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MARCH DONATION UPDATE

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program (HBNW) **fiscal year** is from July 1 to June 30 each year. We have estimated we will need approximately \$24,300 this year to cover the various HBNW program expenses which include, but are not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, returned postage, mailing labels, etc. From the start of our fiscal year to now, we have received **\$10,998.00 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have \$13,302.00 to go by June 30, 2016.** The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. An \$8 donation pays for each subscriber's distribution costs; a \$10 donation helps with these costs and other needed expenses and puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$25 or more donation accomplishes the above, plus you will receive a HBNW sticker and a token of appreciation. Remember, HBNW is a non-profit organization; **donations are tax deductible.**

As a resident of the city, we encourage you to review the HBNW program budget and expenses.

We strongly suggest you sign up to receive your Newsletter either **electronically** or through the mail. **The Newsletter has valuable crime prevention information and crime statistics.** Donations are not necessary to receive the Newsletter, but if you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to:

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For more information please call (714) 536-5933.



**APRIL IS SEXUAL
ASSAULT AWARENESS
MONTH
JEANS FOR JUSTICE DAY
Wednesday, April 27, 2016**



The March issue of the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter detailed some statistics about sexual assault. About 1 in 5 women, and 1 in 71 men, experience rape in the span of their lifetime. Hopefully you have thought about how this least reported crime affects most of us. You may not even be aware that a family member or friend might be a survivor.

Take a moment and ask yourself what you have done to help bring awareness and education about this serious crime to others or yourself. Have you been a good listener, are you supportive, and can you give someone resources or contacts they can call for assistance. Did you offer to take them to a hospital or the Police Department so they can file a report? Hopefully the suspect will be arrested and brought to trial so they do not rape someone else.

The only way we can hope to send the message we will not tolerate this is by standing up and letting our voices be heard. **No means No!**

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE – RAPE CRISIS
HOTLINE (714) 957-2737**

You can also show your support by wearing **Jeans for Justice on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.** See the February Neighborhood Watch newsletter for the history of this day. Tell your friends to stand up against rape and stand for justice on this day by wearing jeans.



BEFORE YOU BUY A USED CAR

Federal Trade Commission
Consumer.ftc.gov



Before you start shopping for a used car, do some homework. It may save you serious money. Consider your driving habits, what the car will be used for, and your budget. Research models, options, costs, repair records, safety tests, and mileage - - online and through libraries and book stores, whether you buy a used car from a dealer or an individual.

- ❖ Examine the car using an inspection checklist. You can find checklists in magazines, books, and on websites that deal with used cars.
- ❖ Test drive the car under varied road conditions – on hills, highways, and in stop-and-go traffic.
- ❖ Ask for the car’s maintenance record from the owner, dealer, or repair shop.
- ❖ Talk to the previous owner, especially if the current owner is unfamiliar with the car’s history.
- ❖ Hire a mechanic to inspect the car.
- ❖ Determine the value of the vehicle before you negotiate the purchase. Check the National Automobile Dealers Association’s (NADA) Guides (www.nadaguides.com), Edmunds (www.edmunds.com), and Kelley Blue Book (www.kbb.com).
- ❖ Research the frequency of repair and maintenance costs on the models in auto-related consumer magazines. The U.S. Department of Transportation’s vehicle Safety Hotline (1-888-327-4236) and website (www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov) gives information on recalls.
- ❖ Check a trusted database service that gathers information from state and local authorities, salvage yards, and insurance companies for an independent and efficient review of a vehicle’s history. For example, the Department of Justice’s National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) (www.vehiclehistory.gov) offers information about a vehicle’s title, odometer data, and certain damage history. Expect to pay a nominal fee for each report. The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) (www.nicb.org) maintains a free database that includes flood damage and other information so you can investigate a car’s history by its Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). You also can search online for companies that sell vehicle history reports. If the report isn’t recent or you suspect that it has missing or fabricated information, verify it with the service. Some dealer websites have free links to reports directly from the services.

SAVE THE DATES

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Event: HB Neighborhood Watch Block Captain and Community Meeting
Location: HBPD Training Room A
Topic: Terrorism Presentation
What you should know to incorporate this into your Neighborhood Watch Program (See the article in this issue)

Date: May 15th to May 21st, 2016
Event: Law Enforcement Week (aka: Blue Ribbon Week)
Be sure pick up your Blue Ribbons beginning May 10th at the HBPD front desk.



HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM and the HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT



invite you to attend our

SPECIAL BLOCK CAPTAIN AND COMMUNITY MEETING

- Topic:** TERRORISM (What you should know)
- Presented By:** Heather Houston, Senior Program Manager, Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center
- When:** Thursday, April 28th, 2016 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Where:** Huntington Beach Police Department, Training Room “A” (follow the Blue arrow signs)
2000 Main St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648
- RSVP:** Nilda Patiño de Berndt, Community Relations Specialist at (714) 536-5933
Walk-ins are welcome, but seating may be limited (people with reservations will be seated)

Terrorism, in its broadest sense, is defined as the use of violence, or threatened use of violence, in order to achieve a political, religious, or ideological aim.

We no longer stay in one city, but are traveling to various cities, states, and countries, if not physically, then through our telephones, the internet, the news, and all sorts of social media. At this meeting, you will gain some insight about things to look for that may be terrorist activity and where you can report it. You will learn about possible indicators of radical and extremist groups such as ISIS, Al Qaeda, and Anarchists, and their recruiting tactics.

We all need to learn to be aware and alert when it comes to fighting terrorism. Taking a pro-active stance is another tenet of the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to attend this important Community Meeting with you, but due to the subject matter, please no children. For more information please call 714-536-5933.



Internal Revenue Service Scams



Tax season is here, which means an increase of IRS scams is also upon us. Here is some information and what to look out for to avoid becoming a victim of one of these scams.

The scam consists of a suspect making contact with the victim stating that they're delinquent with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The suspect pretends to be an IRS agent and demands payment from the victim. These impersonators usually demand immediate payment with either pre-paid debit cards or wire transfers. The suspect will direct the victim to a local bank or merchant where pre-paid cards can be purchased or direct the victim to complete a wire transfer. The suspect will maintain communications with the victim until they are able to obtain the funds.

Anyone can become a targeted victim. The victim may be threatened with arrest, deportation, or revocation of their driver's license. Fear tactics are commonly used and include insults and hostility to scare potential victims.

Be vigilant against these types of calls. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email or phone to request financial information. The IRS will always send taxpayers a written notification of any tax due via U.S. Mail.

The IRS never asks for credit cards, debit cards, or pre-paid access cards for payment over the telephone. Do not engage in conversation with these callers and tell them you will contact the IRS directly. Terminate the call as soon as practical without offering any personal information. You may call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to determine if you owe taxes.

If you have fallen victim to this scam or were targeted without sustaining a loss, you may also contact the Federal Trade Commission via their “**FTC Complaint Assistant**” at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov. Please add “IRS Telephone Scam” in the comments of your complaint.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

HB police patrol areas are the North and the South. Patrol beats are 2-9. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address mailing label.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

34 reports 02/16/16- 03/15/16

33 reports 01/16/16- 02/15/16

Fourteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Eight of these burglaries were committed during the day, sixteen were committed at night, and ten at an unknown time.

There were five garage entries.

There were two carport entries.

There were six attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

33 reports 02/16/16- 03/15/16

35 reports 01/16/16- 02/15/16

GRAND THEFT AUTO

27 reports 02/16/16- 03/15/16

44 reports 01/16/16- 02/15/16

BEAT 2

**11 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 452-1 RD 453-1
RD 454-1 RD 456-1
RD 462-2 RD 465-1
RD 466-1 RD 476-2
RD 486-1**

Streets: Snowbird Ln., Landfill Dr., Skimmer Ln., Oceangrove Cir., Spruney Ln., Chubasco Ln., Summerwind Ln., Rockpoint Dr., Port Clyde Dr., Geneva Ave. and Lorenzo Dr.

In RD 452, Geneva Ave, this residence was undergoing construction at the time and it appears suspect(s) gained entry through an unsecured side door. The description of the suspect is Caucasian male, 19 to 24 years old, thin build, dark hair and wearing a dark hood jacket.

In RD 465, Spruney Ln., it appears suspect(s) gained entry to the residence, which was tented for termites, by using an unknown pry type tool to open the rear French doors.

In RD 466, Chubasco Ln., it appears the unknown suspects gained access to the backyard via unlocked gates. Suspect(s) then slid open the window to the downstairs bedroom and accessed the residence. It appears after taking various items they fled via the front door.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 455-1 RD 462-1
RD 466-1 RD 472-1
RD 475-1**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 462-1

BEAT 3

**2 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 427-1 RD 437-1

Streets: Pua Dr. and Bismark Dr.

