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1 Acre Brush Fire in Eagle Rock Jumped to Glendale and to 50 acres

A wildfire that burned 50 acres, forced temporary evacuations in Glendale and caused freeway closures was finally contained by the combined forces of LAFD, Glendale FD, LA Co. fire fighters and the usage of the highly efficient Erickson Sky Crane and Super Scoopers last Tuesday evening

The fire was officially reported at 4:09 PM. Sunday near the 2900 block of Colorado Boulevard near the Glendale (2) Freeway in the Eagle Rock area and within an hour had jumped the eight freeway lanes and it's flaming embers traveled 300-400 feet up into the Glendale mountains.

The flames gained in intensity while ground crews were fighting the fire and were quickly supported by helicopter water drops while they were waiting for the high capacity Erickson SR-64 Sky Crane to arrive. No buildings were threatened until about 6 PM and then a precautionary evacuation was called. There were no civilian injuries but one firefighter did sustain non-life threatening injuries.

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The wound in Mary's arm.

Assault in Sunland Park!

Last Thursday night, near the senior center gymnastics about 7:00 PM, someone was sneaking around randomly shooting at the homeless with a high powered pellet gun. Unfortunately for Mary, a recent homeless woman who went to the park for safety, was shot in the arm. The shot hit with so much force that she fell over from the pain.

In the past, some of our local idiots were suggesting getting slingshots and using "cracked glass marbles" to shoot at the homeless with. Just a foot higher and she could have been hit in the head and possibly killed.

We do have a homeless problem here, but shooting them is not the answer. ■



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What a Night It Was at the McGroarty Burgers & Beer Fest!!!

THIS is what fun is all about. When the community gets together to celebrate the night and support affordable arts education, everybody wins. Everyone had a great time meeting friends and making new ones last Saturday the

24th and there were many who said "Let's do this more times a year!"

It was truly an amazing night for the over 150 people who showed up and the more than 25 volunteers who had been working all week and volunteered to put the

BBBNight on. And remember: this is an entirely volunteer led event!

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The dark smoke from the fire could be seen from as far away as central Los Angeles and north to Pacoima. The fire was thought to be contained within 60 minutes of its starting, but then the wind kicked up and the flames jumped the freeway threatening to range over to Glenoaks Canyon.

Five water-dropping helicopters were attached to the incident, and additional ground forces were sent to the scene in the evening. More than 200 firefighting personnel were eventually assigned to the fire.

Mandatory evacuations were ordered by Glendale officials Sunday on Glenoaks Boulevard from Mount Carmel Drive to Bywood Drive. The evacuations were lifted about 10 p.m. Sunday. Although fire crews were on hand to mop up hot spots, the fire was still a danger until Tuesday morning. ■

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COMMUNITY NEWS

What Lies Above the Clouds!

La Cañada Flintridge, CA - On Saturday, September 7 at 5:00 P.M., Flintridge Bookstore & Coffeehouse welcomes Emmy Award-winning helicopter cameraman and author David Alan Arnold. Arnold has written two memoirs, *Help from Above: How I Went from Sweeping the Floor to Painting the Sky* and *What Lies Above the Clouds: A True Crime Story*. In these books, he shares stories from his personal and professional lives, including thrilling, challenging and sometimes death-defying moments.

David Alan Arnold's name is synonymous with aerial cinematography like *Evil Knievel's* with motorcycle jumping. He's the best in the business and a generous soul to boot. There's no better guy to fly with. - Decker Watson, Executive Producer, *DEADLIEST CATCH*

Arnold started his Hollywood career with a broom in his hand. Somehow, sweeping the floor got him into some of the world's biggest TV shows. David's first book *Help from Above* tells the unlikely story of mistakes and miracles that took him to some of the most dangerous places on Earth.

In his second memoir, *What Lies Above the Clouds*, Arnold takes us on a life and death adventure flying for the television shows. But, he also



gets into adventures at home, picking a fight with an organized crime ring of kidnappers, drug dealers, and murderers who terrified his town.

One of David Alan Arnold's ear-

liest childhood memories is a surreal experience of floating up from his crib and flying out a window. It must have been a dream. Today, David's job as Airborne Cinematographer flies him around the world, for movies like James Bond and TV shows like *Ice Road*.

Truckers, *Deadliest Catch*, *Amazing Race*, *The World Series*, *Survivor*, and *Super Bowl*. Arnold has a home in Tujunga, California. When not flying, David volunteers to help his community. For more information, contact Gail Mishkin at (818) 790-0717. Flintridge Bookstore and Coffeehouse is located at 1010 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011, at the intersection of Foothill Blvd. and the Angeles Crest Hwy. Take the Angeles Crest exit off the 210, turn south, make a right onto Foothill Blvd., and turn left onto Chevy Chase. Parking is in the rear of the store. ■



Hills of Peace Cleanup

A small group of people worked with Sgt. Herold Egger (ret.) this Labor Day Weekend for a cemetery cleanup to remove the mustard greens that had sprouted from the quick rains. They lived a couple of months and then died from the intense heat creating a fire hazard.

