chairman of the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition.

A voice of the community, a collective shout to City Hall is perhaps the unifying attribution of the organized neighborhood groups in Santa Monica, each representing the unique concerns of their residents and ensuring they have a presence when it comes to the decisions that affect them.

In some ways, they can be viewed as the eighth member on the City Council.

"They're like a direct feed for councilmembers and city staff on what resident concerns are," Rachel Waugh, the publications coordinator for City Hall, said. "The more voices you get together, the louder the sound is."

Many in neighborhood groups credit the strength of the unified voice for winning battles, staving off unwanted projects like a proposed mixed-use development on the edge of Sunset Park, or bringing more affordable housing in the Pico Neighborhood, whose association helped form Community Corporation of Santa Monica.

Diane Moss, who has owned property in Sunset Park since 2002, joined the Friends of Sunset Park (FOSP) last year because of concerns over pollution and safety at the Santa Monica Airport.

"There is strength in numbers," Moss said on Friday.

There are currently five neighborhood organizations that are recognized by City Hall — FOSP, the Ocean Park Association (OPA), the Pico Neighborhood Association (PNA), the

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STILL STANDING: One of the ficus trees in question on Second Street between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Officials defend project

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City officials contend that they did not violate state environmental regulations or hid behind any bushes in pushing forward a controversial tree plan that has kept City Hall and the Santa Monica Treesavers battling for months.

The arguments were laid out in a 39-page-response City Hall filed on Friday, a rebuttal to a Treesaver appeal of a court ruling that the environmental group was years too late in legally challenging the tree removal plan.

The Treesavers earlier this month appealed the decision, with the court extending a temporary restraining order halting the removal of the ficus trees.

The source of controversy lies in a beautification project for Second and Fourth streets in Downtown Santa Monica, calling for the destruction or transplantation of 54 ficus trees — 23 of which have been identified as structurally deficient. The bulk of the streetscape project includes widening and repairing sidewalks and enhancing lighting along the two commercial corridors. The tree removal aspect of the plan includes replacing each empty ficus plot with two ginkgo biloba trees.

City officials essentially maintain the same position

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BUSINESS



NEW WATERS

SM Seafood prepares to change locations

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HEADING UP STREAM: Many different varieties of fish can be seen on display at the Santa Monica Seafood Company. Santa Monica Seafood has been supplying fresh fish to the public from their shop on Colorado Avenue for the past 31 years but will be moving to their new location on Wilshire Boulevard by the end of the year.

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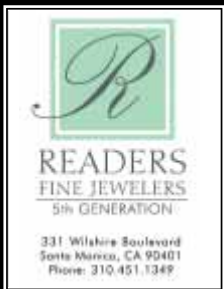
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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Hop along with Peter Rabbit

Wilshire Boulevard and 25th Street, 9 a.m.

The Santa Monica Jaycees presents its 16th Annual Peter Rabbit Day. Bring the kids out to Douglas Park to celebrate Easter. There will be an egg spoon race, face painting and prizes. Who could resist that. For more information, contact hogt200@hotmail.com.

Get your Monty on

2627 Pico Blvd., Call for times

The Santa Monica Theatre Guild at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre presents “The Full Monty.”. The show runs March 14 through April 12 (Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.). This musical adaptation of the comedic British film turns the “let’s put on a show” genre on its ear, as a group of unemployed steelworkers prepares to present their own Chippendales-style show in working-class Buffalo, New York. For information, call (310) 936-1338.

Santa Monica on two feet

1436 Second St., 10 a.m.

The Santa Monica Conservancy leads a two-hour tour that explores more than 130 years of Santa Monica history from its wild west frontier beginnings to the metropolis of today. Starting from the 1875 Rapp Saloon, the route includes many landmarks and concludes at the 2003 NRDC building. For information, call (310) 496-3146.

Reach out and touch someone

1341 Lake St., Venice, 2 p.m. — 6 p.m.

Planet Social Sports games and matches are followed by team gatherings at local bars, which include discounted food and drinks, along with social activities. Men and women must be 21 to play. Check the Web site for specific times and locations www.planetsocialsports.com.

Sunday, March 23, 2008

Jesus the musical

3400 Sawtelle Blvd., 7:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy this special Easter musical commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This free event is open to the public.

Get it while its fresh

Downtown Mar Vista, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Head out to lovely Mar Vista for the weekly Farmers’ Market. Located at the corner of Grandview and Venice boulevards, the market includes fresh fruits and vegetables as well as some prepared foods.

Rolling with Ray

Westside, 1 p.m.

Novelist Raymond Chandler gravitated to sin and debauchery, so Santa Monica in the 1930s was a frequent stop for Philip Marlowe, one of his most popular characters. From shady doctors to second wives with pasts to crooked cops with a loathing for a mouthy PI, this tour has it all. Chandler’s canonization of sin, wealth and sunshine on L.A.’s Westside fed the abiding myths of the American hard-boiled genre and play into the popular conception of the region. For information, call (323) 223-2767.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the “Events” tab for the given day’s calendar.



Putting SM gangs on blast

Editor's note: For the next eight weeks, Editor in Chief Kevin Herrera will be writing a first-person account of what it's like to be enrolled in the Santa Monica Police Department's Citizen Police Academy, which is intended to foster better communication between Santa Monicans and police officers, while giving residents a better understanding of what it takes to preserve the peace.

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Gangs working the streets of West Los Angeles got put on blast earlier this week when officers assigned to the Gang and Youth Intervention Unit schooled students in the Citizens Police Academy on what it means to be part of a set or clique, showing graphic photos of black and Latino youth engaging in criminal behavior and loving it.

For those who don't know what being put on blast means, it is essentially when someone calls out another person for something shady or embarrassing that they've done. It is usually taken as a sign of disrespect.

Well one thing's certain, those involved in gangs are usually up to something shady and should be embarrassed for the way they act — and if they feel disrespected, well, too bad.

Officers Richard Carranza and Al Lozano showed the academy class pictures of gang members posing with pistols, knives and bottles of booze as kids barely old enough to walk sat in their jammies in the background — shameful. Another photo had a father and his young son holding a pistol together while the mother sat on the floor smiling, as if it was some moment of male bonding that should be cherished and not criticized.

Having covered areas where gang activity is high, most of the information wasn't new to me, but for others in the class it seemed fairly interested to learn what a gang member is, how to identify them and how to avoid them.

Here's what they learned.
There are currently two active gangs in Santa Monica.

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WRAPPING IT UP: Joanna Martinez (left), employee of the Santa Monica Seafood Company, puts the final touches on customer Liz Adler's salmon platter on Wednesday morning. Santa Monica Seafood, which has been located at 1205 Colorado Ave. for the past 31 years, will be moving to their new location on Wilshire Boulevard by the end of the year. The popular business is planning a host of new features.

Business charts new course

By Daily Press Staff

COLORADO AVE Santa Monica Seafood — widely regarded as one of the top spots to locate the freshest and most eco-friendly selections of seafood in Southern California — is getting ready for some big changes.

This fall, the culinary landmark is set to relocate from its Colorado Avenue location and will debut a new retail and dine-in space at 1000 Wilshire Blvd. With a new modern design, expanded seafood and menu selections and an eat-in café, the Westside favorite is poised to become a one-stop-shop for the region's top toques and gourmands alike.

The new space, set in the heart of Santa Monica, will feature an inviting design predicated on the key attributes of the company, said Michael Cigliano, one of the company owners and a member of the fam-

ily who founded the historic business.

"We based the design on the Italian family heritage of the Ciglianos," he said. "The store front and interior will have a rustic Tuscan feel, while the rear of the building will represent the look and feel of a dock-side ice house."

Cigliano said the company, originally founded in 1939, has outgrown its Colorado digs and wants to expand. The Colorado location has been sold, but Cigliano would not disclose any details about the sale. Rumors have it that Tom Hanks purchased the property and plans to build a production studio there.

A spokesman from the Los Angeles County Assessor's office said the sale did occur, but could not disclose the purchase price. The buyer is Alley Properties, LLC, a Delaware-based limited liability company. The spokesman said the buyer paid a "stamp tax" that prevents information

about the sale from being released.

Santa Monica seafood purchased the property in 1966 for \$140,000. It was last assessed in 2007 and valued at \$842,000.

News of the sale sparked concerns amongst the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, which is worried that any new development will bring with it more traffic and parking woes.

"SM Seafood is just one of over 50 large parcels that our city recently identified as prime development sites," Diana Gordon, spokesperson for the coalition, wrote in an e-mail Friday. "Our city is on the verge of another major explosion of commercial development which is a prime source of traffic congestion."

The coalition is gathering signatures to qualify an initiative on the November ballot that would place limits on commercial

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A call to arms

Editor:

I am a 20-plus year resident in Santa Monica and most my family has lived here since the 70's. Since we live "north of Montana" we have felt relatively safe, but that has changed significantly over the past couple years and it's getting worse daily. With the two recent murders I hope that something is going to be done about the safety of the tax paying residents of this city. I understand that the SMPD has a tough job. Whenever we call them to report an abandoned vehicle or transients wondering aimlessly or sleeping in our alley, they are very nice but they claim they can do nothing about it. There are very aggressive and rather scary looking "kids" living in (and running a nighttime business ... use your imagination) an old black school bus in the 300 block of Fourth Street. How is this possible in this neighborhood? Why is it that people are allowed to live in their cars and school buses? Why are the same broken down commercial vehicles (a Jeep with a trailer full of garbage has been there for four weeks with nothing done about it, old tow trucks, broken down limo's, etc.) there month after month? I can't let my kids walk alone because we are afraid for their safety. It's amazing to me that many Carlinthorp School children have to walk past these vehicles to get to school and still nothing is done about it. Does a child need to be kidnapped or murdered? How many more homes need to get broken into before the city realizes this town has become a slum? I now have the privilege of removing graffiti from my house on a monthly basis, something I never thought I'd need to do. Being that this is a so-called exclusive area, one would think we should not have to live in fear for personal safety and theft/destruction of property. Santa Monica is known worldwide as a place that people can just live in the streets and be free, but what happened to the rights of the people that pay the taxes? It would be nice for SMPD and local government to at least pretend that they care about residents on this side of town except when it's property tax time. There are two houses in escrow in excess of \$3.5 million each and two for sale for over \$5 million each in the neighborhood west of Seventh Street between San Vicente and Montana Ave. We should feel safe here with the taxes we pay. More importantly, what about the older residents? We have several people on our block that have lived in their house since the 60's. They are elderly and actually afraid to leave their homes. Those of us who expected to live in a nice area and paid the price to do so have been let down by the city leaders and it's time to rid the city of the people who do not belong here. We all need to step up and take what's left of this city back.