In RD 427, Pua Dr., it appears suspect(s) entered through a garage window by removing the screen and forcing the window open. Various items were removed, and suspect(s) fled in and unknown direction.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 425-2 RD 433-1
RD 437-1 RD 443-1**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 422-1 RD 427-1

BEAT 4

**1 Residential Burglary
5 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 339-1

Streets: Quiet Surf Cir.

In RD 339, Quiet Surf Cir., suspect may be known.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 195-1 RD 338-1
RD 348-2 RD 359-1**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 451-1

BEAT 5

**2 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 293-1 RD 422-1

Streets: Lisa Ln. and Florida St.

In RD 293, Lisa Ln, it appears suspect(s) entered the backyard and ripped the screen away from the small bathroom window. They somehow opened the window to gain entry into the residence and exited through the rear sliding glass door.

In RD 422, Florida St., it appears unknown suspect(s) used an unknown pry tool to try and gain entry but were not successful.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 411-1 RD 413-1
RD 422-1**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 413-1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

BEAT 6

- 2 Residential Burglaries**
- 3 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 3 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries
RD 264-1 RD 272-1

Streets: Lucia Ln. and Oak Ln.

In RD 264, Lucia Ln., it appears suspect(s) attempted to pry open the window with a screwdriver and subsequently broke the window. The broken window possibly alerted the large mixed dog inside the residence. The dog possibly began barking which may have scared the suspect(s) away prior to making entry.

In RD 272, Oak Ln., victim stated he was organizing his garage, which is accessed from a rear alley. He left his garage door open and went inside his residence for about 20 minutes. When he returned he noticed items missing from within.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

- RD 271-1 RD 272-1**
- RD 283-1**

Grand Theft Auto

- RD 272-1 RD 282-2**

BEAT 7

- 7 Residential Burglaries**
- 5 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 4 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

- RD 158-1 RD 159-1**
- RD 168-1 RD 179-1**
- RD 252-1 RD 261-1**
- RD 262-1**

Streets: Springdale St., Windemeir Ln., Shields Dr. Warner Ave., Viewpoint Ln., Holt Dr. and Tunstall Ln.

In RD 159, Windemeir Ln., suspect is described as: female,

white, height 5' 6", weighing 120 lbs., blonde hair, green eyes and wearing a gray, one piece skirt.

In RD 168, Shields Dr., it appears suspect(s) gained entry into the house via the bathroom's exterior door window. A portion of the bathroom's door window was forcibly removed, allowing the suspect(s) to reach into the interior of the bathroom and unlock the bathroom door from the inside. The residence was ransacked and various items were stolen.

In RD 179, Warner Ave., suspect is in custody.

In RD 262, Viewpoint Ln., suspect is in custody.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

- RD 169-1 RD 179-2**
- RD 198-1 RD 262-1**

Grand Theft Auto

- RD 179-1 RD 252-2**
- RD 253-1**

BEAT 8

- 7 Residential Burglaries**
- 3 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 6 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

- RD 151-1 RD 152-1**
- RD 157-1 RD 164-2**
- RD 166-1 RD 171-1**

Streets: Coast Cir., Tempe Dr., Nassau Ln., Saybrook Ln., Algonquin St., Pearce Dr., Pacific Coast Hwy (Sunset Beach) and Warner Ave.

In RD 152, Tempe Dr., it appears suspect(s) entered a partially opened/unlocked garage. Suspect then entered the unlocked vehicle inside the garage removed items and fled.

In RD 164, Algonquin St., the

suspect entered the residence through an unlocked patio door. The resident was awakened by noise he heard. He then walked into the kitchen where he encountered the suspect, and called police. Suspect is described as: male, black, height approximately 6', weight 160 lbs, wearing a black hoodie and blue jeans.

In RD 171, Pacific Coast Hwy (Sunset Beach), suspect is in custody.

There was one garage entry.

There was one carport entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

- RD 152-1 RD 153-1**
- RD 176-1**

Grand Theft Auto

- RD 153-1 RD 157-1**
- RD 164-1 RD 165-1**
- RD 166-1 RD 187-1**

BEAT 9

- 2 Residential Burglaries**
- 4 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 9 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

- RD 242-2**

Streets: Edinger Ave. and Huntington Village Ln.

In RD 242, Huntington Village Ln, it appears the suspect(s) attempted to gain entry into the residence by breaking the window to the master bedroom.