Ms. Marylou Pozzo had been the cemetery curator for over 15 years when she moved back east to be with her family. She asked old time friend Sgt. Herold Egger if he'd take over the over-seeing of the Hills Of Peace Historical Cemetery and make sure that it was maintained.

They accomplished a lot in the hot morning sun. Thank you everybody. ■

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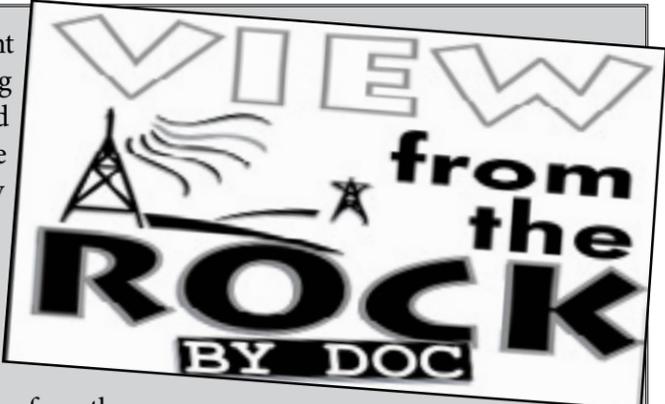
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You'd think that writing an editorial would be pretty easy after almost 15 years wouldn't you? Well I'll let you in on a little secret, it's not. The purpose of the View From the Rock is to gather up all the loose ends and let people know what they missed by being at work, taking care of their families, or even just being out of town.

I really have to laugh but I try not to, when the mentally challenged people in our community like Roger "Pebbles" Swart and Curtles Koesler attack The Foothills Paper as being "fake news." Oh well, I can't pick on Swart. Who knows, maybe he had a stroke and that's why he dribbles and drools as he reads what he claims is "The Only Real Newspaper In Town – the Foothill Record."

But as they say, we have to take every day, one at a time. This week has been an especially onerous one for the Tatulian Cartel. They had a really neat Salsa Mixer in the Pena's walkway, with

a live band musician and from what I heard, a really fun DJ. When you count the Berkshire-Hathaway realtors, the few remaining chamber of commerce members and the Hub Church members, you have over 40 people having a great time.

I hope it does something to build up the chamber, it really needs help. Unfortunately, even in Somalia, the chamber of commerce is looked up to as the place to go for business information. Whether I like their lying, stealing, back stabbing attacks on the community, we need them. Sonia Tatulian who is always lurking in the shadows really pulled it off this time and I hope she continues her efforts to get the chamber back in operation. Its president Hrant Vasbedian turned out to be a real flake, so much so that he adapted the middle-school antics of making up lies to make him and his possibly illegal Code Blue look good.

Which brings us to another

point. He called the new members of the STNC executive board "a bunch of cows." I really can't believe how bad he must feel having the cartel team lose to a group of older women. I can't remember who I was talking to last week, but when he related to me how the cartel still had agents in place on the board, but that he really couldn't figure out who they really were working for. I told him, don't sweat it, we'll never really know what Armenian group is funding who, but I do know that they can't even pay their office rent.

Now don't get me wrong boys and girls, ladies & gentlemen, this might not be a bad thing. The STNC is one of those groups that are likened to standing on quicksand. Every step forward is countered by the cartel and ignored by our CD-7 Councilwoman. Our neighborhood council can't even find an office to work out of. And like a band of gypsies, move from one venue to another, like a homeless

vagrant trying to find a place to lay his head and hold his bindle for the night.

I just had a flash of inspiration. When I (and some of our older residents) were growing up, HOBO's carried all their possessions in a piece of cloth tied to a staff or pole. That was called a "Bindle Stick," and they were able to move from one side of the country to the other easily. BUT PROGRESS MENT SUPER MARKETS!! I just realized that they didn't have stolen shopping carts back then. Wow! Progress brought larger grocery purchases, which required shopping carts (called market baskets then), and that allowed our newly created drug addled transients to carry even

more items. Oh! And don't forget the creation of a disposable society that allowed people to discard their slightly old items and buy new ones for less.

And that created a whole new realm of mobile hoarders that we are now pulling our hair out about. Wow! But just as I thought that I solved the homeless problem by taking away their ability to collect our trash, they have figured out how to buy motor homes so they can store more. Hummm, I wonder if they might be interested in starting their own chamber of commerce. Yup, and if they succeeded, they could say "It was the water!"

Sunland-Tujunga's THREE Monthly Neighborhood Watch Meetings!

Nearby communities heartily invited! Please save this flyer in a visible spot!