J.W. Petoria
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Don't Zell-out Wrigley Field

YOU'RE WRONG IF YOU THINK THE LATEST big news story is that New York governors can't stay out of hotel rooms. No, the big story is that the new owner of the Chicago Cubs, Sam Zell, might sell the "naming rights" of Wrigley Field to the highest bidder. Why should those of us who live here in California care about this? We should care because it represents two of the most insidious afflictions in our society: Greed and greed's brother, commercialization.

In recent years, all kinds of facilities have been branded with company names. I didn't see the Dixie Chicks at a hall named for Frank Sinatra or Elvis Presley. I saw them at the Nokia Theater. And why do we in L.A. have to be reminded of that ubiquitous corporation as we listen to music at the Disney Concert Hall?

The names of sports stadiums used to sound like they were sports stadiums. Now they just sound like a list of stocks and bonds. The San Francisco Giants play in AT&T Park. The Washington Redskins play in FedEx Field, not to be confused with the FedEx Forum where the Memphis Grizzlies play. The Carolina Panthers Play in Bank of America Stadium. The Philadelphia Phillies play in Citizens Bank Park. Considering the state of the economy these days, it's probably not a great idea for the next stadium that sells out to commerce to be named for a company in the financial world. Not that long ago, the Houston Astros played in Enron Field. Fortunately, no major sports team played in something called Bear Stearns Ballpark.

Sam Zell got control of the Cubs and Wrigley Field when he recently purchased the Tribune Company, the previous owner. The Tribune Company also owned the Los Angeles Times which, so far, Zell still calls, "The Los Angeles Times."

Zell keeps reminding his critics that as the owner, he has the legal right to do whatever he wants with the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field. But what he doesn't

seem to understand is, he may be the owner, but the Cubs and Wrigley Field belong to the people.

There are Cub fans all over the world. People make pilgrimages to Wrigley Field to see what an old-fashioned ballpark looks and feels like. If you've seen only one game there, you know what a special place it is. A visit there is a history lesson, a sociology course, and just plain fun.

It seems to me that after someone acquires a couple of Brinks trucks worth of cash, he might want to adopt the motto, "noblesse oblige," rather than, "I still want more." When a zillionaire buys an institution like the Cubs, he should see himself as a steward of their tradition. It doesn't always have to be about what he can do, but also about what he should do.

Please don't write me that "Wrigley" is the name of a gum company, and therefore, the field has been commercialized since its inception. It wasn't named for the gum. It was named after the Cubs' owner, William Wrigley Jr., who happened to be the founder of the gum company. There were never any big signs advertising gum or anything like that. It has been Wrigley Field because of a man named Wrigley, and it should remain Wrigley Field because of all that has happened and all that hasn't happened there.

This year will mark the 100th year since the Chicago Cubs won their last World Series. Maybe they'll win it again this year. They're bound to win it some year. And wouldn't it be a shame if when they finally do, they win it in a place called something like "Preparation H Field?"

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

“Last year John McCain declared a bustling Baghdad marketplace was evidence that Iraqis could ‘shop freely.’ McCain was wearing a bulletproof vest, surrounded by soldiers and Blackhawk helicopters. This year the military informed him that he couldn’t visit the marketplace as it was more dangerous than last year! Some surge.”

SMDP columnist Jack Neworth wrote in “Laughing Matters.”

“It’s just being cognizant and aware of your surroundings.”

Santa Monica Police Department’s Lt. Alex Padilla’s advice to women who live alone in the city.

“I find Venice to be overall a safe community. But having said that, it’s a very popular tourist destination and whenever there is a popular tourist destination, you will see a certain amount of property crime.”

Mike Newhouse, the president of the Venice Neighborhood Council.

“These women looked at these victims and saw profit in their plight, a profit of \$2.8 million.”

Deputy District Attorney Truc Do said referring to the total amount of life insurance payouts murder suspects Olga Rutterschmidt and Helen Golay were able to cash-in on following the 1999 death of Paul Vados and 2005 murder of Kenneth McDavid.

“We know that financial frauds and scams are a terrible threat to the financial security for older adults.”

Kim Hubbard, director of elder abuse prevention at WISE.

“Larry Craig is taking a ‘wide stance’ as first base coach after ‘stalling out’ in Minneapolis and is on the injured DL while Mark Foley is still trying to keep his hands off of the batboys. Jessica Hahn, Donna Rice and Fanne Fox lead the cheerleading squad but Monica Lewinsky couldn’t make it because she couldn’t find her blue dress. This afternoon the outfield includes Jesse Jackson in left field, Jimmy Swaggart in right field and Earl Paulk all over the place.”

SMDP columnist Steve “the Mailman” Breen’s take on political hanky panky in “Going Postal.”

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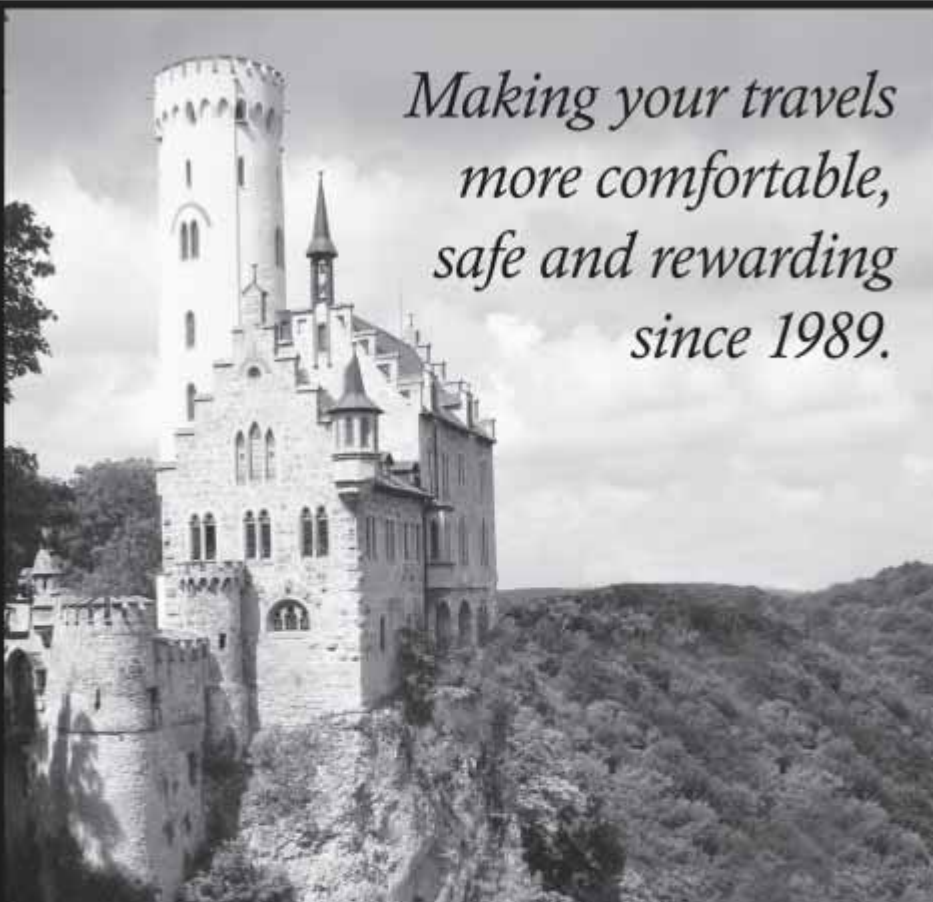
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This combined notice is intended to satisfy two separate procedural requirements: (1) 24 CFR 58.43, Dissemination and/or publication of the Findings of No Significant Impact and (2) 24 CFR 58.70, Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds. The public is advised to specify which notice their comments address, so that the City of Santa Monica may properly take into account the comments received.

On or about April 3, 2008, the City of Santa Monica will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) to be used for the following project:

Project Title: Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica at John Adams Middle School Construction Project

Location: 2425 16th Street, Santa Monica CA

Purpose: Construction of youth facility providing educational, recreational and social resources for at-risk youth ages 7-18

Estimated Cost: \$2,666,367 (approximately \$300,000 of which is CDBG funds)

It has been determined that this action will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the above-named City has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

The reason for such decision not to prepare such statement is due to the following factors:

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica's new branch on the campus of John Adams Middle School (JAMS) will include the renovation of an existing classroom and the construction of an adjoining structure on the JAMS campus. This new facility will include an education center, technology room (equipment will not be funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds), and social/recreation spaces that will provide positive activities for at-risk children and teenagers ages 7 through 18 from Santa Monica and the surrounding communities during the hours they are not in school. The project is not expected to allow or contribute to significant impacts to the environment and a Finding of No Significant Impact can be made. The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica is a subrecipient of CDBG funds through the City of Santa Monica's Community Development Grant Program.

An Environmental Review Record respecting this project has been made by the above-named City of Santa Monica which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record, which includes the NEPA Environmental Assessment, is available for review at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA, Human Services Division, Room 212, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., on the City's website at smgov.net, and at the Main Library.

No further federal environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

The City of Santa Monica is certifying to HUD that P. Lamont Ewell, in his official capacity as the Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of this certification is that upon its approval, the City of Santa Monica and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the project may proceed. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of this certification if it is on one of the following bases:

(a) That the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) the City of Santa Monica has failed to make a finding of environmental significance or to make the written determination required for re-evaluation of an environmental assessment or use of prior Environmental Impact Statement, as applicable; (c) the City of Santa Monica has omitted one or more of the required steps for the preparation, publication and completion of the Environmental Assessment; (d) the City of Santa Monica has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by HUD (or the State); (e) other basis established by HUD regulations.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Santa Monica to the Human Services Division of the Community & Cultural Services Department. Such written comments should be received at 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401 on or before April 2, 2008. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Santa Monica will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Objections may also be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR 58, Subpart H), and may be addressed to HUD at:

Office of Community Planning and Development
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Los Angeles, CA 90017

Objections to this undertaking on any bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD.

No objection received after April 17, 2008 will be considered by HUD.