There was one carport entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

- RD 146-1 RD 232-1**
- RD 242-2**

Grand Theft Auto

- RD 128-1 RD 136-2**
- RD 139-1 RD 149-1**
- RD 241-3 RD 242-1**

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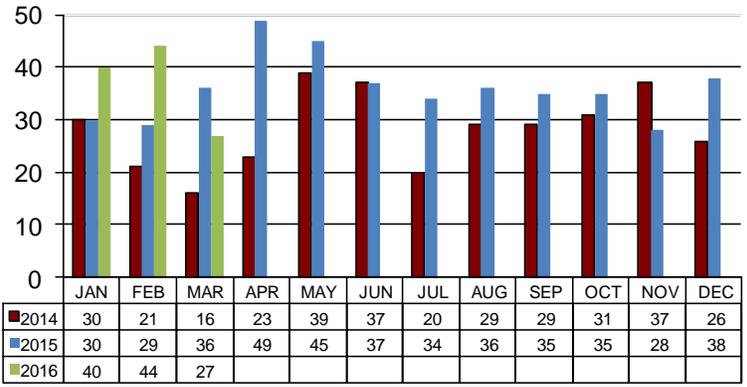
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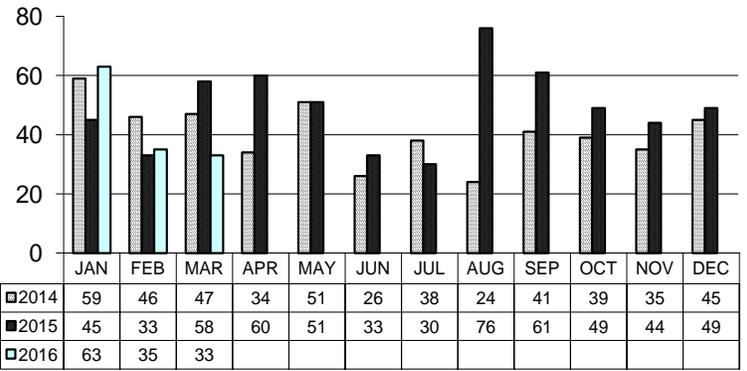
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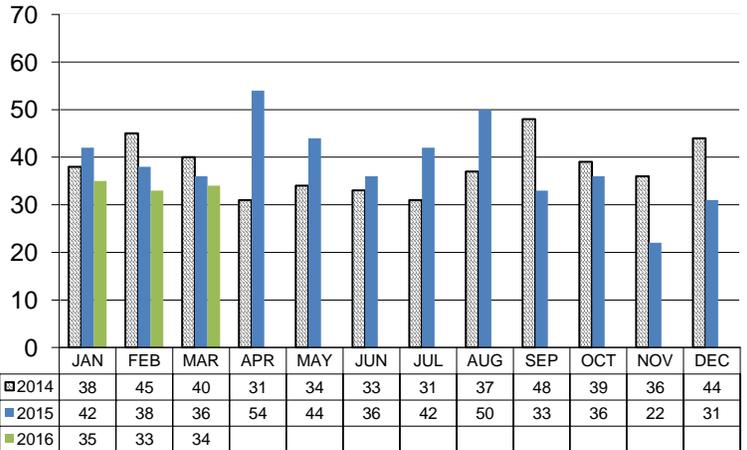
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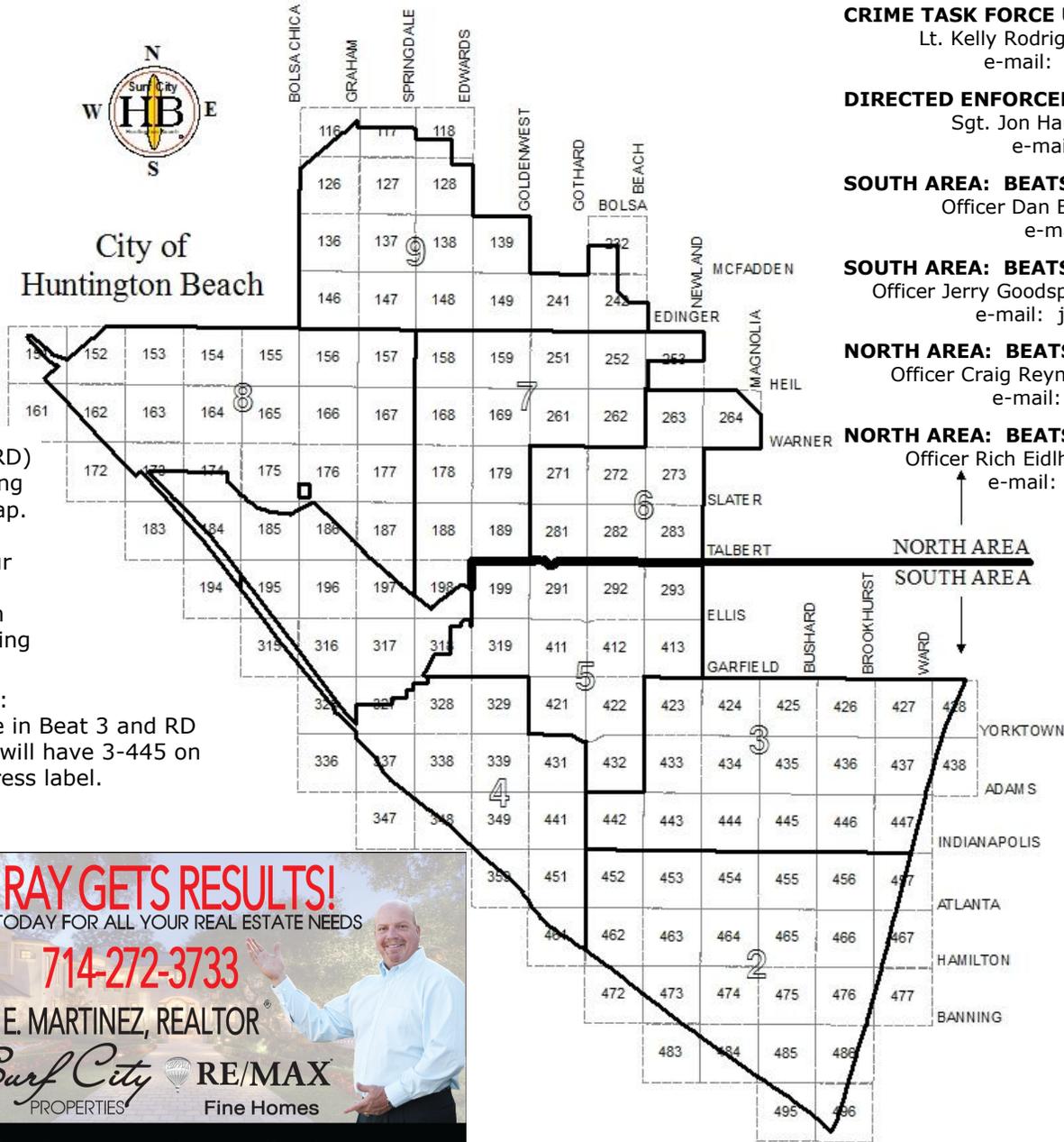
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Note:
Locate Your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

