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Fire Destroys La Canada Way Home



A side view of the fire damaged house

Last Sunday morning about 3 AM, a fire possibly started by an electric space heater burned through the single family home in the 1200 block of La

Canada Way. The sleeping family members awoke to a house filled with smoke and the sound of panicked animals.

All the humans made it outside to safety with two of them suffering from smoke inhalation. Unfortunately, two of the family pets a large potbellied pig and a Chihuahua perished and two survived. Although the actual cause of the fire is still unverified, a member of the LAFD stated that there was no sign of smoke detectors in the rooms.

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PREGNANT WOMAN STABBED IN SUNLAND CARJACKING

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA, LOS ANGELES (KABC) -- Authorities have charged five alleged gang members in the stabbing and carjacking of a pregnant woman in Sunland-Tujunga.

The victim Tanya Nguyen, was driving home on March 20 when three men approached her Kia Stinger on the street near her residence. One man repeatedly stabbed the victim in the upper body before another man joined him in carjacking the sedan, investigators said.

The crime happened just

after 6 p.m. in the 10800 block of Eldora Avenue. Police said the victim was driving home in her KIA Stinger when she passed three guys on the street. One of those people approached her car after she pulled into her home driveway, police said. The woman rolled her window down, the man asked to use her phone and a struggle followed before the vicious attack. The suspect stabbed the woman in the upper body several times and then another man joined in to carjack her car.

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Ms. Monica Rodriguez
CD-7 Councilwoman
200 N. Spring St. Rm 455
Los Angeles, Ca. 90045

March 11, 2019

Dear Ms. Rodriguez,

With the upcoming Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council election coming up in the next month, I find it appalling that your appointed Senior Volunteer Representative and Elections Committee member, Roger Swart is corrupting the election.

As an election committee member, I find it increasing difficult to understand how he can be placed in a position of granting non-bid contracts to one of his friends who owns a printing company in Tujunga. Sunland Printing Company. He has also sided with one of the candidates (Arnie Abramyan) to create a "Dream Team" of candidates and with his partner Ms. Sonia Tatulian, have been going around telling candidates that "they support them" and who they don't support.

As a citizen and stake holder, I don't care who they support, but being a member of the elections committee, I find it despicable that they are going out and promoting specific members of the candidate pool over others. I'm not yet saying that this election is being rigged, but I will say that there are two candidates that are supposedly representing the same Armenian Cultural Sasoon Association. Martin Kalous and Jora as Stakeholder Group Representative. How can this be?

I am requesting that your office do something about this situation. I am also requesting that you acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours in service,

David "Doc" DeMulle'
Editor.

RAGGEDY AMERICAN FLAG AT N.V. CITY HALL



Even after many complaints to CD-7 site manager Eve Sinclair and Senior Volunteer Advisor Roger Swart, the flag outside of North Valley City Hall continues to fly in a disreputable state. This is the same flag which flew over our nation's capital and was presented to the North Valley City Hall by Representative Adam Schiff in a ceremony some time ago.

This flag is as damaged as our self-esteem here in Sunland-Tujunga said one observer. How hard can it be for someone in our city hall to order a flag from the city or ask a local service organization like the American Legion to provide a replacement? He said.

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PICK SOME UP TODAY!

The elections are coming in a couple of weeks and they are going to be something interesting. In this coming neighborhood council election you'll be seeing the craziest election that we've ever had. The community is polarized and if the candidates could be seen from space, it'd look like an "ant colony" here in the vortex. Alliances are being made and broken, candidates' feelings are getting hurt and for the first time in S-T history, the truth is out there for everybody to see.

The machine (now called the "crooked bunch" by the Tatulian Cartel) is forming up and people are starting to think for themselves. Yes, it's going to be interesting. And what will make it the most

interesting, is the fact that one side is made up of OLD time residents of S-T and the other side is the Tatulian cartel. For the most part, the good old boys and girls are pretty disorganized and relying on the machine to guide their efforts. The cartels "Dream Team," on the other hand, is well organized, comprised of educated people, and seem to be able to work together to create an effective platform.