P. Lamont Ewell, City Manager
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The QLine

MAKING THE CITY SAFER

This past week, Q-line asked:

Do you think the City Council should honor a request made by the city's police and fire departments for additional personnel?

Here are your responses:

"I SUPPOSE SO. THE CITY COUNCIL, the city administration, has created this overgrown ugliness. Now they will have to meet the demands they have created – an out of control growing bum and criminal population and the results of overbuilding. They created the monster, they should follow through and supply the additional police and fire department protection."

"YEAH, THE STAFFING REQUESTS are a direct result of over development in the city. The chief cites a day time population that is more than he can control, and the fire chief points to traffic mitigation and traffic itself as a problem for emergency response. So we should make the council staff both the police and fire department. They deserve it, they are the ones who approved the development, they have to fix it."

"(THE CITY COUNCIL DOESN'T) have any choice but to honor the request. It is the only way that Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, the SMRR majority, can buy its decades old strangle hold on city politics. Without rolling over for every requests, they wouldn't get the automatic fire fighter and police union endorsements every election. So, yes, they have to do it."

"I DO NOT WISH TO WAX PESSIMISTICALLY when I suggest the City Council take a wait and see approach in expanding any of the city's bureaucratic agencies. We are in a time for belt tightening, not loosening. Our nation and the state of California are in a deep financial poop at the present time and this poop filters down to the cities. I do not believe there will be many ever-growing cities in California in the next few years. The opposite perhaps, as residents lose their homes and their jobs and leave California for hopeful greener pastures or simply move back to where they came from. Any infusion of cash bonus from the federal government to the rank and file taxpayer will simply end up in the gas tanks as we approach five dollar a gallon gasoline prices that are just around the corner. I could go on and on but I will not. Those who are feeling the pinch already know, without me elaborating."

"THE RENT CONTROL COMMIES who have run our town for 30 years have turned our city into a bloated, expensive, bureaucratic nightmare. You ask about expanding our police and fire departments. Our fire department does a great job, but 99 percent of the time fireman eat, sleep and watch porno. Our police department is already huge compared to our small population. The problem is only on weekends and summer when we are inundated with tourists and transients thanks to our city selling out to the tourist dollar and coddling the homeless. They can hire part-time cops for the weekends and summer. We also don't need expensive police running the animal control. Transfer them to real police jobs and turn it over to pet associations."

"WELL, IF THEY WANT TO INCREASE the size of the police department they should only do it if they are going to do something about all those bums, and drunks and vagrants in Santa Monica. What's the use of having more police if they are going to let the bums have the run of the town."

"I ABSOLUTELY THINK THE CITY COUNCIL should honor the request for extra policemen and firemen in this city by the sea. It is absolutely essential."

"THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD INCREASE the police and fire department's budget 100 percent. It's a great way to spend money and make it safer for everybody."

"ABSOLUTELY NOT, THE FIRE AND POLICE should make due with what they have. We can't afford it. Look at the economy, stupid."

"YOUR OWN CRIME WATCH SAYS IT ALL. How many bum related police calls are there? If a bum is combative, you may need two officers. Then if the officer drives the bum to the county jail, that is at least an hour and a half away from his patrol area. Same with the fire department. How many bum fights or drunk calls do they get? Every organization pads its operating cost to help build control, which means power. Instead, look at the single underlying problem in this town. It's overbuilding. Every City Council utopian, socialist problem stems from it, especially excessive bum loving. Instead of insulting the taxpayers, put the council members to work doing weekend shifts at the police and fire departments."

"MY OWN TWO CENTS – I JUST READ in the newspaper that L.A.'s homicide rate is on the rise and we just had two people murdered in their own apartments here in Santa Monica. If we had more police officers on the streets, those murders may not have occurred. I know that more police on the streets will help, especially at night. I support the increase."

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Going caveman

Good health is just a stone's throw away. Once upon a time, a long, long, time ... I mean a really long time ago, obesity and diseases were not at all the issues they are today. Those people of yore lived a life like I lead. I walk everywhere. Eat fresh, local foods. Dress scantily in barely-there loin cloth attire and allow men to pull me all over town by my hair. OK, I don't really get pulled around by my hair but I am one of the few who walks everywhere in L.A. I maintain my weight by eating like my knuckle dragging ancestors, and you can too by stepping back in time to the Stone Age.

Research shows that the "Stone Age" may have been the ultimate "health-conscious" era. In a study involving 29 patients with heart disease and glucose (blood sugar) intolerance, those who followed a Paleolithic diet had an improvement in blood sugar that was significantly better than those who followed a Mediterranean type diet.

Simply follow the Fred Flintstone Diet. Work in a rock quarry. Sit on Dino and move rocks around all day. Drive a foot propelled car. Eat brontosaurus burgers and voila, a svelte new you and no risk for disease. Alas, most of us are not as lucky as Fred. Most of us don't have the metabolism of a teenager nor do we have "rock quarry" type jobs. We would all benefit from eating more like our ancestors, at least the ones who never walked fully erect.

In this "Stone Age" study, participants were randomly assigned to follow either a Paleolithic diet (based on lean meat, fish, fruits, leafy green vegetables, root vegetables, eggs and nuts) or a Mediterranean-like diet (based on whole grains, low-fat dairy products, vegetables, fruits, fish, oils and margarines) for 12 weeks. At the end of 12 weeks, glucose levels dropped significantly in Fred's group, although both diets helped participants lose those "love handles." No matter what era you live in, whole foods are the way to go.

Instead of imitating the rock stars of today emulate the rock bearers of yesterday. Eat lots of leafy greens, such as collards, kale, Swiss chard. Eat root vegetables, like carrots, turnips, beets and purple potatoes. Forget the "no carb" craze. When your carbs are from "whole foods" they are "good foods." Choose fruit to satisfy that sweet tooth. Add lean meat and fish as compliments to your vegetable based meals. Eat eggs. They really are an incredible food that so often do not get the credit they deserve.

Salmon in parchment on a bed of greens with julienne root vegetables

Preheat oven to 400 degrees
4 ounces salmon
1 orange carrot
1 small purple potato
1 "striped" red beet
1 yellow onion
4 collarhd, kale or Swiss chard leaves (high in omega-3 fatty acids)
3-4 Fresh herbs of your choice (rosemary, sage, thyme, marjoram, oregano, dill, parsley)
Juice of one lemon and two slices for garnishing

Cut "ribs" from leaves and finely dice. Cut leaves into bite size ribbons. Julienne the vegetables into two inch long strips. Mince 4 herbs of your choice. Take a two feet long piece of parchment. Fold in half and cut into half circle. Place parchment onto baking tray. Place greens, veggies and half the herbs and some lemon juice on one side of the parchment. Set fish on top of veggies. Top with more herbs, lemon juice and two lemon slices. Fold the parchment in half over the fish and veggies and crinkle and fold the paper to create a tent with a seal. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes.

Think about it. Each egg is a potential source of life. Can you even conceive (pun intended) all of the valuable nutrients contained within? Choose free-range, local, seasonal, fresh and organic or pesticide free. Support your health and your local farmers at the same time.

Visit your local farmers' market. There are three per week in Santa Monica. I frequent the Sunday market outside of my own cave, but if I'm feeling a little more ambitious or simply cannot wait that one extra day, you'll find me being drug around by my hair at the Saturday market where I buy bunches of leafy greens, forage for my favorite root vegetables from my farmer friend Alex Weiser, and purchase a plethora of other seasonal fruits, veggies, nuts, eggs and fish ... food that would make Fred Flintstone proud.

Here's a recipe that will make you feel like screaming Yaba Daba Doo!

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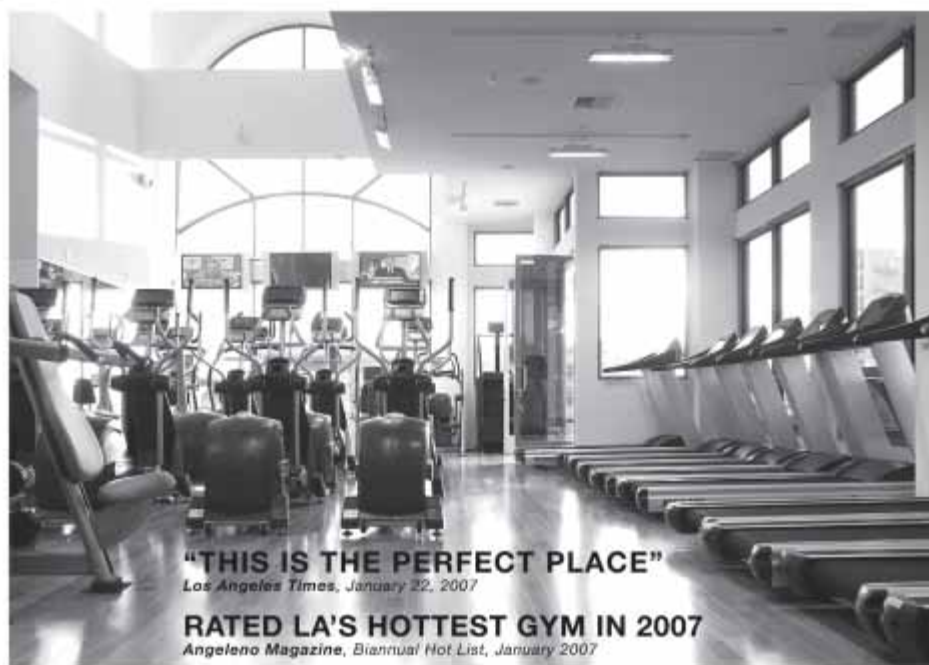
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Manson victims may be at his old ranch

BY GARANCE BURKE
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FRESNO Veteran California lawmen say they never felt the bloody trail of Charles Manson and his ragtag clan had been fully investigated, even after their arrests at a lonely desert ranch where they hid following a killing spree in the summer of 1969.

Now, as authorities consider digging for bodies near Manson's last refuge, a former Inyo County detective is providing new information investigators say bolsters reports of possible clandestine grave sites.

An ad hoc team of detectives and forensic investigators visited Barker Ranch last month to probe the soil for evidence of decomposed bodies. Follow-up laboratory testing revealed that at least two sites could be unmarked graves, and the group is now urging local authorities to begin excavating.

Inyo County Sheriff Bill Lutze said Thursday he'll decide next week whether to dig, a task he estimates could cost up to "hundreds of thousands of dollars."

