

One Less Newspaper for Greater Los Angeles

Contrary to Jill Stewart's account, the demise of the alternative weekly New Times Los Angeles wasn't because of post-Sept. 11 advertising cuts or Angelenos' dislike of the paper's so-called "hard-hitting" reporting (Opinion, Oct. 20). The truth is much simpler: The paper's readers got tired of finding each week yet another shrill, slanted and often inaccurate expose combined with weak-to-non-existent entertainment and arts coverage. Who wants to read that? No one does, which is why New Times is no more.

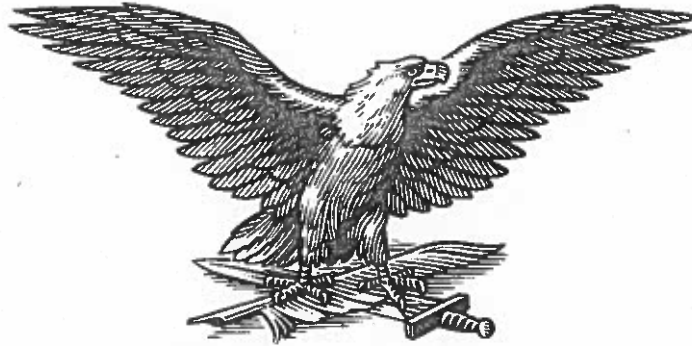
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Thank you for running Stewart's story. The loss of a relentless, take-no-prisoners, investigative alternative paper like New Times Los Angeles inflicts a kind of a journalistic lobotomy on the L.A. metropolitan region. Consider this a formal request to The Times to step up to the plate, break with tradition, take a few New Times-style risks and start annoying our local herd of sacred cows. Earn your 50 cents.

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