I have to chuckle — maybe even chortle — when I hear the machine's people saying with all sincerity, "But they don't have any experience; how can they hope to run the council?" Thank God for them having no experience. The machine's "experienced" members have stolen city money, given out bogus

awards and spent most of their budget on temp employees and over-priced toys for the use of the community. (Remember the \$300 bird houses?) But on the other hand, the cartels people have destroyed almost all of our community programs, ruined the Winter Festival, ended the Easter Carnival, lost the Watermelon Festival, siphoned off city funds to their friends and above all, pissed off our CD-7 councilwoman so much that she locked them out of the North Valley City Hall.

Yup, that is what "experience" can do for you. Yes, boys and girls, if Wikipedia ever has a category for a "Cartel Despot," we got one right here. Sonia Tatulian is an incredible saleswoman.

She is also a pathological liar and has gathered around her a cadre of self-serving minions. In short, she wants a cartel take-over of our community so that certain parties can bring in developers to make Sunland-Tujunga look like Glendale. People we used to like are now running for election. AND THEY'RE DOING IT LEGALLY. Two candidates, Martin Kalous and Jora Mehrabi are running as reps for the same organization. No one has ever done that before, and the city says "it's legal." But it sure isn't ethical. But the cartel leader



Tatulian figured out how to pack the ballot with people she can control.

So now it's time for change. As one wag once said, "The council is broken; either fix it or scrap it." I think you can fix it by voting for some of these candidates. Read their statements, talk to them, and then VOTE. And no matter what happens, you can say it's the water.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

EVERYBODY LIKES TO PLAY IN THE WATER!

By David DeMulle



The water was almost touching the high voltage wires that passed along La Tuna Canyon Road.

Firefighters from LAFD 24, 74, 77 and 60 all came together to try and shut down a broken fire hydrant last Monday afternoon. There were no injuries and the ambulance from Station 74 was sent home. The car went out of control just past the "Round House" hitting the hydrant sending a geyser of water about 75

feet in the air. After an hour of battling submerged rocks and a rusted water valve, firefighters opened up two more hydrants to lower the water pressure. It didn't help. After two hours, the hydrant was finally capped and everyone went home. Just another day in the life of La Tuna Canyon Road.

click on photo to see video



Firefighters from 3 different divisions came to La Tuna Canyon to shut down a hydrant that was knocked over by a car!

PREGNANT WOMAN STABBED IN SUNLAND CARJACKING

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Photo of victims car after it crashed into another during their escape attempt.

The suspects were later arrested and are facing charges of attempted murder, carjacking, second-degree robbery and hit-and-run driving resulting in property damage. The charges allege the crimes were committed at the direction of a criminal street gang.

The defendants were identified as Christian Reyes, 20, Andrew Bran, 19, Jesus Morales, 18, Christina Luna, 24, and Monica Gomez, 25.

Authorities say Reyes committed the stabbing and he is facing an additional charge of aggravated mayhem.

The victim was hospitalized in stable condition and is expected to survive the attack, which happened on March 20 shortly after 6 p.m. in the 10800 block of Eldora Avenue, authorities said. Her husband, Greg Maga, said she suffered 10

stab wounds, including one that punctured her lung. He said his wife is 12 weeks pregnant.

The suspects in the stolen vehicle fled for about a block before hitting at least one parked car on the victim's street. The two suspects then got out of the vehicle, ran off and were possibly picked up by a Volkswagen.

"I just heard the white car over there going from car to car, just hitting them. It was really loud. Then the guy in the white car just took off," one witness said.

Investigators are looking at security cameras to get a good description of the suspects, who remain on the run.

The victim's wounds are non-life-threatening, according to Los Angeles police. The woman is in stable condition at a local hospital.

The Volunteers

BY AMELIA ANDERSON

It was Tuesday night at eight on January 22nd, when 35 members of our community met Sandy Capps at City Hall to count the homeless on the streets of Sunland-Tujunga and no one was late. Citywide, Statewide, Nationwide, we all pitched in to head count for government funds to help these folks in need. With the dwindling of job and apartment prospects the past 5 years, increased awareness, tolerance and help for their plight has doubled. Did I mention mental illness? That scenario isolated the son of Richard Alarcon, our councilman a few years ago - proof it could happen to anyone.