He said his team was reviewing accounts from retired detective John Little, who told The Associated Press his boss sent him into the desert in 1974 to investigate possible human remains concealed at Barker Ranch.

"He said I should go up and take a look around the Barker Ranch and try to find four grave sites somewhere around 150 yards from the building," said Little, who set off toward Death Valley in a pickup, and then on horseback. "At that time, there wasn't a lot of really good forensic techniques to find things. Imagine what you could find with the sonar stuff they have now."

Even though Manson and many of his followers had been convicted and sent to prison by 1971, Little spent

part of the 1970s trying to piece together loose ends from the case. At one point, he came across a cache of canned food the cult members had stockpiled in the Panamint Mountains.

Lutze, who worked with Little when he joined the force in 1973, said the Los Angeles County Sheriff and Los Angeles Police Department would also send their detectives on searches up the jagged river canyon.

"During the early '70s, the case was still freshly going. I know there were a number of people that went out there and looked around for different things to try to tie things together," Lutze said. "I can't say we have any open missing persons reports from that time, but that doesn't mean there isn't a missing person out there."

Little doesn't recall what led his boss, then-Inyo County Under Sheriff Jack Gardiner, to send him in search of the graves. But Paul Dostie, a police detective from Mammoth Lakes who was on the team that visited the ranch in February, suspects Gardiner was tipped off to their presence by Dianne Lake, a former member of the Manson family.

Prosecutors say Lake's parents encouraged her to join Manson and his acolytes when she was just 14. She lived with them at an old Hollywood movie set north of Los Angeles. It was there that Manson began preaching of an apocalyptic race war he said was predicted in The Beatles' song "Helter Skelter."

Members believed they were a select group that would eventually come to rule the United States if they carried out gruesome killings that Manson ordered. After authorities raided Spahn's Movie Ranch, the Manson family set up alternate headquarters in the Panamint Mountains, near Death Valley, at a dilapidated house on Barker Ranch.

The clan was ultimately prosecuted for nine murders that took place in 1969.

Lake was later arrested in a raid, and Gardiner and his wife took her in to "deprogram" her, said Steve Kay, the former Los Angeles County deputy district attorney who prosecuted Manson.

"How would Gardiner know with such specificity the sites of these graves if it weren't for Dianne Lake telling him?" Dostie said. "It just fits too well."

Gardiner has since died. Little has some trouble remembering the exact dates of his visit to the ranch, but is confident in many of the details. A man who answered the phone at a listing for a Dianne Lake in Ojai said his wife was not a former Manson family member.

As interest in the case builds, detectives are poring over forensic evidence gathered at the ranch by investigators from Tennessee's Oak Ridge National Laboratory and ground-penetrating radar analyses from an archaeologist at California State University, Long Beach.

Police in the nearby town of Bishop have also reopened a different case believed to be linked to the Manson family.

Fillippo Tennerelli was found dead in a motel room there on Oct. 1, 1969. At the time, it was ruled a suicide, but at the behest of Dostie and a relative of one of Manson's victims, police are now reviewing the case to find out whether he really killed himself.

Debra Tate, whose sister Sharon Tate was killed by Manson's followers, said she was told there was a drug link between Tennerelli and the Manson family. Dostie said Tennerelli was part of a motorcycle gang close to the cult, and that family members knew him by the nickname "Dago."

"At this point, we're looking at whatever shreds of evidence we can gather," said Bishop Police Chief Kathleen Sheehan. "There's no statute of limitations on murder."

Sky-high gas prices bring new life to urban oil fields

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
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SIGNAL HILL The oil rig rumbles to life, breaking the early morning quiet in this neighborhood of urban townhouses and big box stores with a deafening screech and roar.

As sleepy commuters idle at a nearby stop light, a grease-caked drilling crew scrambles to repair and expand one of the dozens of aging oil wells that dot the landscape of this small, hillside city about 30 miles south of Los Angeles.

With oil prices at \$110 a barrel, producers nationwide are suddenly taking a second look at decades-old wells that were considered tapped out and unprofitable when oil sold for one-fifth the price or less. Independent producers and major conglomerates alike are reinvesting millions in these mature wells, using expensive new technology and drilling techniques to eke every last drop out of fields long past their prime — and often in the middle of suburbia.

In this instance, Terra Exploration & Production Co. believes that up to 2 billion barrels of oil remain hidden beneath Signal Hill, once nicknamed "Porcupine Hill" for its crown of oil derricks before developers planted gated communities and strip malls.

"A lot of these wells have been sitting idle for many years," said Mick Conner, who hopes to increase daily production on his half-dozen wells. "If we can take a 10-barrel well and make it a 20-barrel well, it becomes very profitable for us."

In California, some of the least profitable and old wells — so-called "stripper" wells — are clustered in a dense urban environment, tucked between malls, gas stations and

homes. They are the legacy of a turn-of-the-century oil boom that quickly faded with the discovery of oil in Texas and the depletion of the easiest reserves.

But the move to boost production on these aging oil fields has also inspired bitter protests from some homeowners, some of whom live just a few dozen feet from active wells. Many do not own the mineral rights under their land or moved in long after the original well was built.

John Young, who lives near 40-year-old wells in Whittier Hills, was furious when he learned a small oil company was in talks to drill new wells near his neighborhood. An explosion at an existing well several years ago killed a man, sent flames 150 feet into the air, and ignited a brush fire, he said.

"I'm personally astounded they're even considering this," said Young, who does not own the oil rights under his house. "It is loud, it is noisy and it stinks."

In recent years, the state's oil production has declined by about 5 percent annually as the easy oil dried up, said Hal Bopp, California's oil and gas supervisor. But with producers revisiting these sites, he said, the state's production increased by 2 1/2 million barrels last year for the first time in years. Between 50 and 100 abandoned "orphan wells" have also been brought back online.

The story is the same across the nation. In Texas, one of the largest oil-producing states, producers filed more than 5,000 applications to unplug or upgrade old wells or drill new ones last year — an increase of nearly 2,000 from five years before.

One of those producers is Rick Mullins, who hopes to get several hundred thousand

more barrels out of a well known as Miss Elly before he's done by using new techniques to plumb pockets that previously were bypassed when the economics weren't right.

"Almost every play that we're doing right now, we probably would not be doing in the late 1990s when it was a few dollars a barrel," said Mullins, who says he spends between \$700,000 and \$3 million per site to re-enter old wells.

In central Wyoming, companies are using carbon dioxide injections to coax more black stuff out of declining oil fields and in Oklahoma, state lawmakers agreed to ban the practice of plugging lower-producing wells, so producers could drain every last drop.

"They are now producing one, two, five barrels a day," said Steven Agee, chairman of the state's Energy Resources Board. "Five a day doesn't seem like a lot, but ... that's 150 barrels a month times \$100 and you're looking at \$15,000 a month for a well."

In the Rockies, crude oil production has risen by 30 percent since 2005, mostly because drillers are working on federal land that they previously bypassed because of the tough terrain, poor access and strict environmental regulations, said Marc Smith, executive director of the Independent Petroleum Association of the Mountain States.

The boom has strained the industry, and a shortage of working oil rigs means companies who don't own their own equipment can wait six months to secure a rig and crew. They can expect to pay up to \$1 million to rent the rig and hundreds of dollars a day for the work.

Environmentalists and homeowners, however, see trouble behind the dollar signs. Both groups argue that because many of the companies are expanding pre-existing wells — many that were idled or in disrepair — the danger for accidents and leaks is higher.

They also worry that new techniques, such as drilling horizontally instead of vertically, drilling far deeper and using carbon dioxide to force oil to the surface, could damage the environment or create instability in the ground.

Environmentalists worry that horizontal drilling, which allows companies to reach previously untapped reserves, could also enable them to suck oil from federally protected lands or fragile ecosystems without being noticed from above.

"Oil companies are making record profits, so in a lot of cases the price of oil is used as an excuse to drill in these places," said Kristina Johnson, a spokeswoman for the Sierra Club. "There are concerns about leakage, water contamination and pollution."

Linda Smith lives directly across from an oil well in Huntington Beach, a laid-back community known as Surf City, USA. When she and her husband bought their three-story, \$2 million home a half-block from the beach, they hoped the producer would soon take the squeaky pump out.

Ten years later, he has added bigger tanks because of the growing profit. An oil rig shows up outside her door at least once a month to do maintenance on the well and once a small fire started on the site. She also worries about fumes that come out of a tall, rust-colored smokestack.

Port approves plan for cleaner trucks

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD

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LOS ANGELES Commissioners at one of the nation's major seaports unanimously approved a final prong of a landmark plan Thursday intended to clean up some of America's dirtiest air.

The 4-0 vote by the Los Angeles Harbor Commission would usher in a new generation of cleaner-running trucks to carry goods in and out of the Port of Los Angeles each day. Truck traffic — an estimated 70,000 trips daily at the adjacent ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach — is considered a key culprit in the region's notoriously polluted air.

But the plan and a key element — requiring thousands of independent drivers to become employees of licensed trucking companies — face an almost certain legal challenge that could delay environmental gains for years, as well as lead to higher prices for consumers, critics claim.

It's also unclear how the plan would dovetail with the neighboring port in Long Beach, which earlier adopted a plan that

allows independent truckers to continue hauling goods, although with tough emission standards for their trucks.

"The next venue for the proposal will be in the court," Curtis Whalen of the Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference, an affiliate of the American Trucking Association, said in a statement. The Los Angeles plan will "undermine ... a workable clean-truck program."

At a news conference after the vote, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said the city's harbor was at the forefront of efforts to shift to cleaner energy in an era of climate change. He blamed pollution at the port for causing a raft of health problems for local residents.

Los Angeles "has said enough is enough," the mayor told a cheering crowd, as ship horns sounded in the distance. In just months, "children will breathe easier, and so will their grandchildren."

Convinced of the legal soundness of the approach, commissioners insisted it was the best way to regulate thousands of independent drivers while ensuring port security and good maintenance of the truck fleet.

Under the final of three pieces of the

clean-air plan, nearly 17,000 independent truckers who work at the port would be required to become employees of trucking companies. The companies — licensed motor carriers — would be responsible for purchasing and maintaining trucks that meet tougher federal emissions standards.

To take effect, it must also be approved by the City Council.

