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CAMP WESSON
Hello, Mother, Hello, Father
Here I am at Camp Wesson
Where we learned some life lessons
We went fishing
We went swimming
We even went paddle boating
I rode a horse
Did a skit
I think that is it
For day one
And the evening has only just begun.



Love,
The Wesson Cadets





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TAKING CARE OF THE TENTH

A CD10 SUMMER

MOVIES IN THE PARK

On Saturday (9/13), Councilman Wesson, CD10 staff and volunteers completed our "Movies in the Park" series - the first we have ever done. We showed movies, provided food (hotdogs, popcorn, candies, drink) and distributed raffle prizes - all for free - at four different parks in CD10 (Reynier, Rancho Cienega, Queen Anne and Seoul International).

The series was a tremendous success. All in all, we fed and entertained over 2,000 residents in and around CD10. The response from our community has been overwhelmingly positive.

Councilman Wesson and the CD10 staff recognize that the success of the series was in part due to the



Reynier Park area residents (below) prepared to watch "The Neverending Story"



Councilmember Wesson and the Reynier Park raffle winners



A few of the families who came out to enjoy the movie, popcorn and the face-painter

CD10 Summer (continued)

cooperation and assistance that came from LAPD, Recreation and Parks, LAFD, Sanitation and the Cultural Affairs staff - for which we are very grateful.

The Councilmember would also like to thank the following for their support and participation: LA DWP, Mid-City Neighborhood Council, P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council, South Robertson Neighborhood Council, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council, West Adams Neighborhood Council, Wilshire Koreatown Neighborhood Council, Korean American Festival Foundation, Picfair Village Neighborhood Association, Reynier Village Neighborhood Association, 101 Foundation Enterprises, Korean American Chamber of Commerce, M Park Movies, Center Bank, the CIM Group, Disney, Dreamworks SKG, Grumpy Old Men, Radio Korea, Trilogy Financial Services and Channel 35.



"The Goonies" dropped in at Rancho Cienega Park



A happy moviegoer posed with the Fire Station 94 crew (l.) and a couple of eager moviegoers fill out raffle forms (above)



America's Next Top Models show off "Movies in the Park's" hottest accessory

"Movies in the Park": A romantic evening for two (l.) or a night of family fun (r.)

CD10 Summer (continued)



"Monsters, Inc." entertained the neighbors of the Queen Anne Rec. Center



"Movies in the Park" not only provided hotdogs and candy (above), but also allowed residents to hang out with LAPD officers and each other



The Councilmember with a raffle winner



"I hope I win a raffle prize tonight."



"Look, Mom, I did! I won a backpack!"

CD10 Summer (continued)



The "Shrek 2" crew visited Seoul International Park



A dining area was provided for the residents to enjoy their snacks



The Councilmember with Seoul International's lucky raffle winners (1.)

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: TEAM WESSON GETS IT DONE



CD10 Summer (continued)

**140 AT-RISK KIDS BECOME
“WESSON’S PEACEMAKERS”
AT CAMP WESSON**

Councilmember Wesson and CD 10’s Project SAVE gang intervention program recently put a little excitement into the lives of 140 at-risk African American and Latino kids, taking them on a three-day, two-night camping and fishing trip to Hansen Dam in the San Fernando Valley.

The adventure at Hansen Dam offered an array of recreational activities unavailable to most at-risk kids. They reveled in the many activities that included swimming, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, a variety of arts and crafts and other activities.

Highlighting the experience was an evening campfire ceremony where they pledged to return to their community as “Wesson’s Peacemakers,” and taking responsibility for doing their part in healing their community.

“This was a totally new experience for most of these kids,” said Wesson. “We were able to get them out of their day-to-day environment and into the fresh air. They made new friends and learned to relate to other kids from different races and backgrounds.”

The boys and girls on the trip were between the ages of 8 and 12, and most came from Baldwin Village and Southwest Los Angeles.

This event follows the success of the camping and deep-sea fishing trip that Councilmember Wesson and Project SAVE sponsored last year for about 65 boys and girls. That event involved camping over-night at Jim Gilliam Park and boarding a deep-sea sport-fishing boat the next day for an all-day fishing trip.