Back in 2010, LA's homeless street count climbed following our recession. LAHSA i.e. the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority which disburses approximately 250 million dollars yearly of federal funds for homeless services, launched a technological tool to help stem this tide. They developed a ten million dollar project called the Coordinated Entry System, whose purpose was to connect all city and county government programs of social work, medical, and mental health facilities, along with housing, including charitable 501(c)3 organizations so they could better track and evaluate CES interviews for service and housing. They tested this system for a couple of years on Skid Row, which caused them to look closer and alter their view. This led to the adoption of a small town Georgia study, which dared to flip sequence and provide housing first, followed by drug, alcohol, and health services, which proved to be more economical and efficient.

Looking back to my article of December 12, 2014 in The Foothills paper, "A fresh wind blew in the visage of our new Mayor, Eric Garcetti, who stood on deck surveying the scene. Stepping forward, he took the helm of the burgeoning homeless crisis. Ready to roll, he appointed his fifteen council members to follow. Phillipe Fuentes, representing our foothills, was soon dispatched to distribute an armful of flyers at the STNC. Subsequently, a tall bronzed dude, Eric Montoya, was reported walking

the streets. His stride was lean, but his face looked mean like he said what he meant and he meant what he said. Heads turned, catching him slip into Fuentes' City Hall office a couple times a week, his clanking belt of keys 'proof that he was workin' behind the scene. "Rumor has it people been disappeared taken right up off the street. Some say he's lockin' 'em up. But no police report yet been filed."

Panicked, I called Doc, short for publisher David DeMulle', 'cause his nose always knows.' Placing a call to our city attorney, he verified that Councilman Fuentes sort of commandeered this Eric dude, outreach director for LA Family Housing, inveigling him to help the Mayor's cause by reaching out and collaring i.e. navigating our homeless off the streets and into transitional or permanent housing.

This action preceded the kickoff invite for stakeholder folks to attend a mid-January Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council meeting to view a "Homeless Myth Buster" presentation of Mayor Garcetti's endorsement of the new national 100,000 Homes Campaign, featuring in part 'Housing First' (a concept out of Georgia) as presented on the renown 60 Minute's TV show by Anderson Cooper. The son of one of LA's most revered district attorneys, Mr. Garcetti said he was frustrated at the lack of progress. "I used to go down to Skid Row to help when I was 14 years old. Thirteen-years later, I can't believe I'm still doing it!" He offered advocate training to assist in identifying and assessing our homeless population to prepare them for 'Housing First' services. No requirement necessary, but, he cautioned, "Bring an open mind and a willing heart."

That's how I got on the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. It's been a rocket-ride of ideas, work and fun ever since. Bi-yearly elections are coming up on Saturday, April 27th, 12 noon to 6 p.m. at North Valley City Hall. Stakeholders are eligible to vote, those who either live or work in the community.

Bring identification.

WHAT'S HAPPENING in the FOOTHILLS

VOTING FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IS COMING!



Members of the STNC Board are there to help the community

On April 27, 2019 at the North Valley City Hall, voting for the new Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council will be taking place from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM (7747 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga, CA 91042.)

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) is an all volunteer group of 21 community members elected by community stakeholders to act as a conduit between the community and City services. The Council is provided \$40,000 a year to spend IN the community for a wide variety of projects improvement initiatives and grants that will be used in

the local community and our local organizations . More Importantly the Council and Its Members Perform Outreach Within The Community And Build Relationships with Other Organizations Who Serve The Sunland Tujunga Community.

Do you have a need in your neighborhood and you don't know where to start to even ask who to go to? Come to the STNC! Do you have a community organization who is putting on an event and need some financial help? Come to the STNC! Are you wanting to open a business and aren't sure of the proper proce-

cedure? Come to the STNC! Learn about Important New Developments And Projets Being Proposed.

We have an incredible community that is made up of what truly is the "melting pot". Neighbors helping neighbors. Come get involved on any of the many committees of like minded people. Make new friends, new connections. And, on Saturday April 27th, come and vote for candidates that will represent your concerns and have a community first approach.