Example:
If you live in Beat 3 and RD 445, you will have 3-445 on your address label.



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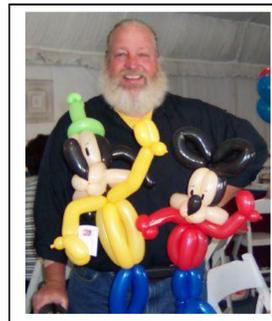
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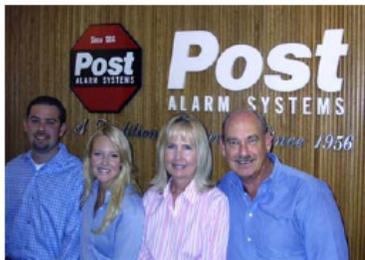
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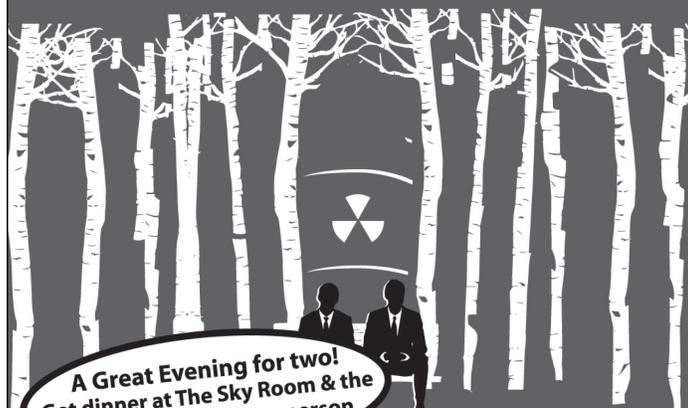
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