Councilmember Wesson welcomes a few of his cadets

This year, Councilmember Wesson and Project SAVE partnered with the city’s Department of Recreation and Parks in expanding the range of experiences with a larger and more diverse group of kids. Other gang intervention organizations participating included Unity III, 2nd Call, Sidewalk University, and Baldwin Village.

Special “thank yous” go to Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, for restocking Hansen Dam with fish; our camp counselors which included 25 students from Loyola Marymount University; firefighters from LA Fire Department, who cooked breakfast; Chuck Tenin and the California Department of Fish & Game, who taught the kids how to fish; and St. Agatha’s Catholic Church and Pio Pico Elementary School, who helped us recruit at-risk kids.



The Lady Bugs keep warm in their team Wesson thermal



Loyola Marymount University students served as camp counselors and fishing coaches

CD10 Summer (continued)

Funded by the City of Los Angeles, and established at the behest of Councilmember Wesson, Project SAVE is a program affiliated with Community Build, Inc. In addition to their work with at-risk kids, Project SAVE has sponsored the “Late-Night Hoops” basketball league, a flag-football league and a co-ed softball league.

Beyond organized recreational activities, Project SAVE also offers “safe passage” programs at Dorsey and Hamilton High Schools, and Cienega and Hillcrest Elementary Schools; job training through “P.V. Jobs”; conflict resolution and anger management counseling.



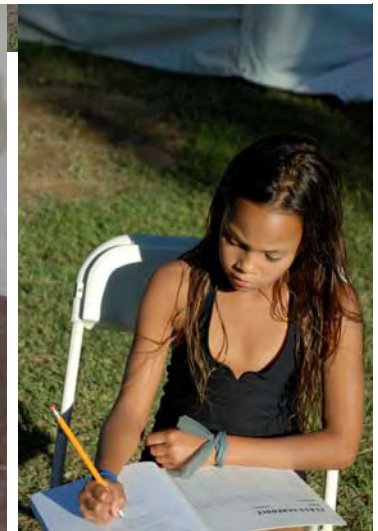
Morning Calisthenics



“Giddy Up!” The Councilmember and his “partner”, Fabian Wesson prepare to ride into the sunset



Arts & Crafts Hour



Quiet Time



Chow Time



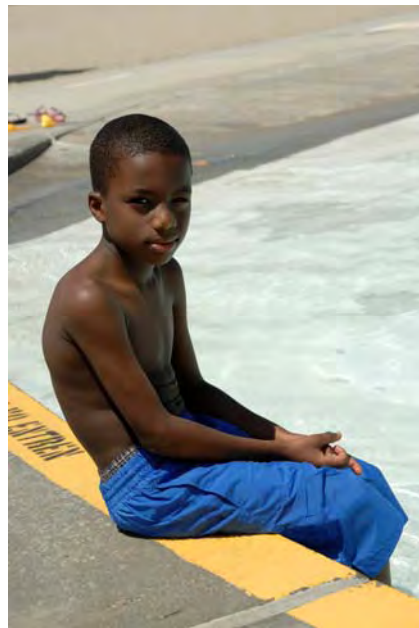
After their nature walk (a.), the cadets and counselors get acquainted (b.)



A Wesson Cadet models her Camp Wesson camouflage gear



The Wesson Cadets were easy to spot in their Camp Wesson blue swim trunks and snazzy print swimsuits



After an active day of games (l.), swimming and horseback riding the Cadets were glad to relax in their tents (r.)

*Taking Care of the Tenth (continued)***THE GREEN RETROFIT PROGRAM**

Councilmember Wesson, in coordination with the Apollo Alliance, received unanimous approval from the City Council in August 2008 to move forward on drafting ordinances which will establish a program and funding guidelines to retrofit city-owned buildings, while providing job training and job placement for city residents in the green building sector.