For more details, visit [#votestnc2019](http://www.stnc.org)

Fire Destroys La Canada Way Home

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The house was still smoldering 4 hours later

A determination will be made this week if for nothing else, the lessons

that can be learned from this fire and how it could have been prevented. Houses

in rural areas tend to have been built in the 1900's and people buy them for the uniqueness of their construction. Unfortunately, the fire laws were pretty lax up until 1960 when a revamping of fire codes went into effect. By the year 2000, it became mandatory that all houses sold after that year be equipped with smoke detectors and automatic gas shutoff valves.

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Dear Neighbors,
My name is Vartan and I am a candidate for the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council representing Region 1. Region 1 is the area between the 210 Freeway in Sunland and Mt. Gleason, north of Foothill Blvd. I am running for Region 1 Representative because I know the issues in our Region from speeding drivers, problems with our local streets, crime and safety. I pledge to work with you and be your voice to the City to improve our quality of life.
I am a family man and I live here in Sunland and operate my air conditioning business. After finishing my engineering degree in England from Portsmouth University, in 1982, I came to the United States and started working in construction. In 1994 after completing my state contractor's license I went to work for myself and in 2004 I moved to Sunland with my family.

A year ago I became a member of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's Land Use Committee. Participating in the meetings and hearings on new development I have been a voice to the community and know I can help you, my neighbor.
I believe in local control for our community, not the control of those outside the community who want to take over local control. I'm standing up for Sunland-Tujunga because I believe in what we have here and how important it is for us to protect and keep it. If you want to protect our quality of life, improve our community and keep our community's unique character then please vote for me.
I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you. You are my neighbor and there's no one else who has the drive and willingness to represent your concerns, interests and ideas for a great future in Sunland-Tujunga. I look forward to your vote on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Voting is between 12 noon and 6 p.m. and you must be present to vote.
I cannot be bought and no one is controlling me. I do not accept any donations. I look forward to your vote and serving our community.
Vartan Keshish

GROUP REPRESENTATIVE - PLEASE VOTE!



I'm John Clausen and I'm running for Group Representative of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council. I was born in Los Angeles and have lived in Tujunga for over 70 years.
I went to Pinewood Elementary and Verdugo Hills High School and have had a business in Sunland-Tujunga for over 50 years. I have watched Sunland-Tujunga grow over the years and I feel that I really know what it needs to continue its growth.
I have been in the Chamber of Commerce for over 50 years, held the office of chamber president and was elected Honorary Mayor. I am a trustee in the Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge and have a great rapport with everyone in our community. (I fixed most of their plumbing problems.)
I want to be a Group Representative for our council so that I can continue helping our community expand its business base, and help beautify Foothill Blvd. and make Commerce Ave. a great place to shop. Vote for me April 27th.

Schiff, Feinstein, Harris Introduce Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act

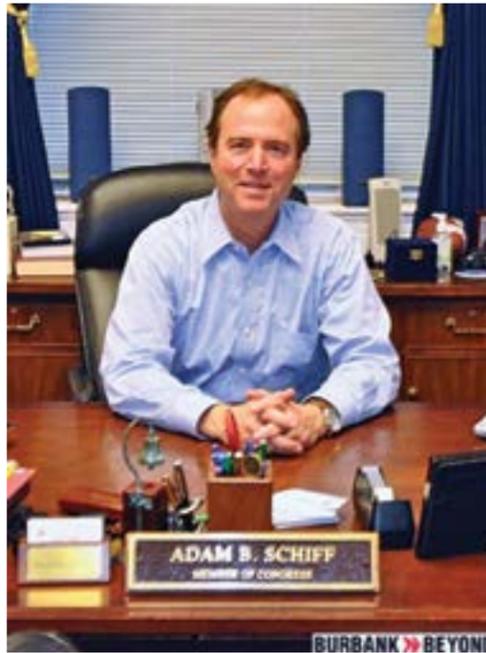
Legislation Would Add 191,000 Acres to Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris (both D-CA) announced the introduction of the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act. This landmark legislation would add more than 191,000 acres of the Rim of the Valley Corridor to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). The Rim of the Valley stretches from the Simi Hills and Santa Susanas to the Verdugos and on to the San Gabriel Mountains.

