

The Village Drummer

Jefferson Park Neighbors Association

City Council District 10 Region 6



Standing Up Against Hatred

By Luis South

On Wednesday, February 27, 2008 another shooting took place on a street in the City of Angeles. But it wasn't "just another shooting." It had special circumstances that cause this case to be unique, profound lessons sometimes come from the most unfortunate life experiences. According to media reports eight people were randomly shot. All are living. It's the first time so many people have been shot during the same incident. Also, they all survived the shooting. That's the truly amazing

outcome that we must focus on in order to empower us so we can walk away with hope, dignity.

The reaction from the community is interesting. Only three miles southeast of Jefferson Park, still the history of where the shooting occurred has direct ties to our history because many of the residents in Jefferson Park have their family roots there. Also, like me,
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Tim's Kitchen
By David Miller

Anybody who knows Jefferson Park is keenly aware of possibly the longest standing family restaurant serving Chinese cuisine, Tim's Kitchen, home of healthy Chinese cuisine. We have good news... and then we have more good news.

First of all, Eddie, the manager of Tim's readily accepted to display a few frames of Nature Art Collages done by young people in the community. Secondly, Tim's Kitchen is currently offering

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a noticeable number of people drive from Jefferson Park to work in the Central-Vernon area and vice versa.

Between both Jefferson Park and the Central-Vernon area we have gone further to crystallized the Nature Art collage-making movement. On Tuesday, March 4th, councilwoman Jan Perry arranged a community meeting that took place in the auditorium of

Carver Middle School. I brought Nature Art collages done by my 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.

One of the most powerful things we can do is bring the arts into the equation concerning how Los Angeles overcomes cross-cultural violence. The overwhelming number of people from each cultural group are clearly against

hatred. The problem is, we are not yet having significant numbers willing to become involved in community projects focused on strengthening ties between people. At the same time there are individuals and small groups who continue to work against community unity.

Leadership with a coordinated vision is needed. Regular folks and art will continue to set the pace, define the overcoming process.

March 22 South Seas House By Luis South

Everything went so well when we started the first meeting of community members interested in Nature Art collage-making that we decided to make it a monthly event. Dept. of Park & Rec agrees.

South Seas House has accepted our offer to come again. Being that it's an old Victorian house, fixing the place up like a museum was

actually a lot of fun.

So on Saturday, March 22nd from 2-4 p.m. we'll be holding another exhibit and training of Nature Art collage-making. We have a few neighbors who committed to bringing free fruits and vegetables. Bottled water will be available as well. Doors will be open rain or shine. This is an entirely free event for children and adults.

Universal Health Insurance For All

By Luis South

Universal Health Insurance Coverage. We have been lied to for so long and in so many ways about this subject that most people don't have a clear perspective concerning this very important quality of life issue. Researching the subject was not easy. There's a lot of money thrown into the

political arena to keep our most powerful elected leaders from attacking an outdated medical health insurance policy in America. We are several years overdue in bringing our health care system into the modern world. The America that Martin Luther King, Cesar Chavez, Harriet Tubman, and others gave their blood, sweat and lives for cannot claim being

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the greatest country in the world until there is a system of fairness for all. We cannot have most of Northern Europe, Canada, and other countries around the world having a genuine **single payer** system while we remain in an unfocused, misguided debate that questions our ability to provide the same kindness and

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consideration for all Americans.

If the politicians can't bring up the subject in a meaningful manner out of fear that they will be under attack from the insurance companies, then it is time for us everyday folks to force the agenda. If we take a good look at how important **single payer Universal Health Insurance Coverage** is, all responsible politicians will then have the impetus to **democratically change** from present failures to improve our national system.

The lie that has been allowed to exist for so long is the idea that America would go into economic hemorrhaging if a single payer health insurance system was created. Nothing is further from the truth. What government has failed to do is **control medical costs**. The best way to do that is to place all of the spending for health care in one pot controlled by a government agency. That would force all health care providers to

Beverly Hills Cat...Help!

By Luis South

My wife decided to name him Star because he has a silver coat with a white spot shaped like a star where the sink is typically on cats, back of the neck area between his ears.

Her friend, Carole, works for a lawyer and brought Star to us with the understanding that he was just the cutest little kitten. A family in

work fairly to correct out of control health care costs. The rest of the world where universal health coverage is working didn't move to create such government run systems out of stupidity. America's **single payer universal health insurance system will be the best because we have the resources to make that a reality over a short period of time.**

The lie can no longer stand, let us all be clear, there are many reasons why it would be advantageous for America to move to instituting a single payer system for all; chief among those reasons are the economic advantages. For more info <http://www.pnhp.org> .

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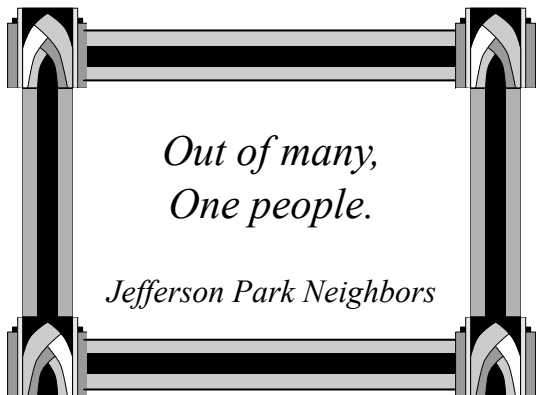
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Beverly Hills found him alone at the side of the road close to their home. The kids wanted him, but there were dogs. I readily agreed and felt even more comfortable when he arrived. Sure enough, he was a tiny, cute little kitten. However, a year has gone by and I've found this little guy has a lot of issues. He's very scrappy, likes to

jump in the face of cats three times his size—and runs them down! All those big peaceful cats that stop by my yard are afraid of him. He's now neutered, but still the same.

Is there a free cat psychologist?



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Gang Intervention: The Possible Solution?

Written by Frank Talk II

A new development has occurred in the movement to allow progressive changes so Los Angeles can become a truly competitive city in the world arena. Yes, Los Angeles has always been understood as an important economic center throughout the world. The respect the city holds in the minds of foreigners has more to do with mega bucks industries such as Hollywood, the harbor, and a state-of-the-art international airport. However, how the inner city African American and Spanish speaking populations are

viewed by foreigners is undeniably negative. A good part of the negative mystique concerning these two populations has to do with the perception that African American and Spanish speaking male Angelenos are unemployed, sexualized gangsters. It's a hard stereotype to undo. But we would be preparing a better future for our youth when they reach adulthood if that stereotype is erased as soon as possible. Compounding the problem is the fact that too many of our youth walk with a sense of needing to identify with gang mentality

simply as a means to survive.

Now that the interventionists have been introduced, how does that change the landscape? Frankly, what we need are strategies that ensure the gang problem will diminish, go away. It makes no sense if, upon creation of a gang intervention process, we end up with a more serious problem.

Suggestion: Institute a guarantee to the interventionists that there will be bonuses and permanent work according to their success.

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