



Community Rally Save Oaktree #419



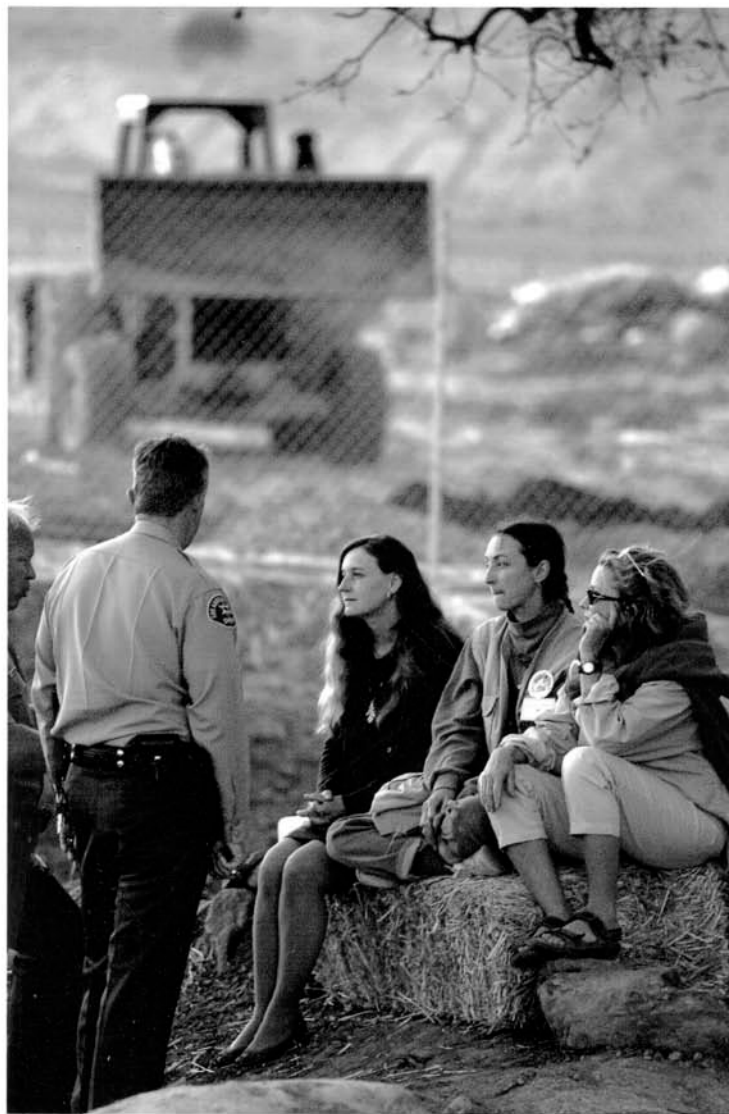
- 1. PLEASE CALL,
EMAIL OR WRITE**
Los Angeles County
Supervisor Mike Antonovich
Demand permanent protection
for this 400 year old oak tree
currently slated for destruction

fifthdistrict@bos.co.la.ca.us (213) 974-5555
869 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

2. Tell your friends and neighbors
3. Make copies of this flyer and pass them around your neighborhood
4. Attend hearings and oppose oak destruction
5. Make a tax-deductible contribution to SCOPE to help maintain the tree sit