The trucking companies will be eligible for grants covering up to 80 percent of the cost of newer, cleaner-burning trucks. And the port will also offer drivers \$5,000 to retire trucks built before 1989.

In time, port officials predict truck pollution could be slashed by as much as 80 percent in the region, known for its high rate of asthma, particularly among youth.

The current truck fleet is "made up of drivers earning low pay, driving dirty trucks and who may not meet security requirements," said commission President S. David Freeman.

Labor supports the plan. Some critics have charged it's little more than a thinly veiled effort to unionize low-wage drivers, a claim disputed by the commission.

"We want clean air, we want good jobs, we want to grow the port," said Maria Elena Durazo, head of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. "This proposal will give that to us."

In an editorial Thursday, the Los Angeles Times described that trucking plan as "an untested attempt at regulating the business that might run afoul of interstate commerce laws. By passing it, harbor commissioners will all but assure a legal battle that may go on for years."

In earlier vote, the sister ports each voted to require trucks to meet tougher 2007 federal emissions standards by Jan. 12, 2012, along with a \$35 cargo fee to pay for the newer, cleaner-running trucks.

Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster said Los Angeles' decision could open the way to a long, expensive legal fight that would undercut the purpose of the plan — cleaning up the air. Moreover, he said many independent drivers don't want to become trucking company employees.

"I think our plan is better. It doesn't place in jeopardy the clean-air program itself," Foster said.

Starbucks ordered to pay back tips to baristas

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER

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SAN DIEGO A Superior Court judge on Thursday ordered Starbucks Corp. to pay its California baristas more than \$100 million in back tips and interest that the coffee chain paid to shift supervisors.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Patricia Cowett also issued an injunction that prevents Starbucks' shift supervisors from sharing in future tips, saying state law prohibits managers and supervisors from sharing in employee gratuities.

Starbucks spokeswoman Valerie O'Neil said the company planned an immediate appeal of the ruling, calling it "fundamentally unfair and beyond all common sense and reason."

The lawsuit was filed in October 2004 by Jou Chou, a former Starbucks barista in La Jolla, who complained shift supervisors were sharing in employee tips.

The lawsuit gained ground in 2006 when it was granted class-action status, allowing the suit to go forward for as many as 100,000 former and current baristas in the coffee chain's California stores.

It was not immediately clear how many current and former employees are affected by the ruling.

"I feel vindicated," Chou said in a written statement released by attorneys. "Tips really help those receiving the lowest wages. I think Starbucks should pay shift supervisors higher wages instead of taking money from the tip pool."

California is Starbucks' largest U.S. market, with 2,460 stores as of Jan. 8, the latest count available. The Seattle-based company has more than 11,000 stores nationwide.

Starbucks employs more than 135,000 baristas in the U.S. The company did not immediately respond to a request for a head count in California.

The judgment comes as Starbucks is struggling to

revive its U.S. business, where store traffic has slipped amid a sagging economy, rising energy and dairy costs, and growing competition from cheaper rivals.

The company's stock has slid more than 50 percent since late 2006, when it was trading close to \$40 a share. Starbucks shares rose 3 cents to \$17.53 Thursday.

Starbucks earned more than \$672 million on revenue of \$9.4 billion during its 2007 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30.

The judge ordered Starbucks to pay \$87 million in back tips, plus interest of \$19 million, bringing the total judgment to about \$106 million.

The company said it planned to ask the court to stay the ruling while the appeal is pending.

"The decision today, in our view, represents an extreme example of an abuse of the class-action procedures in California's courts," O'Neil said.

The coffee company also took issue with the brevity of the judge's ruling, which was only four paragraphs, saying she failed to address the unfairness to shift supervisors.

"This case was filed by a single former barista and, despite Starbucks request, the interests of the shift supervisors were not represented in litigation," O'Neil said.

But attorney Laura Ho, who tried the baristas case, said the court's verdict follows state law.

"Starbucks illegally took a huge amount of money from the tip pool to pay shift supervisors, rather than paying them out of its own pocket. The court's verdict rightfully restores that money to the baristas," Ho said.

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Gang members get their hooks in early

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SM 17 (located on or around 17th Street) — and its affiliate SM 13 — is the Hispanic gang in town, aligning itself with the Mexican Mafia, “the Eme,” which stands for “M,” the 13th letter in the alphabet. One explanation says that “M” refers to the Mexican Mafia; another says it stands for Mexico, the homeland; and another says that it refers to a street in Mexico that starts with the letter “M” — the street where the first gang was started.

The other Santa Monica gang is the Graveyard Crips, comprised mostly of African-Americans. They have ties to larger sets in South Los Angeles and call for back-up at a moment's notice, police said.

Both gangs have their bases in the Pico Neighborhood and fight with each other over control of the drug trade. Tensions run deep between the two local gangs, but many members have no idea why, Lozano said.

“If you ask one of them today why they hate each other so much, they have no idea,” Lozano said. “Usually they’ll say it’s because someone beat up their cousin or something

like that. Really it’s all about the drug trade.”

There are 120 documented gang members in Santa Monica, 60 of them active, police said. They can range in age from 12 or 13 years old to mid-30s, however, the older gang members have usually done some hard time and when they are released are reluctant to get back into a life of crime. They realize they have family obligations and cannot risk getting sent back to jail. Those who do risk it earn respect from their fellow gang members and earn the title of a “shot caller,” someone who has been in the pen and is now directing younger members as they carry out crimes.

When not warring with each other, the Santa Monica gangs have to worry about rivals from other parts of the Westside, which are the ones who have traditionally sparked tensions in the Pico Neighborhood by spray painting on walls located within a local gang's turf. Those outside forces are Sotel, Venice 13, the Venice Shoreline Crips and the Culver City Boyz.

The definition of a gang is pretty simple. It's basically three or more people hanging out together who identify themselves with the same color or symbol and are involved in

some type of illegal activity.

Gangs mark their territory with graffiti. Oftentimes the gang members will “bomb” a wall and write the name of the gang — SM X 3 — and their monikers, like Lucky, Casper or Sad Girl. Yes, females are involved in gangs too, often pulled in by boyfriends.

Youngsters are pulled in by older siblings or because they are fascinated by the lifestyle. They see gangsters rolling around in fly rides with pockets full of cash and arms full of women, and want to emulate that. What they don't realize is that the ladies and champagne don't last.

“We try to tell them that this is temporary,” Lozano said “It's not going to last. You are going to get caught. You are going to go to jail.”

Or worse, you could end up dead —and that includes innocent bystanders like Eddie Lopez and Miguel Martin, two youngsters who were killed in the last two years because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time, quite possibly hanging out with the wrong people.

To ensure that no more innocent lives are lost, Lozano and Carranza go to middle

schools and try to reach kids early. At the age of 12 kids start skipping school and begin hanging out with gangs. Oftentimes these kids come from broken homes and are neglected, leaving them with little self worth. All it takes is for someone on the street to show them some love. Kids are also subjected to images in the media, with rap stars and movies glorifying violence and the gang culture. Young kids are doing the “Crip Walk” and think it's fun, but what they are really doing is promoting a gang and putting themselves at risk.

Parents should be keeping an eye on their children, monitoring who they hang out with and what they are writing on their notebooks and backpacks. It starts there. A kid will start writing his moniker or the symbols of a gang on his notebooks, then a bathroom stall or a wall. It can escalate quickly.

In the end it starts in the home.

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STAYING ON MESSAGE: City Hall submitted its response to the Santa Monica Treesavers' appeal of a court decision that said they were too late in filing their objections to the removal of 54 street trees as part of a streetscape improvement project in the downtown area.

City doesn't budge on trees

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that they have held in previous court hearings, arguing that the statute of limitations during which the project could be challenged expired 180 days after the project was ruled exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act in 2005. The city had ruled on the environmental elements of the project, not once, but twice, the response states. The Downtown Urban Design Plan, of which the beautification street plan is a part, was first analyzed under CEQA and approved in 1997 and City Hall was not mandated to rule it CEQA exempt in 2005, the response states.

"Taken as a whole petitioners' filing cannot be read without concluding that this challenge is at its core about something else, a political dispute, that if petitioners had their way, they would make different deci-

sions," the response states.

"And so they might," it continues.

The Treesavers, represented by Santa Monica attorney Tom Nitti, will have seven days to respond, after which time the Court of Appeal will either hold a hearing, decide in favor of City Hall and remove the temporary stay or refer the case back to the Superior Court. Nitti believes that if the case is referred back to the lower court, the stay would remain in place.

Nitti could not comment on the substance of City Hall's response on Friday, saying that he has not had time to review the document.

"I'll tell you this, the city is making the Treesavers do a lot of work," he joked.

Meanwhile the Treesavers plan to stage yet another demonstration Saturday afternoon from 2-4 at the northwest corner of Fourth Street and Broadway.

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Sale raises a few concerns

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development with the goal of reducing related impacts, such as traffic.

The new Santa Monica Seafood will not only offer a larger selection of fresh, seasonal and sustainable seafood, but will have 64 feet of refrigerated chef's cases to showcase the freshest seafood and shellfish from around the world, as well as housemade salads, dips, spreads and prepared vegetables and meals. The new location will also have an oyster bar, sushi, breads, cheeses and beer and wine service in addition to regular in-store demonstrations by many of the notable chefs from the region who rely on Santa Monica Seafood for their award-winning menus.

In addition, Santa Monica Seafood will also feature a café that will seat up to 40 people and offer a menu of seafood favorites featuring products taken straight from the retail case.

For a short time, the company is offering what they call a "sneak peek" into what will become its new location via the 10th Street Café, which presents an opportunity to sample dishes prepared with the company's seafood selections and allows patrons a glimpse of the menu to come.

"We wanted to utilize the space to try out menu ideas and to give the public an idea of what is in store," Cigliano said. "The 10th Street Café offers a chance to taste the future. It will only be open a few months before we start construction, so we encourage people to try it while they can."

The Santa Monica Seafood retail location, currently located at 1205 Colorado Ave., will remain open until the new store is complete this fall.

Loyal customer Liz Adler, who drives to Santa Monica from Westchester to buy her fish, said she isn't disappointed by news that the Colorado location is closing down.

"I would travel any place they moved to," Adler said Wednesday as she picked up an order. "I love the lobster."

