

EasyReader

Letters, Part II

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Do the right thing

Dear ER:

It is time for the Hermosa Beach School Board (HBSB) to give the classroom needs of the students top priority and to not further downsize the already marginal open space that now exists on the school grounds. It is time for the school board to stop trying to slide the gymnasium portion of this project past us citizens without following the required governmental rules and for the board to come up with a financially viable solution that puts the kids' education needs first.

Now that the board has admitted that they are at least \$1 million short of the funds needed to fully implement the much touted school expansion project, perhaps it will be willing to voluntarily consider some of the other options that we citizens have been requesting all along — options that will provide the additional classroom and open space that is needed; demand a redo of the obviously inadequate Environmental Impact Report (EIR); do what is necessary to finally get the required Coastal Commission review and approval for the project and come up with a better alternative, if there is one, for the proposed new gymnasium.

Most of us citizens were originally receptive to the need for the proposed school upgrade, including the marginal need for a new gymnasium, on the premise that there would be additional space on the south side of the school property for the gymnasium. In retrospect, it is obvious that the school board knew the likelihood of that happening was marginal at best. It is time for the school board to stop misleading the public and do the right thing for the students.

John Miller

Hermosa Beach

Pram jams

Dear ER,

The cover story ("Nanny Underground," ER Feb. 3, 2005) failed to mention one of the hazards those of us who drive in the beach area face daily. The nannies with their prams march two and three abreast down the streets -- not the sidewalks -- but the streets. They push their tiny charges to the area parks, oblivious to traffic and traffic laws. I have sounded the car's warning horn more than once to get their attention only to receive a rude gesture or a mumble in a language other than English. When I suggested to one group that the sidewalks would be safer, three of these lovely ladies simply laughed and shook their heads and kept marching down the middle of the boulevard.

Will it take a major traffic accident to get them off our streets? Will it take a candlelight vigil for the innocent babies to get the nannies onto the sidewalks?

Mary Ann Keating

Redondo Beach

Up front on nanny underground

Dear ER:

The front-page article ("Nanny Underground," ER Feb. 3, 2005) was such a hatchet job on the truth it is pitiful. The one accurate statement was that in 1994 the people of the state of California with a vote of over 59 percent passed Proposition 187. This included over 40 percent of the Hispanic vote. What was untruthful in the article was that in reality, the United States Supreme Court was never allowed to even review the constitutionality of the proposition. Former Governor Gray Davis and the liberal 9th Circuit of the Federal Court allowed Proposition 187 to be challenged and resolved in a mediation hearing, which was appointed by Gray Davis. This was to