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10	St Heliers Beach re-sanding (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) A good overview of beach re-sanding is presented, noting that re-sanding of Mission Bay beach took place in 1996 at a cost of \$2.2m, in Kohimarama during 2004 for \$6m and the proposal is to spend \$3.4m re-sanding St Heliers beach, from May to September. 35,000 cubic metres of sand is to be dredged from 4 kilometres off Takiri, in the northeastern part of the Auckland region.
12	Jean Batten Building (New Zealand Herald Rudman's City) After more than a year elements of the Jean Batten building are finally saved, but will be buried, as a largely irrelevant tag-on façade, within an enormous BNZ block sized office redevelopment project.
12	Tank farm-Auckland City Council refuses to release report (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Secrecy surrounds the financing and governance of the largest waterfront development in Auckland's history according to ex Auckland City Councillor Greek McKeown, representing <i>The heart of the city retail business group</i> . Another public interest group <i>The committee of Auckland</i> , described as a non-political charitable trust that promotes the region's development and is chaired by Sir Ron Carter, says that the public are really behind this (the tank farm) project.
17	Khartoum Place (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman). A general overview is presented on the contentious proposed upgrade of Khartoum Place and the suffrage memorial tiles, thought by some to be "an important heritage element" and by others to be "ugliness personified without artistic merit". The proposed upgrade will cost \$2.2m.
23	Auckland Airport Runway (New Zealand Herald) It is reported that work on widening and lengthening the main runway has just finished making it suitable for the World's largest passenger aircraft – the Airbus A380 and extending useful life to 40 years.
24	Clevedon Canal Village (New Zealand Herald Ann Western) It is reported that the proposed \$100,000,000 plus, 297 home Wairoa River Maritime Village near Clevedon is opposed by the Auckland Regional Council Chairman, Mike Lee, his council and Watercare services.
30	Regional Population (New Zealand Herald, Simon Collins) Census figures are discussed, showing the population of the Auckland region as at 7 March 2006, at 1,318,700, a 12.4% increase from 2001.