Santa Monica seafood was founded by Jack and Gerald Cigliano at the Santa Monica Pier, where they operated until the late '60s when they were forced to relocate because of increased vehicular traffic on the pier. While on the pier, the Cigliano's were known to have sold the "catch of the day," which was literally whatever local fisherman pulled out of the water that day.

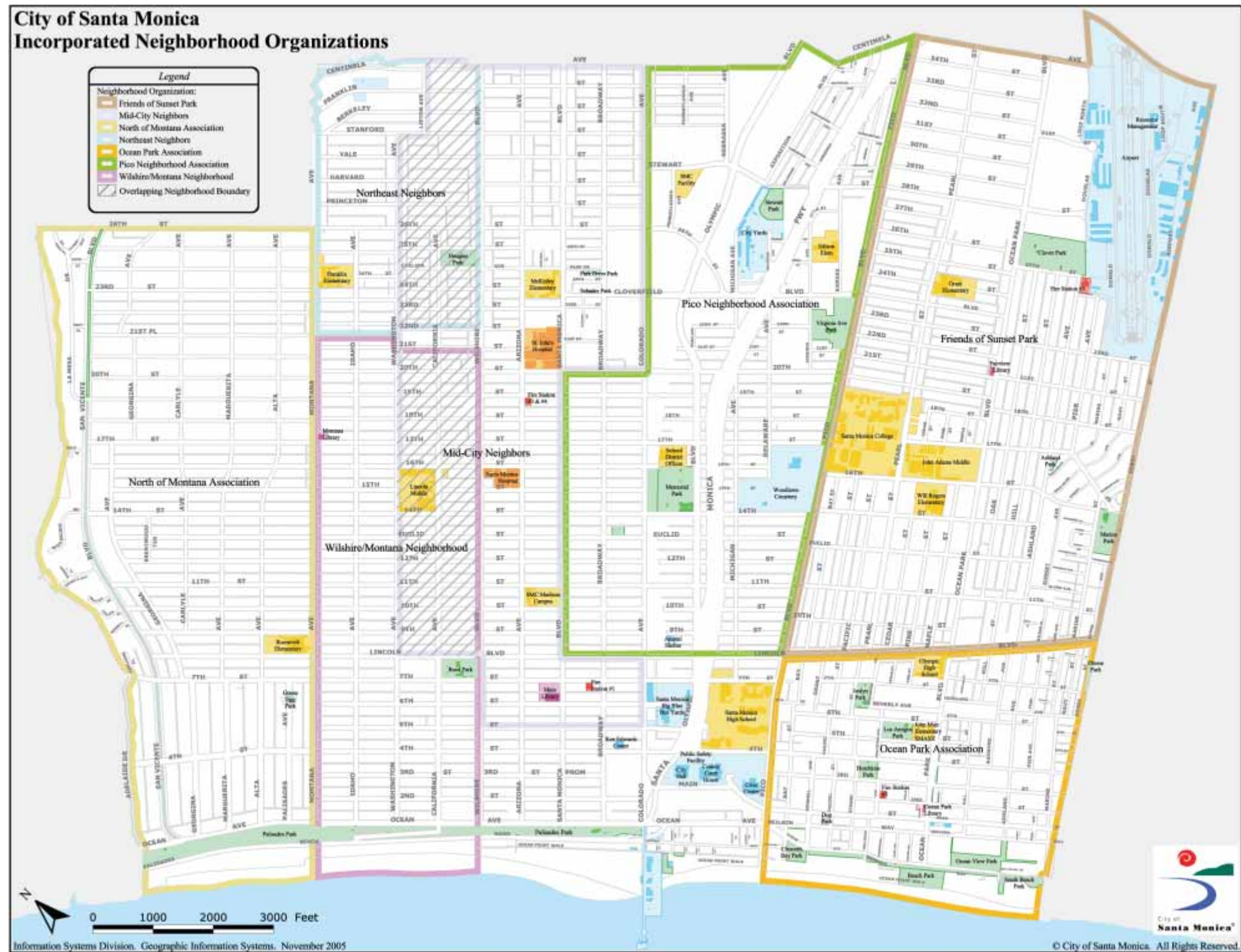
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Quasi governments give a voice to locals

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Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition (WMNC) and the North of Montana Neighborhood Association (NOMA). There was a Northeast Neighbors organization whose chair was listed as being Lewis Perkins, but Waugh, who acts as a liaison for the groups, said she believes the organization's activities have ceased.

In order to be recognized as a City Hall organization, which would open access to city grants and other resources, a organization would have to be registered as a 501c3 or c4 non-profit organization, have an active board of directors, bylaws, public meetings and at least 50 registered members, according to Waugh.

Most of the groups have between 100 to 500 members, are fee-based and governed by a board of directors that is elected by members during annual general meetings. Fees for the organizations range, some as little as \$7 for the PNA, others offering different options such as NOMA, which has a rate schedule that goes up to \$125 for a lifetime membership.

The bylaws for the groups are pretty standard, dictating how the board is elected and how often they are to meet. Some bylaws were modeled after the other neighborhood groups, including OPA, which at three years old is the

youngest of the bunch. Some bylaws, like for FOSP, are strict in requiring that members not speak for the organization unless an issue has been previously acted upon by the board.

City Hall offers one-half matching grants, requiring groups to put out \$2,000 in cash or services in order to qualify. The money can be used to support communication or member-building efforts, such as block parties.

The three neighborhoods without organizations are Mid-City, perhaps one of the largest areas in the city, the Northeast and Downtown Santa Monica, which Waugh believes is most represented by the Bayside District Corporation, whose board includes residents.

"We all work really hard and LA is a fast-paced city so it's hard to find someone to volunteer that time," Waugh said, referring to the absence in representation in the three neighborhoods. "People willing to serve on boards are really dedicated ... the five groups we have now are great because they all have two or three people to keep it rolling."

As well as communicating with its members and city officials, the neighborhood groups also work together, meeting monthly in the Ken Edwards Center and briefing each other about news from their respective hoods.

During the most recent meeting on March 18, topics such as the Residents Initiative to Fight Traffic (RIFT), an update on the Fourth of July parade hosted by OPA, and efforts to

landmark a 76-year-old apartment building in Sunset Park were discussed. Members of the group also communicate virtually through sm4residents.net Web site, a residents portal that was launched last year.

"It's nice to have neighborhood groups in every area of the city," Waugh said.

REPRESENTING THE NORTH SIDE

The NOMA area is perhaps represented by some of the highest-income residents in the city, with multi-million dollar mansions sprawled on the northern part of the city, from Montana Avenue to the city's border at the Pacific Palisades.

But issues know no economic boundaries.

The neighborhood association has seen its share of battles, including a string of home burglaries and unwanted development in the past year alone.

One of the biggest projects that have galvanized residents is a proposed senior day care facility on the corner of 17th Street and Montana, which would include three luxury condos and seven apartments. The project is proposed directly across from the Montana Branch Public Library.

"That is a lot of development in that small corner," group Chairman Elizabeth Riel said.

Residents were successfully able to lobby city officials to landmark the Teriton

Apartments on San Vicente Boulevard, an old garden-style building in which the owners were proposing to tear down in favor of a home for Jewish refugees.

In both projects, NOMA was involved in endorsing the effort, helping to disseminate information to the public.

"NOMA advocates very well," Riel said.

Riel joined the roughly 200-member organization in 2003 after moving to the city from Laurel Canyon. Riel, who also serves on the Commission on the Status of Women, said she searched the Internet for a neighborhood group before moving into her new home.

"Sometimes people can feel unempowered or don't know who to contact when they feel frustrated with a problem," Riel said. "I think the great thing about our neighborhood association is we really do listen to the concerns of our members and try to not only advocate on behalf of them, but encourage them to take action."

Aside from development, one of the biggest concerns for residents is preserving the tree canopy in the neighborhood.

"We want to preserve the tree canopy on public and private property," Riel said.

PARKING IS HARD TO COME BY

The WilMont organization formed about

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17 years ago by a group of residents who are still members, one of whom is 90 years old.

The neighborhood is geographically the largest in the city, representing 24,000 residents in 84 blocks, bounded by 21st Street to Palisades Park. The organization has about 400 members.

During a survey of residents conducted last year, WilMont residents identified their main issues as being homelessness, transportation and overdevelopment. But the king of all issues was parking.

"It's a giant headache in our district," Dodson, the chair of WilMont, said.

Dodson has made some progress toward alleviating the situation, working with city officials to see if a partnership could be forged to use the parking lots for the many churches in the neighborhood and the businesses along Wilshire.

Worsening the situation is the use of garages by some residents for storage, opting to park their cars on the street instead. One of the options being explored is to provide street permits for residents who don't have assigned spaces in their buildings, forcing people with garages to use it for their cars, not boxes.

Dodson added that she has received interest from two Wilshire businesses to use their parking lots during the evening hours.

"During the day, the problem isn't as severe because many residents go off to work," Dodson said. "It's when they come home at night and need a place to park cars that it's really terrible."

PROBLEMS FLYING OVERHEAD

While the activities at the airport have taken center stage for FOSP in the past few years, when the organization formed in 1989, traffic caused all the rage.

"The traffic was getting worse and worse and worse and at that time traffic wasn't too bad (compared to now)," Emmalie Hodgin, a founding member, said.

Today the organization has grown to have about 650 members and is considered to be one of the most active groups in the city, its board meeting monthly.

Aside from the airport, traffic congestion and pedestrian safety concerns continue to plague the neighborhood, as well as crime and safety and the loss of affordable housing.

But safety concerns at the airport have been at the top of the agenda in Sunset Park these days as city officials prepare to decide whether they should ban the fastest jets from ever touching the runway, an action that is sure to be contested by the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA earlier this month made an offer to install some safety precautions at one end of the runway, which some residents say is not enough to protect against a possible jet overrun.

Zina Josephs, the president of FOSP, noted the group has been concerned about a rash of car and home burglaries that took place in the neighborhood last summer, as well as alleged drugs and prostitution at the Pavilions Motel on Ocean Park Boulevard where several arrests were made last year.

"FOSP tries to keep residents informed about issues that affect our neighborhood," Josephs said. "We listen to residents' concerns and amplify their voices at City Council, Planning Commission and SMC Board of Trustees meetings."

"In these ways, we try to improve the quality of life in Sunset Park," she added.

THE OLDEST OF THE BUNCH

The Pico Neighborhood Association was founded more than 25 years ago by a group of residents struggling to deal with the issues of youth violence and gentrification. The neighborhood is considered to have the highest concentration of low-income residents and single mothers in the city.