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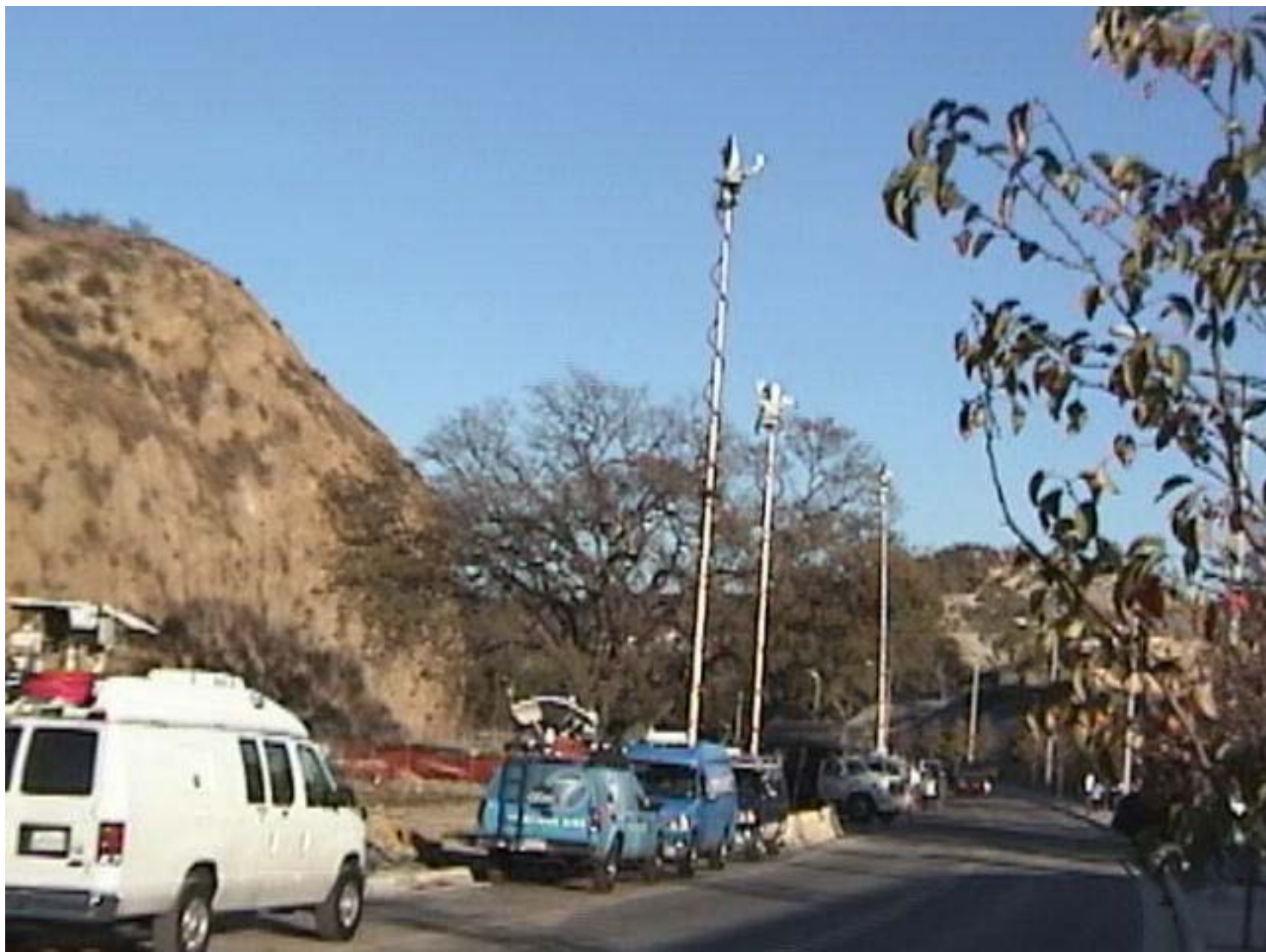


June, 9 2006

Dear Ms. Plambeck,

Thank you for coming to our school and teaching us about the oak wood lands. I learned about the tree named Old Glory and about Mr. Quigly who sat in a tree for 70 days.

Sincerely,
Dana









Oak tree standing tall 2 years after replanting

BY EUGENE TONG
Staff Writer

STEVENSON RANCH — John Quigley returned Friday to visit an old friend who gave him shelter, notoriety and transcendence.

"This tree is like a friend of the community," said Quigley, the tree-sitter who camped in the branches of a massive oak dubbed "Old Glory" for 10 weeks in 2002-03 to protest plans to cut it down in order to widen Pico Canyon Road.

Quigley's action drew national attention as environmental activists and local residents rallied around saving the centuries-old oak. He finally came down after a Los Angeles judge issued a court order, and developer John Laing Homes agreed to move the tree.

It's been two years since the oak was replanted on an 18-acre parcel Los Angeles County designated Pico Canyon Park, and Quigley has made annual visits to check on his friend's progress.

"It's looking good," Quigley said. "We're cautiously optimistic. But it'll be at least three years before we know if it's rooted in there."

On Friday, a spring sun nourished fresh leaves covering the oak's once-bare branches as Quigley shared tales of life on the perch with 4th and 5th graders from Santa Monica's New Roads School.

He said he constructed from an old bunk bed the platform where for 71 days he received mail, weathered storms and granted interviews. It fitted sight-unseen on a crook



John Lazar/Staff Photographer

A class of fourth- and fifth-graders from New Roads School in Santa Monica take an Earth Day field trip on Friday to Pico Canyon Park in Stevenson Ranch, where Old Glory, a centuries-old oak tree saved from being chopped down, now resides.

between the oak's sprawling branches.

"When that happened, I knew something magical had happened," Quigley said.

Rabbi Mark Blazer of Temple Beth Ami in Newhall offered a tree blessing.

"May it sprout forth for this people," he said. "And may all of our trees have a fruitful and healthy season."

Quigley said he was still marveled by the tree's "arc of time."

"You're talking about a being

that's been living for hundreds of years," he said. "It's that sense of it's not about this moment — it's about the long haul."

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