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**COOL STUFF FOR SCHOOL**

Ocean Beach residents upset over plan to cut 8 plants near 70s

BY LINDSAY WINKLEY

Barrio Logan

For decades, towering palm trees have lined the streets of Barrio Logan.

The palms in question are along Prospect Street and Santa Barbara Street and are about 70 feet tall, residents say. Their height is what makes them so unique.

Every day for 38 years, Diego Bustamante and his family have enjoyed watching the palm trees sway to music, creating a relaxing view for everyone. However, the trees are now in danger of being cut down because of the city's plans.

The palms are part of the fabric of the seaside community. They are their height, and they are an important part of the natural environment.

The residents who live near the trees are concerned about the city's decision to cut them down.

The city has been forced to deal with the palm trees' presence, which has caused some problems. The trees are tall andoften interfere with the rooftop antennas of nearby buildings.

**CHULA VISTA MAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO MURDER**

Larry Mittleman accused in wife's disappearance, no body found

BY DAVID HERNANDEZ

**CHULA VISTA**

The husband of a Chula Vista woman who vanished nine months ago pleaded not guilty Thursday to a murder charge.

Larry Mittleman, 46, was arrested after a search in which authorities pored over the couple's home on May 15 and discovered three facts.

The first fact was that the Mittleman's home was in disarray. The second fact was that Mittleman was, in effect, the only person who knew what was going on. And the third fact was that there was no trace of the missing woman.

On Thursday, Mittleman pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder.

**TWO PEOPLE FOUND SHOT TO DEATH IN EAST VILLAGE HIGH-RISE**

Homicides took place in Spiro San Diego building; resident hear shots

BY ALEX RIGGS & DAVID HERNANDEZ

Two people were fatally shot Thursday afternoon inside an East Village high-rise apartment building, and homicide detectives were called to investigate, police said.

The bodies were found inside one of the units in the Spiro San Diego apartments, 1045 29th Street in the East Village neighborhood. An autopsy was done at the scene, and the bodies were ruled homicide deaths.

The investigation is continuing, and police have not released the names of the victims or the circumstances of the shootings.