



**Peet's** by Shana Glick



The Brentwood corner of Gorham Avenue and San Vicente is more than a coffee house for the members of the West L.A. cycling club, LaGrange.

“It’s like Cheers,” six-year LaGrange member Josh Horowitz said. “It’s like a place where everybody knows your name. It’s like a neighborhood bar or something like that, but it’s a little healthier atmosphere I think.”

Horowitz, and about a dozen or more cyclists, finish their morning rides six days a weeks on the corner of Gorham Avenue and San Vicente at Peet’s, a LaGrange sponsor since 2000. It allows them to mix in a social aspect to their exercise routine.

“You just feel like your part of things,” stay-at-home-mom and LaGrange rider Susan Stahl said. “It’s a busy street corner. People are walking, driving by. They’re coming into get their coffee for the morning. You feel like you’re part of the mix, part of the flow.”

Plus, Horowitz also said the outside corner patio makes it easier for the club to gather after riding.

“The layout of this place is great for cyclists because we can stand outside, we can keep an eye on our bikes, there’s plenty of tables and chairs for everybody,” he said.

But if you ask them about the history of the corner, they’ll probably just give you a nonchalant shrug. Nobody seemed to care that the corner used to be the Italian restaurant, Mezzaluna, where Nicole Simpson ate before she was murdered in 1994. They just wanted to enjoy the corner as it is today- a place to socialize and drink some free coffee.