The Green Retrofit Program, first proposed by Wesson in August of 2006, will initiate a city-wide program to retrofit all city-owned properties over 7,500 square feet or constructed prior to 1978 with the intention of meeting LEEDS-EB Silver standards or higher. LEED is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. The program will also prioritize retrofitting of City facilities with health/safety issues and in neighborhoods with high unemployment and poverty rates, and buildings that have a direct impact on communities such as recreational centers and libraries. One of the requirements of the program will ensure that substantial percentages of work hours performed under construction contracts associated with the Pro-

gram go to local residents of the City.

A major component of the Green Retrofit Program will be the establishment of a "green-collar" jobs program to train city residents in low-income neighborhoods. It is anticipated that this training program will provide access for residents into the construction trades in both the public and private sectors. As more and more buildings are built to meet new environmental standards, the demand for well-trained "green-collar" construction workers is expected to increase.

The Apollo Alliance—a coalition of community organizations, labor unions, and environmental groups which includes SCOPE/Agenda, city employee unions, and construction/trade unions—have been working closely with Councilmember Wesson, Council President Eric Garcetti, and the Mayor on creating the Green Retrofit Program.

The City Council will adopt the ordinances to establish the Green Retrofit Program by early 2009.

EBONY REPERTORY THEATER AT THE NHPAC

The Ebony Repertory Theatre (ERT) has become the Resident Company and Operator of the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center (r.), under the leadership of Founder/ Producer Wren T. Brown and Artistic Director Israel Hicks.

Its inaugural theatrical production is "Two Trains Running", winner of the New York Drama Critics Circle Best Play Award, written by August Wilson, produced by Wren Brown and directed by Israel Hicks. "Two Trains Running" reveals a world where money is short and justice an afterthought. Set in 1969 in Pittsburgh's Hill District, "Two Trains Running" is one of Wilson's most overtly political and often humorous plays. This is the 1960s chapter of the playwright's century cycle, chronicling the lives of ordinary African Americans in the 20th century. The play opened on October 10 and will run Thursdays to Sundays until November 9, 2008.

ERT's commitment is to bring diverse, high standard, professional performing arts to the Mid-City commu-



nity; to engender business development along the Washington Blvd. corridor; and to make the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center L.A.'s Newest Cultural Destination!

The Nate Holden Performing Arts Center is located at 4718 W. Washington Blvd. For information dial (323)964.9766 or visit the website at

www.ebonyrepertorytheatre.org

AT YOUR SERVICE



Tree trimming along New Hampshire Ave. at 8th St.



The LAPD & the Department of Sanitation work together to clean-up the Washington/Gramercy bus stop (above) and remove bulky items along Jefferson Park (below)



The Washington Boulevard Beautification Project begins with the installation of green metal trash receptacles along Washington from Fairfax to Normandie Aves.



Sidewalk repair along Venice Blvd.



Longwood Ave. gets slurry sealed



New speed humps on 4th St. & Montclair Ave.

At Your Service (continued)



SYCAMORE AVENUE



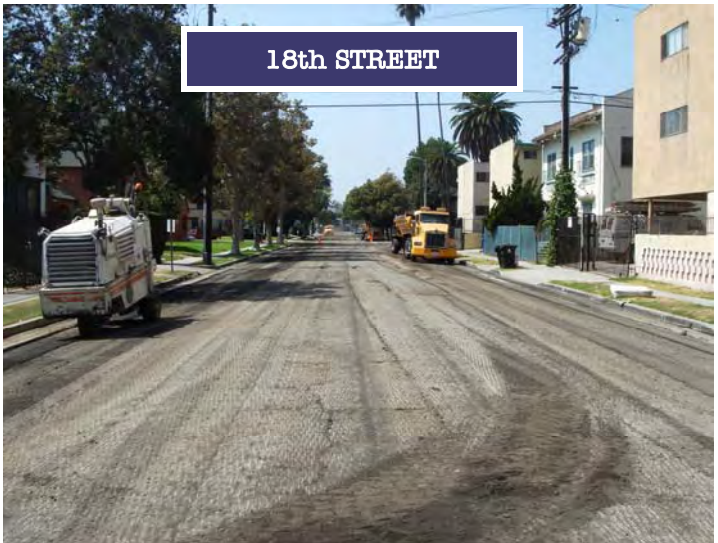
STEARNS AVENUE



Sycamore and Stearns Avenues trees get a major trim



WEST BLVD.