Those issues continue today, but have taken different angles.

"The sentiment of some residents is now that affordable housing is being built, there isn't much preference for Santa Monica residents," Maria Loya, who serves as co-chair with Wes Thompson, said.

She said the group is working with the city to address development and gentrification in the Land Use and Circulation Element update process, making sure that if there is change in the neighborhood, it's mutually beneficial.

Loya joined the organization about five years ago, feeling there needed to be more representation for people of color and the city's renters. Loya, who moved to the neighborhood two years prior to joining, pointed out that there has never been a Pico resident elected to the council.

"I felt I needed to address some of the social issues I didn't feel were being fully addressed," she said.

The neighborhood has also dealt with issues of youth violence, seeing shootings of two young men in the past few years. Loya said she believes violence in Pico has gone down.

Leaders in the organization are looking to the recent spurt in the entertainment industry on Colorado as a way to improve their neighborhood, hoping to forge a partnership with some of the studios to provide an avenue for residents to find employment. Some of those companies were represented during a Pico job fair at Virginia Avenue Park earlier this year.

"We feel if we have this vibrant industry in our backyard, we want to make sure residents, if they choose to, have access to that," Loya said.

THE YOUNGEST OF THE BUNCH

Lori Nafshun and a few of her neighbors were sitting around one day at a political fundraiser when they realized that they didn't have any representation in City Hall.

It had been a few years since the Ocean Park Community Organization had folded after giving the residents in the seaside neighborhood a voice off and on since 1979.

It was about 2004 and city officials were about to embark on a master plan and Nafshun felt a sense of urgency.

"So we got some people together and met at various houses and created a neighborhood group with the idea of giving Ocean Park a voice again," Nafshun said.

The Ocean Park Association was born that day.

The biggest issue for the neighborhood during the days of OPCO was development and preservation of the character of Ocean Park and that continues to this day, residents here proud of the area's history, from the surfing culture to the Third Street Historic District's California bungalows.

"We really love our neighborhood," Nafshun, who also serves on the Recreation and Parks Commission, said.

OPCO was headed by resident Rick Laudati during the 1990s, essentially carrying the organization until it died around 2002 after several residents started challenging him, according to Nina Fresco, a current OPA and former OPCO member.

"When Rick Laudati was in his prime, he was incredible," Fresco said. "He had a lot of flaws, but that guy showed up at every meeting."

In its brief history, OPA has spearheaded the Fourth of July parade, which will go into its sophomore year this summer, and has gotten City Hall to hire a consultant for a green street project on Ocean Park Boulevard, adding bike lanes and more trees to the barren corridor.

"Connection is vital," Nafshun said. "The neighborhood groups have revitalized themselves and it's been a good thing."

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Groups take to streets for water

By Daily Press Staff

SM PIER For the second straight year, Santa Monica-based International Medical Corps has partnered with Starbucks and Ethos Water to host Walks for Water in commemoration of World Water Day this Saturday.

Inspired by the nearly five-mile journey made by women and children every day to find clean water, the events taking place in New York City and Santa Monica bring concerned organizations and individuals together to raise awareness and support for the more than 1 billion people worldwide who do not have access to safe drinking water.

Participants will walk for three miles, beginning at the Santa Monica Pier. Registration is at 8:15 a.m.

"We take things like clean water for granted," said Stephanie Bowen, communications manager for the Corps. "We don't have to worry about the spread of cholera or dying from diarrheal diseases and infections ... You can't be healthy if you don't have clean water."

Designated by the U.N. in 1992, World

Water Day was created to draw international attention to one of the largest public health issues in the world today — the lack of safe drinking water and sanitation services. Approximately 20 percent of the global population does not have access to clean drinking water and more than 2.6 billion lack sanitation services. As a result, millions die each year, including almost 4,500 children every day as a result of waterborne illnesses.

In addition to its alarming impact on public health, the world water crisis also prevents many children from receiving an education because they must travel great distances to find water.

To participate in the World Water Day events scheduled go to www.worldwater-day.net. For those unable to attend an event, the website also offers the opportunity to become a virtual walker, with registered names placed in a symbolic water jug and carried by a local participant at one of the Walks for Water. The events will feature a variety of guest speakers, including actress and activist Melissa Fitzgerald, who will speak on behalf of

International Medical Corps at the Santa Monica walk.

To further its mission to alleviate suffering and enhance public health across the globe, International Medical Corps incorporates water and sanitation into its community-based humanitarian efforts. Building off of its health care services and training programs, IMC makes clean water available to the world's most water-stressed communities by constructing wells, providing separate water sources for livestock, installing irrigation systems, creating waste management systems, and teaching safe hygiene. Clean water is also a key component of its emergency response efforts, as IMC provides survivors of natural and man-made disasters with fresh water and water storage tanks.

By integrating clean water and sanitation into its overall health programs, International Medical Corps helps to prevent the spread of infectious diseases like malaria, typhoid, and cholera so that a solid foundation for health and well-being can be not only established, but maintained among undeserved, devastated



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Stephanie Bowen
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communities worldwide.

The Corps is in the second year of a water sanitation program in Samburu, Nigeria, one of the driest locations on the globe. So far the Corps has been able to train 84 people to establish and maintain clean water delivery systems and has trained 60 people in sanitation. The Corps is using a \$1 million grant from the Starbucks Foundation to fund efforts in Nigeria.

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YouTube awards hit the big time

BY ERIN CARLSON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK And the winner for best music video: “Chocolate Rain.”

Tay Zonday morphed from an unknown musician to an Internet superstar who got booked on national TV shows after his song “Chocolate Rain” — an amateur clip of his baritone crooning — went viral last year. Now he’s among the 12 winners of the second annual YouTube Video Awards, recognizing the top user-created videos of 2007.

YouTube users voted on six nominees for each category: music, sports, comedy, instructional, short film, inspirational, commentary, creative, politics, series, eyewitness and “adorable.”

“It’s the new Emmys,” Zonday, 25, said of the video-sharing site’s awards in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. “It’s the next Oscars. The next People’s Choice Awards. It’ll be interesting to see what happens five years, 10 years (from now).”

His competition included comely singer-songwriter Mia Rose and “the vegetable orchestra,” featuring a jam session with a carrot flute and squash drum.

Neil Cicierega’s video featuring “Harry Potter” hand puppets (and Professor Dumbledore without any clothes on) won for best comedy video. Guillaume Reymond’s “Human Tetris” won most creative video.

Chris Crocker, who shot to stardom in his video freak-out over Britney Spears’ public meltdown, was beat in the commentary category by a clip from Michael Buckley of the popular online show “What the Buck?” slamming fellow YouTube celebrity Lonelygirl15.

The Obama Girl, aka Amber Lee Ettinger, whose “I Got A Crush On Obama” clip has been seen more than 7 million times, didn’t wind up winning in the politics category. That honor went to the serious-minded “Stop the Clash of Civilizations” video by the global organization avaaaz.org.

“The (political) video that actually won in an election year wasn’t one that had anything to do with the election itself,” said YouTube spokesman Aaron Ferstman. “(It’s a) video that deals with ... serious issues like discrimination, and that video’s done in kind of a neat way

that speaks to young people.”

Best eyewitness video was the epic “Battle at Kruger,” which has drawn more than 26 million views to its astonishing footage of a baby water buffalo surviving an attack by lions — and a crocodile! — in the African prairie. It was up against the news-making clip of a University of Florida student pleading “Don’t tase me, bro!” as police removed him from a John Kerry forum.

Ben Shelton’s “My Name is Lisa” — a drama about a young girl and her mother who has Alzheimer’s — triumphed in the newly added short film category. The winning Web series was “The Guild,” a comedy about a group of obsessed online gamers.

The Texas Country Reporter’s video about a blind painter won most inspirational video. The “Balloon Bowl” clip of a guy skateboarding in, well, a balloon-filled bowl snagged best sports video. And the incredibly cute, compulsively watchable “Laughing Baby” clip was voted most adorable.

Dan Brown’s video “How to Solve a Rubik’s Cube (Part One)” scored in the instructional category.

Ferstman said the prizes consist of “notoriety” and a trophy he described as “very heavy with a metal base” supporting a “big glass ‘play’ button.”

Ferstman said: “These are the (videos) that really will stand out and over time, you know, you’ll say, ‘Hey, do you remember the Laughing Baby?’”

Zonday, who streams music from his YouTube channel, MySpace page and personal Web site, said he hopes to earn “a living making art and producing music,” and is pursuing a voice-over career. He’s flattered by the numerous online parodies of “Chocolate Rain,” which has garnered nearly 16 million views.

“A lot of people see political commentary in (the song),” he said. “A lot of people find humor in it. A lot of people, they say their 2-year-olds can’t stop repeating it at bedtime, so lots of people get different things out of the song. And I think the greatest consequence and the greatest mileage it can have is to get people asking questions.”

What’s the key to YouTube success? “Just be very authentic and put yourself out there,” he said in his mellifluous voice. “You’ll never know what will happen.”

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SANTA MONICA CHARNOCK WELL FIELD RESTORATION PROJECT

The City of Santa Monica has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Charnock Well Field Restoration Project. The Charnock Well Field Restoration Project is intended to enhance the City’s water supply by treating and restoring water production from the Charnock groundwater sub-basin. The project involves improvements at two separate existing facilities that are owned and operated by the City of Santa Monica. These include improvements at the Charnock Well Field and at the Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant (SMWTP). Improvements for the SMWTP may include two salt water wells that would replace existing salt water wells located on Santa Monica beach. The proposed project involves the implementation of various water treatment measures in order to restore the groundwater resource of the Charnock groundwater sub-basin to its full beneficial use in the most expeditious and technically effective manner possible.