“The Rim of the Valley is the critical bridge between our urban city centers, suburbs in the Los Angeles basin and

the spectacular wilderness that surrounds us – our bill would help protect these lands for generations to come,” said Rep. Schiff. “As more of this area is developed and open space diminishes, the wildlife it supports is increasingly at risk. Congress must preserve the Rim of the Valley for the next generations, but we must act quickly on a bipartisan basis or this once in a century opportunity will be gone forever.”

“Protecting natural places like the Rim of the Valley Corridor from urban expansion is essential for improving the quality of life in the Los Angeles basin,” said Senator Feinstein. “Our legislation would



connect more Southern California residents to the trails and vast open spaces in the foothills of the surrounding mountains. It would also protect sensitive habitat for California wildlife including mountain lions,

bobcats and golden eagles. The foothills surrounding the Los Angeles basin are a truly special place worthy of stronger protections.”

In 2008, Congressman Schiff passed the Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act. The National Park Service began the study in

2010 and transmitted its final report to Congress and the public in February 2016. Throughout the process, both NPS and Congressman Schiff solicited and considered thousands

of comments from the public.

The Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act would expand the SMMNRA to include many, but not all, of the land included in the study. The lands included within the expansion will be known as the Rim of the Valley Unit.

The expansion of the SMMNRA boundaries respects private property rights and existing local land use authorities. It will not require a land owner to participate in any conservation or recreation activities, and it will not put any additional restrictions on property owners. The bill does not allow for land acquisition through eminent domain.

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LA TUNA CANYON COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WHERE: 10150 LA TUNA CANYON RD

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Kymer Blake, Roger Klemm, Richard Sklarsky & Morgan Gelbart have their hands full.



Eve Sinclair representing M-Rod in the LTC cleanup.



Diane Baxter showing her “Good Vibes” while picking up trash.



On Right: Susan Quam, Kevin Davis (Foothill Trails), Gerardo Barrientos (SHOPA), and Scott Froschauer (La Tuna Canyon Assoc.) giving a great example of people helping their community.



Carlos & Maggie Arenas making a dent in the LTC trash dumps.



We would like to express our sincere gratitude today to the City of Sunland-Tujunga for allowing us to participate in helping our local community. Through today’s cleanup activity we, the World Mission Society Church of God want to contribute to the common good, in making this world a better place to live and preserve natural habitat.



Members of the World Mission Society Church of God loading the dumpster.



Rich Beckett makes the heavy stuff go away.



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ASK RUSTY

No Special “extra dollars” for Veteran’s Monthly Benefit



by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor, Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I am a Veteran. I am within a few weeks of applying for SS. My 70th Birthday is in April and I have stayed in my job for the maximum benefit from SS. I am also a veteran and so am taking my DD-214 with me to apply for the \$300.00 or so extra

dollars that is offered per month. Are there any other extra items I need to apply for? I keep hearing about a \$16,000 benefit that I should apply for from SS but of course they never actually give you the specifics. Signed: Veteran Applying for SS

Dear Veteran: Please accept my gratitude for your service to our country, and congratulations for choosing a great strategy by waiting until you are 70 to get the maximum Social Security benefit available to you. However, I’m afraid I must clarify something regarding that “\$300 or so extra dollars that is offered per month.” What you’re referring to is called “special extra earnings” for military

service, but that provision doesn’t provide you with \$300 in additional monthly SS benefits because of your military service. Rather it is a provision, which adds dollars to your recorded military earnings, with the amount added dependent upon the years during which you served.

Those who served between 1957 and 1977 get \$300 added to their military earnings record for each quarter of active duty service. For example, if their actual military earnings for a given year of active duty were \$2,700, their military earnings for that year for Social Security purposes will be shown as \$3,900 (\$300 per quarter times 4 quarters = \$1200 additional earnings for that service year). Those who served between 1978 and 2001 would also receive an addition to their military earnings record, but it would be computed somewhat differently – they receive an additional \$100 in earnings for every \$300 in active duty military pay, up to a maximum of \$1,200 additional for each service year.