18th STREET

West Blvd. and 18th Street residents welcome resurfaced streets

LAPD ILLEGAL VENDING SWEEP



LAPD's Wilshire Division officers, the City's Department of Transportation and Sanitation Bureau, County Department of Public Health inspectors and CD10 staff recently conducted another illegal vending sweep within CD10, specifically along Wilshire Boulevard.

Vending on city streets and sidewalks are prohibited under the City of Los Angeles Municipal Code

If you are aware of illegal street vending locations, please contact our District Office at (323) 733-8233.

LAPD Officers confiscate products from an illegal vendor

HERB HONORS...

DEAF AWARENESS MONTH CD10 HONOREE: HENRIETTA BENNETT



For her participation in Councilmember Wesson's 2nd Annual Camping and Fishing Trip, (1.) Henrietta Bennett was selected as this year's CD10 Honoree and was invited to the City Council

On September 12, Councilmember Tony Cardenas and the City Council proclaimed September as Deaf Awareness Month in the City of Los Angeles. As part of the program, each Councilmember was asked to select one resident from their district as their honoree. Councilmember Wesson selected 12-year old Henrietta Bennett as CD10's representative.

Henrietta is a student at the Marilton School for the Deaf and this summer, joined Councilmember Wesson on his 2nd annual Camping & Fishing Trip. At the camp, Henrietta showed her fellow campers that living with a disability does not limit your life. She

actively participated in all of the camp's activities, which earned her the respect and admiration of all.

The Councilmember acknowledged Henrietta for her involvement and courage to acclimate herself into the hearing environment. He further went on to thank her for enlightening the youth and staff that those with impairments do not need special treatment and can enjoy horseback riding, swimming and fishing. She was able to help everyone appreciate that we are all the same regardless of our circumstances.

NATIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS: THE LADY REBELS



Mrs. Sherri Pegus, CEO/Director, and The Lady Rebels Basketball Team were honored by Councilmember Wesson at the Los Angeles City Council meeting for becoming the 2008 11U AAU National Tournament Champions, which was held in Branson, MO.

For their efforts, the girls received gold medals and a 1st place trophy. The Lady Rebels were undefeated for the entire season and remained so throughout the 8-day tournament. The girls team, ranging in ages 10 through 13 and maintain a 3.0 GPA, were then treated to a luncheon hosted by their sponsors.

The Lady Rebels' home court is Rancho Park/Dorsey High School.

Councilmember congratulates the undefeated champions

KOREAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATION



Councilmember Wesson welcomes members of the Korean National Assembly to the Council Chamber

Councilmember Wesson represented the City of Los Angeles in officially welcoming a delegation of five

members of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea participating in the "Korea-United States Inter-Parliamentary Exchange," program. Congresswoman Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles), Co-Chair of the program, and Congresswoman Mazi Hirono (D-Hawaii) were also present. The visiting delegation was headed by the Honorable Park Jin. The exchange program was established as a means for members of the Korean National Assembly to meet with their counterparts in the United States Congress to discuss issues of mutual interest for a week on an annual basis. The Exchange alternates between Seoul, Korea and Washington, D.C., and this year met in Washington, D.C. On the way to Washington the delegation visited Los Angeles. While at City Hall, they took part in discussions on opportunities to expand trade between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY SPEAKER EMERITUS FABIAN NÚÑEZ

Assembly Speaker Emeritus Fabian Núñez was recently honored by Councilmember Wesson and the City Council for his service as the 66th Speaker of the California State Assembly. Núñez was preceded in the position by Councilmember Wesson, who was the 65th Speaker of the Assembly. Joining in the presentation was Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who was the 63rd Speaker of the Assembly.