In accordance with Section 15072 of the State CEQA guidelines, the City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Intent to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects. Environmental factors which would be potentially affected by the project include:

- Aesthetics
- Construction Effects
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
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PROJECT LOCATION:

The Charnock well field site encompasses a 10-acre parcel located at 11375 Westminster Ave in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Area of the City of Los Angeles. The Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant (SMWTP) site encompasses a 4.8-acre parcel located at 1228 S. Bundy Drive in the West Los Angeles Community Plan Area of the City of Los Angeles. These sites are located in the western portion of Los Angeles County, in the City of Los Angeles. The SMWTP has a water softening system that utilizes salt water that is piped from two salt water wells located on Santa Monica beach. The two existing salt water wells are located west of Pacific Street and Ocean Avenue on Santa Monica beach.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project involves implementation of a water treatment system and other improvements that would help to remove groundwater contamination from the Charnock groundwater sub-basin and restore this resource as a water supply for the City of Santa Monica (City). As part of the project upgrades, improvements will be required at two existing City-operated water service facilities. The City is planning to return the Charnock groundwater wells to full production using a well head treatment system to be constructed at the Charnock well field. The treatment system will use filtration with granular activated carbon (GAC) to treat water from the three contaminated wells at the well field. The treated water will be pumped to the Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant for final treatment and distribution. Water treatment improvements are also proposed for the Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant including water disinfection and water softening. Improvements for the SMWTP may include two salt water wells, as part of the water softening treatment system, which would replace existing salt water wells located on Santa Monica beach.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration on the proposed project may be viewed at the following locations:

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REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA guidelines, a 30-day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on March 24, 2008 and end on April 23, 2008. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public comments on the document during this period. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received within the public review period. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on April 23, 2008** and addressed to:

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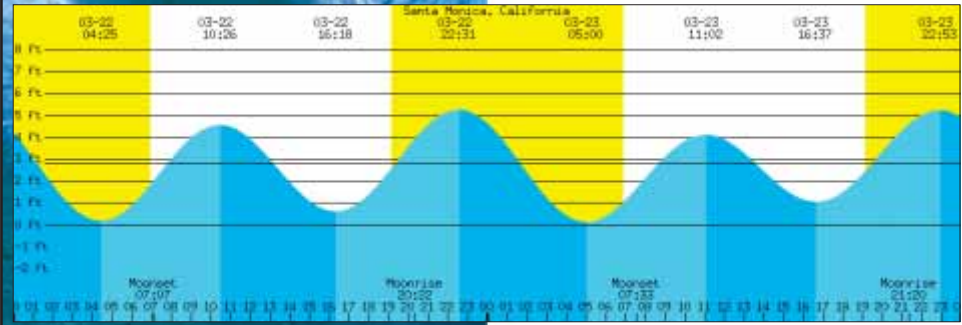
SWELL FORECAST (4-5 FT)

Saturday, we have some minor SW due from New Zealand, waist high or so. Some NW is due from the Gulf, but this isn't looking impressive either. West facing breaks should see waist to chest high surf from this. Sunday looks similar to Saturday: waist to chest most everywhere with chest being the exception, not the rule. Winds look similar to Saturday as well with a mild Santa Ana, but 10-15 mph NE'ers at the wind-prone spots.

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Number of wet days -- 8

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 19

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 24

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	B	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	F
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	C	F	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	D
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	D
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	F	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	D	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A	F	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	F	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	F	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	A	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	B	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	C	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	C
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
Tuna Canyon	B	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	D	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	C	D
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	B
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	F			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

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NHL Touch-up icing gets league's attention

By the Associated Press

SAN JOSE Minnesota defenseman Kurtis Foster's broken left leg is the latest gruesome reminder of the dangers of touch-up icing in the fast-paced NHL.

Foster will miss the rest of the season, including the playoffs, after crashing hard into the boards Wednesday night during a race to the puck with San Jose rookie Torrey Mitchell. Foster had surgery Thursday to repair a displaced fracture in his femur, and a stabilizing rod was put into his leg.

Mitchell, who unintentionally touched and tripped Foster just enough to upset his balance, was trying to prevent an icing call against the Sharks by racing to touch the puck before Foster. Icing occurs when a defensive team shoots the puck across two red lines and puts it behind the other team's goal — but play doesn't stop unless the offensive team touches the puck first, leading to several scrambles for the puck in most games.

Some of those scrambles are mildly exciting, but Foster's injury is just the latest in a long line of nasty injuries caused by those mad dashes and quick stops. Despite nearly annual discussions in league meetings, including last month's general managers' meetings, the NHL still hasn't adopted no-touch icing, in which referees stop play as soon as an iced puck crosses the goal line.

"It's just one of those things that tells you there should be automatic icing, which I've been talking about for years," Sharks coach Ron Wilson said after the game. "But I guess that's a play that people — at least I've heard — that's what fans love to see, a big car wreck like that.

"I don't know the extent of (Foster's) injury, but whatever it is, we shouldn't have those kinds of car wrecks. For all the times you might have somebody beat a guy to a puck on an icing, it doesn't ever offset a situation where two guys collide and somebody gets hurt on the play."

The Sharks have particular experience with the injury. In March 2004, forward Marco Sturm broke his leg and dislocated his ankle after running into the boards feet-first while chasing a puck with Colorado's Adam Foote.

Wilson, influential CBC commentator Don Cherry and other like-minded hockey people have lobbied for years to institute no-touch icing, the same rule used in international play and several minor leagues.

Just as the NHL refuses to require the use of visors in a sport with frozen pucks flying at players' faces, Wilson thinks a combination of tradition, perceived excitement and machismo keeps no-touch icing out of the league.

Others also say the no-touch rule slows down the game with a handful of extra stoppages in play.

"We've talked about it at (NHLPA) meetings," Toronto forward Matt Stajan told the

Canadian Press on Thursday. "It comes up every year. It's up to the competition committee. I'm sure they'll look at it again in the summer.

"Personally, I like the race for the puck, but obviously people are getting hurt. Sometimes hits are being thrown, and you wonder about the respect factor. Every time there's an injury, it makes everyone aware of it again. Eventually there will probably be something done."

Mitchell clearly didn't mean to hit Foster in a dangerous manner during the second period of the Wild's 4-3 shootout loss to the Sharks, yet Foster still left the ice on a stretcher due to the severity of his injury. Foster will spend at least two days recovering at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose before returning home, team spokesman Aaron Sickman said.



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Ron Wilson
Shark's Coach

"When a guy goes down, you have to battle through it," defenseman Kim Johnsson said after the game. "You have to keep winning games. Seeing Foster like that, you don't want to see anyone get hurt like that."

It's a big blow for the Wild, who have three upcoming road games in Canada. Minnesota is just three points ahead of Calgary, Colorado and Vancouver in the tight Northwest Division.

If Brent Burns and Nick Schultz are the team's top two defenseman, Foster was right there behind them. At 6-foot-5, he has plenty of size to be a physical presence at the blue line, but also has been showing a knack for getting involved on the offensive end.

"I thought he was playing great," Minnesota coach Jacques Lemaire said. "He was playing his best hockey. It's a big loss."

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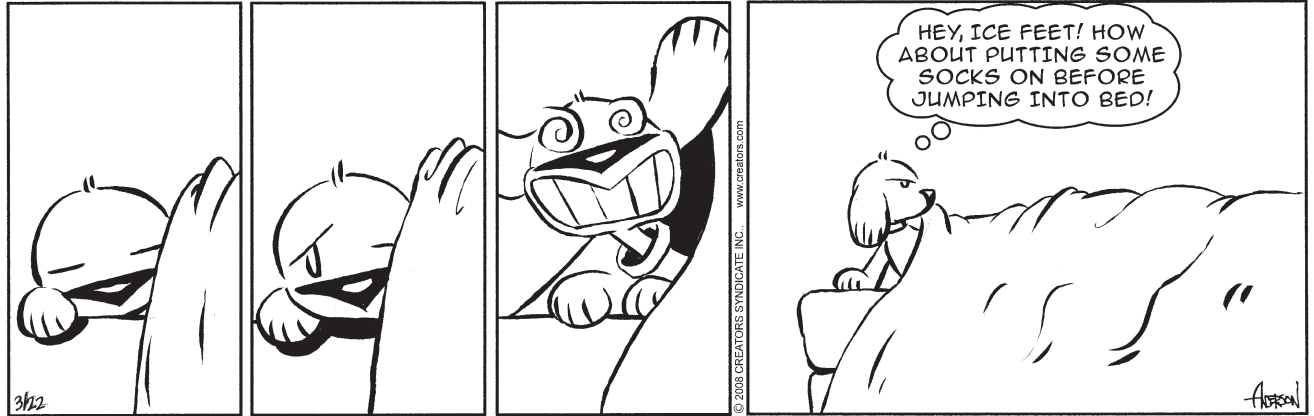
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 6 Closet contents
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- 12 "The end of —"
- 13 Dangerous gas
- 14 Hazard
- 15 Small maps
- 17 Be decisive
- 18 Big head
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- 23 Ready to strike
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- 25 Flood
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In January, Derry, N.H., Town Administrator Gary Stenhouse told Thomas Souhlaris that he'd have to move his sausage stand because he was trespassing on city property. Souhlaris had set up the stand at the town's garbage transfer station, and Stenhouse said there might be municipal liability issues, especially if other food vendors followed Souhlaris and set up stands at the dump.

■ Shafkat Munir, 26, was sentenced to 12 months in jail for an attempted hoax in Lancashire County, England, in 2007 after receiving three speeding tickets. Rather than pay the fines, totaling the equivalent of about \$350 (and retain his license, since his record was otherwise clean), Munir created his own death certificate to get the charges dismissed. Said an official, "I have never known anyone to go to such lengths (over speeding tickets)." The judge also revoked Munir's license.

■ There will apparently still be steep problems for parents, teachers and students in Highlands Ranch, Colo., when a second-grade boy soon enters third grade as a girl. One student's parent said there'll surely be an issue of, "Why are you in a dress this year when you were in pants last year?"

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1806 Mexican statesman Benito Juarez was born in Oaxaca.

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1957 President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan began a four-day conference in Bermuda.

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1963 the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates at the order of Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

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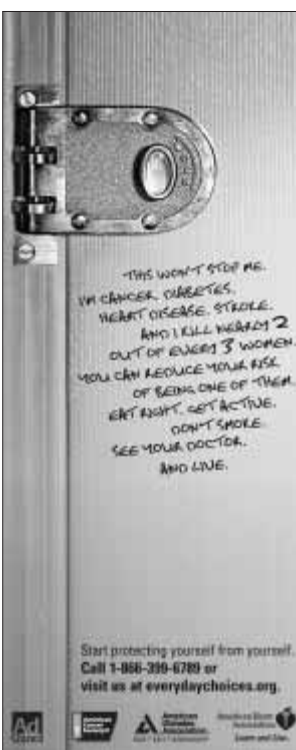
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