But these credits are not added to your monthly Social Security benefit payment; they are additions to your military earnings record, which may influence the amount of your Social Security benefit if your military service years are among the 35 years used to compute your SS benefit amount. Put simply, your earnings records for each year of active military service are increased by up to \$1200 per year for each year of active duty so that when your SS benefit is computed the higher earnings may increase your benefit amount. You can read all about this at the following link to Social Security’s rules on this topic: <https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/military.html>. As you will see in this document, if you served between 1968 and 2001 you do not need to do anything to receive these additions to your military pay record; the special extra earnings have already been credited to your military pay records. And no “special extra earnings” are credited for military service after 2001.

As for your question about “any other extra items” you need to apply for, there really aren’t any for you. By claiming your SS benefit to start in the month you attain 70 years of age you will be getting a benefit which is 32% more than you would have received at your full retirement age of 66, and that is the maximum you can receive.

Regarding what you hear about “a \$16,000 benefit” you should apply for; those advertisements are marketing hype designed to get you to buy something or enroll in some program. If you keep digging (as I have) you will find that they’ll finally suggest that you may be able get that much more if you delay claiming benefits until you are 70 years old, which, of course, you have already done. Please keep this adage in mind – “if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.” And once more, thank you for your military service and congratulations for choosing a Social Security strategy that yields you the highest possible Social Security benefit available.

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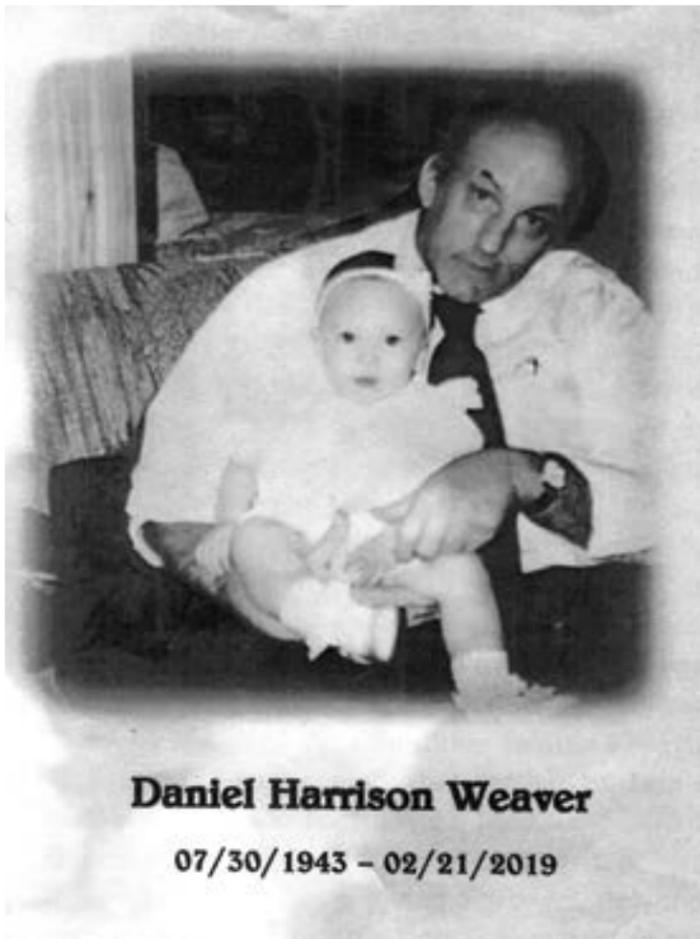
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Obituaries



Daniel Harrison Weaver

07/30/1943 - 02/21/2019

1972 they adopted a baby girl and then in 1975 another baby boy, making their family complete. Dan worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District for twenty three years. After retiring from the School District he did gardening for Fenton Industries where he fell and seriously injured his spine. The doctors told him he would never walk again. Dan was determined to beat the odds and slowly, enduring excruciating pain, he started taking baby steps each day until he did it! He was able to walk again. For many years Dan and Pat faithfully attended First Southern Baptist Church of Sylmar together until the decline in Dan’s health in 2016. On February 21, 2019, God called Daniel home. Dan and Pat were married fifty three years. He was a loving husband, devoted father and friend to all. Dan is survived by his wife, Pat Weaver, sons, Jeffery Weaver, Richard Weaver and daughter Mary Weaver.

