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Mayor heckled and meeting halted

STORM OVER £16M CUTS



By JOHN HUGILL

HECKLING, interruptions and protests disrupted a town hall meeting where multimillion-pound budget cuts were agreed.

Lewisham council, led by Mayor Sir Steve Bullock, on Wednesday gave the green light for moves to trim £16.3million from its spending.

Similar decisions will soon be taken in Lambeth and Southwark.

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Teen student 'shot dead in gang clash'

A group of men appeared at the Old Bailey this week accused of the murder of student Ryan Bravo. Innocent Ryan, pictured, was caught up in a clash between the "Organised Crime" group and the "Peckham Young Guns", the court heard. ● Page 4



Double sign-up for the Lions line-up

Palace striker Calvin Andrew reveals why he signed for the Lions. And Southampton's Jason Puncheon tells us of his hopes for his loan deal at Millwall.



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SIR TERRY WAITE RECORDS CHARITY SONG ● PAGE 14

Our Heroes



'I work in an industry where it's all about me, me, me. I think in this present climate, someone who battles the odds like that and does something that's not only for himself but to benefit others should be honoured. Awards like this are great because they are about ordinary people doing great things. I was so nervous before my performance because the night was about real people and you want to do them justice in what you're doing' – Role Model category judge Anton Stephens who also performed on the night

'The whole event has taken me completely by surprise. It's fantastic the South London Press run this award every year. To see and meet so many people who have done so much good is amazing' – Dorcas Ayodele, runner-up in the Role Model category

'It's inspiring to hear the stories of real people whose work all-too-often goes unsung' – Former mayor of Lambeth, Councillor Christopher Wellbelove

'I just helped her because I couldn't see someone else suffer. I never expected any recognition. The South London Press does so much to highlight people who help and I have enjoyed the evening' – Michael Stevenson, runner-up in the Carer category, helped his Romanian neighbour rebuild her life

OUR NIGHT OF CELEBRATIONS



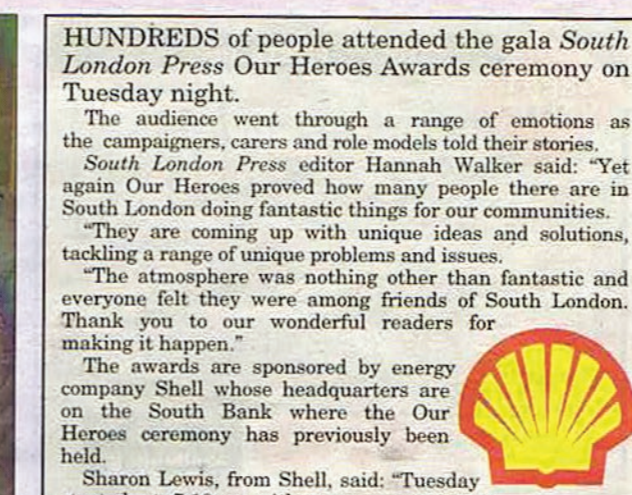
GALA TRIO: Councillor Tayo Situ with award presenter Grace Idowu and her son Peter



INSPIRED: Richard Reynolds and Lambeth councillor Chris Wellbelove



SHOW TIME: Below, Truth Sisters Cindi Jackson, left, and Kristina Lian, right, with fellow artists Question, Melissa Johnson and MC Brown



HUNDREDS of people attended the gala South London Press Our Heroes Awards ceremony on Tuesday night. The audience went through a range of emotions as the campaigners, carers and role models told their stories. South London Press editor Hannah Walker said: "Yet again Our Heroes proved how many people there are in South London doing fantastic things for our communities. They are coming up with unique ideas and solutions, tackling a range of unique problems and issues. The atmosphere was nothing other than fantastic and everyone felt they were among friends of South London. Thank you to our wonderful readers for making it happen." The awards are sponsored by energy company Shell whose headquarters are on the South Bank where the Our Heroes ceremony has previously been held. Sharon Lewis, from Shell, said: "Tuesday started at 7.10am with a text message to advise Shell Centre had been closed due to flooding in the basement. But what a great end to my day with a happy and contented hall of South Londoners dancing in the aisles as we all celebrated another year of amazing and selfless heroes in our community. It was heart-warming when we needed help. In an instant, we received the support of neighbours like Gary Phillips, headteacher at Lilian Baylis Technology School. Without hesitation, Gary offered Shell the use of the school which saved the day and I can't thank him enough. It is a joy and pleasure for Shell to be part of this powerful community spirit which is south london." newsdesk@slp.co.uk ● More from awards night on p26-27



SHARED LOSS: Margaret Mizen and Grace Idowu, mums of murdered teens Jimmy and David, hug



CROWD PLEASER: Hundreds turned out for the Our Heroes awards night. Stan Hardy, pictured below, was awarded the South London Press Star award in 2009



IN AWE: The audience at the Our Heroes awards at Lilian Baylis Technology School in Kennington



YOUNG AMBASSADOR: Guest Chez Snape, left, with runner-up Arran Walker and Natalie Bell from SE1 United



CARER: Runner-up Carole Haynes



COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNERS: Margaret and Barry Mizen with sons, from left, Tommy, George, 11, and Harry



CELEBRATING: Guests Hyacinth Brown and Glenford Griffiths



RECOGNITION: Greenwich councillors Janet and Jim Gillman

'The awards are a good way to recognise the many people who put their lives on the line' – Councillor Jim Gillman, deputy mayor of Greenwich

'Our Heroes is a fantastic opportunity to thank people for what they do. Many people do things without realising themselves how special it is' – Greenwich councillor Janet Gillman

'It is the heroism of South Londoners that is being celebrated tonight. Each and every entrant deserves many congratulations. These deeds of decency and bravery are all the more remarkable because, for our South London heroes, they were simply doing the right thing. And congratulations again to the South London Press for making this happen' – Dulwich and West Norwood MP Tessa Jowell

'It is an honour to be here tonight. Our Heroes is a credit to South London Press as it helps to create a good community spirit. When I saw what the other nominees had achieved I was just flabbergasted' – James Rae, son-in-law of Fundraiser category winner Betty Foxwell

'It is lovely that he was nominated. He has done so much for his mum – he has been absolutely brilliant. He was also bullied quite badly – he has had a lot to overcome. The club he set up at the school helped other children' – Andrew Strank's nan Carol Hunt

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