As Speaker, Núñez was an effective advocate for the City of Los Angeles. He crafted legislation to raise California's minimum wage and make prescription drugs more affordable. Núñez also helped pass historic infrastructure bonds to improve roads and highways, reduce traffic congestion, build and modernize schools and increase the availability of affordable housing.



The Councilmember, the Mayor and Assemblymember Kevin DeLeon thank Assembly Speaker Emeritus Núñez

2008 ANGEL CITY CLASSIC



Councilmember Wesson welcomed the 3rd Annual Angel City Classic Football game to Los Angeles. The Angel City Classic was created to ensure that the strength of higher education among minority groups at our nation's most prestigious Historically Black Colleges and Universities is proudly displayed. It is also a wonderful opportunity to showcase the educational and athletic programs at both Morehouse College and Prairie View A & M University (the competing teams) and for football players and fans of diverse backgrounds to come together, to express goodwill, and to celebrate in the spirit of sportsmanship.

OUT & ABOUT

FIRE STATION #43 GRAND OPENING

On Saturday, August 16th Councilmember Wesson was joined by Fire Chief Douglas Barry, and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore for the Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony of Fire Station 43. Fire Station 43 is located at 3690 Motor Ave. in the Palms community.

There were many activities for the kids including face painting and balloon animals. Wilshire, the fire dog, made an appearance. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and firehouse chili. Most importantly the Palms community had the opportunity to meet their local firefighters who work every day to keep their neighborhood safe.

The Councilmember and Fire Chief Barry (far r.) welcomed residents to the new fire station



AADAP



Councilmember Wesson with (l. to r.) AADAP's Mike Watanabe, Michael Banner and Neha Shah

The Councilmember congratulated the Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc. (AADAP) for the acquisition of three buildings to expand their efforts to combat drug and alcohol abuse. Two of these buildings are located in CD 10: 1088 La Brea Ave. and at 2900 Crenshaw Blvd.

The acquisitions allow AADAP to continue to grow as a leader in providing prevention and treatment services, which specifically address the needs of Asian and Pacific Islanders affected by the consequences of substance abuse and addiction.

KAISER'S NEW SURGEON



Dr. Wesson prepares for surgery

Councilmember Wesson visited the Kaiser Permanente West LA Medical Center for a tour of the surgical operating room. Councilmember Wesson had the opportunity to check out the da Vinci Surgical System, a state-of-the-art robotic surgical system that allows a surgeon to perform complex procedures with a minimally invasive approach. Kaiser surgeons even allowed the Councilmember to operate the new da Vinci robot.

Kaiser West LA is the premier Medical Center within Kaiser that is pioneering surgeries with the new da Vinci robot. Congratulations to Kaiser for their innovative new technology within our community.

SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS

At a press conference in CD10's Jim Gilliam Park, Councilmember Wesson joined Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa and Chief William J. Bratton to announce significant reductions in violent crimes in the areas surrounding the City's Summer Night Lights' parks. The Summer Night Lights program targeted eight park facilities in the City's Gang Reduction and Youth Development zones by expanding programming, after-school activities, athletic leagues, art initiatives and family programs during the summer months. The eight targeted parks were: Southwest Area's Jim Gilliam Park, Hollenbeck Area's Ramon Garcia Park and the Ramona Gardens Recreation Center, Northeast Area's Cypress and Glassell Parks, 77th Area's Mount Carmel Park, Newton Area's Ross Snyder Park and Foothill Area's Hubert Humphrey Park.

As a result of the Summer Night Lights program, the City experienced a 17% drop in violent crimes, an 86% decline in homicides and a 23% reduction in



The Councilmember joins the Mayor, Police Chief Bratton and community members to tote the success of the "Summer Night Lights" program

aggravated assaults after the program's eight-week run. The Jim Gilliam area saw a 36% drop in overall crime and a 100% drop in homicides.

2008 WAHA LIVING HISTORY TOUR



The Councilmember with "Captain Baker" and his family

Councilmember Wesson attended the 2008 WAHA Living History Tour at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery. Produced by the West Adams Heritage Association (WAHA), the Living History Tour brings to life many of the early citizens that have played a part in the history of the City of Los Angeles. This year featured the life of Captain Edward Lee Baker, Jr. (1865-1913).