Dan Weaver was born on July 30, 1943 in Baltimore, Maryland. When he was twenty two years old he met and fell in love with Patricia Burnshire. On July 16, 1966 Dan and Pat got

married. The happy couple were devastated to learn they could not have children of their own, but their strong desire to have a family led them to adopt. In 1969 they adopted a baby boy, and in

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Scott Froschauer's Proposed Art Signs

By utilizing the materials and visual language of street signs, but with the replacing the traditional negative proclamations (Stop, Do Not Enter..) with positive affirmations, "The Word on the Street" seeks to provide something that is missing from our daily visual diet. By the very nature of the materials, it is also perfectly suited to long term, outdoor installations.

The goals of this work are to surprise and delight viewers by giving them a positive and reassuring message in a place where they are used to seeing negativity and control. The work is designed to be possibly invisible to viewers, even furthering the delight of those who recognize it as out of the ordinary while "hidden in plain sight." The work also places a thought in the mind of the viewer that additional pieces might be "hidden" anywhere in their daily lives. In this way the work aims to change how the viewer interacts with the world at large.

Additionally, this project looks to encourage exploration of the various amazing parks Sunland Tujunga has to offer. The work has an Easter egg hunt quality to it, which inspires visitors to find more signs at other locations.

He proposed the installation of 5 signs from his "The Word on the Street" series in public spaces around Sunland-Tujunga. The signs are fabricated from Department of Transportation specification materials (including anti-graffiti coating) and are installed in the same manner, using the same theft prevention materials and techniques that the municipality has already approved for its own street signs.

Installations consist of one (1) post (8' - 10' galvanized telescoping square stock) and either one (1) sign (in most cases) or five [5] signs (in the case of the "Peace Signs" installation) or three [3] signs on one 2" pipe post (in the case of "We Are the Ones" installation.)

Scott is one of our very

own artists and has been showcased throughout California. Past STNC Krystee Clark purchased one from the city of Glendale during its art auction of donated works.



Krystee Clark purchased this sign to create a "Branding" of her house as a place of love. "Scott came over and installed it in my front yard on March 8th, the International Day of the Woman." I am so happy I bought this work of art," she said

FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE PRESENTS

Beginning the last week of March and throughout April, Flintridge celebrates National Poetry Month (April) with five special events. National Poetry Month is the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, curators, publishers, bloggers, and of course, poets marking poetry's important place in our culture and our lives.

On Sunday, April 7 at 4 PM, Moonday Poetry Series features Suzanne Lummis, the 2018/19 COLA (City of Los Angeles) award winner and fellow. This honor comes with an endowment to create a new body of work. Her poetry has been

published in The New Yorker magazine and many literary journals. The Los Angeles Times named the anthology she edited, Wide Awake: Poets of Los Angeles and Beyond, one of the Ten Best Books of 2015.

Nare Garibyan reads selections from her book When Ruins Speak: A Journey of Poems on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 PM. These poems chronicle the poet's journey to her lost homeland, in search of a connection to the land of her ancestors, now in ruin. Her travels take her to Western Armenia, present-day Eastern Turkey. They are written in an attempt to resuscitate the belief of empathic survival in a tumultuous world.



Liza Morelli ▶ La Crescenta Official Page
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!! I just wanted to reach out to the entire community to let them know that Bonners Party Rentals has relocated to 2914 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. We are excited to be up and running and serving our new community. (818)951-9117. Our propane service remains at our old address.



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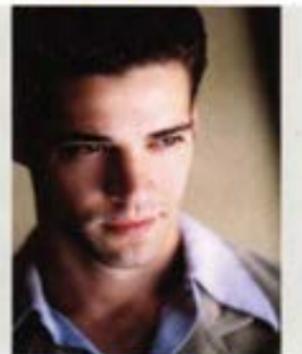
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Together, we will help maintain our community's unique character