Captain Baker served as a Buffalo Soldier and was one of the nations' finest soldiers of his generation.

He was a true hero recognized with a Congressional Medal of Honor during the Spanish-American War. Baker served as a Sergeant Major in the all-Black 10th United States Cavalry and was awarded the Medal of Honor for valor under a hail of bullets at Santiago, Cuba in the battle for San Juan Hill on July 1, 1898.

CD10 Deputy Albert Lord did a marvelous job playing the role of Captain Baker on the tour.



CD10 Deputy Albert Lord as Capt. Edward Lee Baker in full military regalia

ALERTS & BULLETINS

ADOPT-A-PET PROGRAM



Councilmember Wesson continues to have success with his Adopt-A-Pet program

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NEW SPAY/NEUTER LAW (effective October 1, 2008)

Did you know that on February 12, 2008, the City Council approved a historic Spay-Neuter Measure?

Under this new *Spay Neuter* law, effective October 1, 2008, ALL cats and dogs in the City of Los Angeles, after the age of four months, must be spayed or neutered.

The goal of this new law is to save the life of millions of animals by reducing the strain on overburdened shelters, allowing them to keep animals longer instead of euthanizing them for lack of space. Those found in violation of this measure will be given a notice to comply and information regarding free and subsidized spay and neuter services. If the violation is not corrected within 60 days, along with a second violation, the person shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00 or shall be allowed to perform 8 hours of community service. Failure to pay the civil penalty or perform the community service and/or failure to correct the violation will result in a third violation, incur a civil penalty of \$500.00 or 40 hours community services.

For more information on this measure and for a number of reduced-cost [options](#) for sterilizing your pet, please contact L.A. Animal Services Spay/Neuter Coordinator at (213) 482-9525.

THE FLAVORS OF CD 10 MAMMA'S MERRY MEXICAN CHAMPURRADO

Champurrado is a special holiday chocolate treat thickened with masa (corn dough) and flavored with piloncillo (a candy made from molasses and brown sugar).

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup masa
- 2 1/4 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 disk Mexican chocolate

3 tablespoons piloncillo, chopped or 1/3 cup brown sugar plus 2 teaspoons molasses

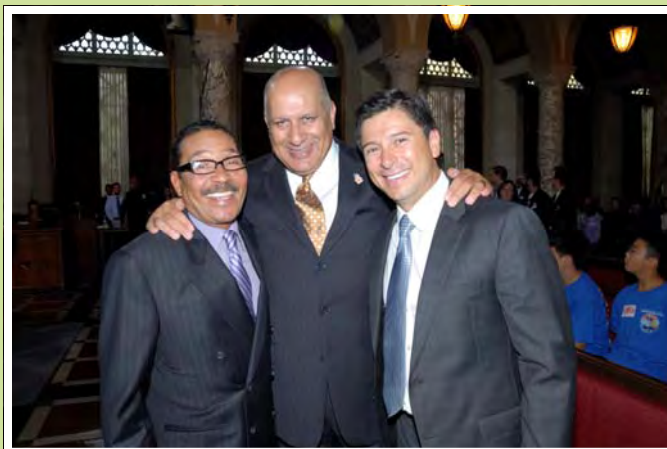
Place the water and the masa into the jar of a blender and blend until smooth. Transfer to medium sized sauce pan. Add the milk, chocolate, piloncillo (or sugar/molasses combo). Bring the mixture to a simmer whisking until the chocolate and sugar is melted and well-blended. Serves 4-5.

Share your favorite recipe with Herb
and be a part of The Official CD10 Cookbook

"The Flavors of CD10"

Send your submissions to
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PARTING SHOTS





LOOK WHO'S READING *EYE ON THE TENTH*



Councilmember Wendy Greuel



State Assembly Speaker Emeritus Fabian Núñez and Councilmember Ed R. Reyes



Actress Lupe Ontiveros

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Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Minor, proprietors of Sky's Gourmet Tacos on Pico



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