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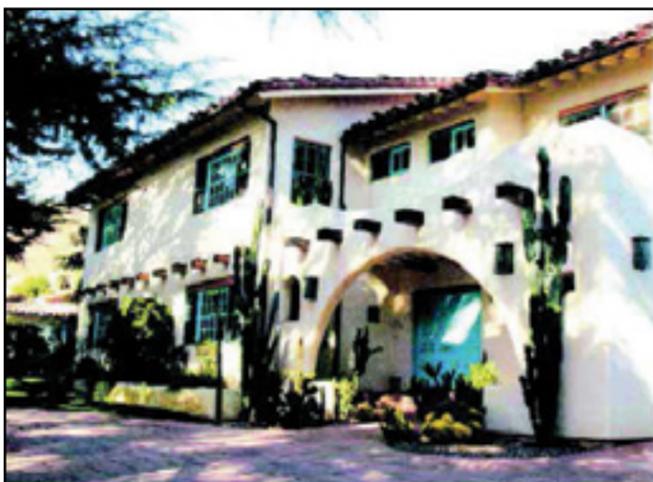
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Today we say Goodbye to A brother, A Father, an Uncle, a friend to many, he is someone that we lost too soon. As we grieve and cry for this sudden loss, through our tears and our broken hearts, let's celebrate his life. He almost didn't have a life. When he was age 3, He survived a life altering accident. The doctors didn't think he would survive. This set back so early in his life was difficult for him but he was always a smiling happy child. He was a happy person, he had his own personal challenges in life and his choice of coping skills made him annoying at times but it never changed the fact that he was a good loving person at heart with a big smile and happy blue eyes. He loved his children with all his heart and spoke of them with Pride.

Let's remember the good times and remember with gratitude that we were blessed he was in our life.

He had this motto that drove me crazy, he'd grin from ear to ear, and say "Who needs a plan? Let's Wing It! I pray that his journey continues on the wings of an angel and he finally gets his reunion with the rest of our loved ones gone before us. Douglas, little brother, Rest In Peace, you will be missed for the rest of our days."



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By David DeMulle

You saw an online ad for low mortgage rates and decided to apply — just to see if you qualify. Now your phone is buzzing nonstop, and lenders are emailing you about “DTIs” and W-2s.

The onslaught of financing questions can be baffling when you’re tackling them alone. But it doesn’t have to be that way.

Looking for some insight to make financing more straightforward? These four tips will get you started:

1. It’s okay to play the field.

Don’t be afraid to apply for several loans with different lenders to compare the terms and rates. You can — and should — shop around.

Just be sure to do so within a set time period to avoid multiple credit inquiries.

2. Manual underwriting can help you qualify.

Most lenders automate their approval process to speed up transactions. However, if you fall outside conventional requirements, they can’t see your full financial picture. That’s where manual underwriting

comes in.

Buyers with concerns about their income or credit should verify that their lender will manually underwrite the loan if needed.

3. Broaden your prospects with a fixer-upper mortgage.

Buying a fixer-upper can give you more home at a lower price. Did you know that the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) and Fannie Mae offer loans that will cover the mortgage and necessary home repairs?

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- **Buyer Assistance Programs:** There are down payment and closing cost assistance programs available to first-time homebuyers. Not a first-timer? Some are also available to those who haven’t owned a home in the past three years.

Mortgage financing can feel overwhelming. But you’re not in it alone.

Reach out today for a referral to a trusted lender to get preapproved for your next home. ■



A man who was reported as being a mobile transient visiting Sunland when he had truck problems.

Accidental Death on Foothill Blvd

Another Foothill Fatality Saturday afternoon around 3:30 pm. In Sunland. A man who was reported as being a mobile transient visiting Sunland when he had truck problems. He had been seen in the

area for a couple of weeks driving a large white box truck.

He had parked near the Hub Church and while leaving the engine going, crawled under the truck and was (witnesses said) using a large screw lodged the parking

brake and the truck ran over him.

He died enroute to the hospital. Sonia Tatulian. was inadvertently a hero when her strategically parked SUV was hit and deflected the truck into Arturo Pena’s parked truck and not hitting any pedestrians. ■

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State Pension May Eliminate Survivor Benefit



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

Dear Rusty: Please validate or negate this dreadful information: My husband and I are recently retired and living on our combined retirement plans. I was told that when my husband dies, I will NOT be allowed to draw ANY of his hard-earned Social Security income. I cannot sur-

vive on my Louisiana teacher retirement alone. We were never informed of this until we had worked hard for 40 years & retired. Can you advise me on this dreadful turn of events. Signed: Bewildered in Louisiana

Dear Bewildered: Unfortunately, I don't have good news. If your teaching career and the associated pension were in the State of Louisiana, I'm afraid that any Social Security survivor benefit you might be eligible for from your husband will be impacted by the Government Pension Offset (GPO) - a provision of Social Security which applies to anyone with a pension from an employer who did not participate in the Social Security program. Louisiana is, unfortunately,

one of 27 U.S. States whose employees may be affected by the GPO, because neither you nor the State of Louisiana contributed to the Social Security program while you were employed there. It's unfortunate you weren't made aware of this by your employer, but it's well documented in the State's "LASERS" information which you can view at this link: <https://www.lsuhs.edu/administration/hrm/benefits-retirement-nons.aspx>.

The GPO will reduce your Social Security survivor benefit by 2/3rds of the amount of your LA State pension, and if 2/3rds of your LA pension is more than your SS survivor's benefit, the Social Security survivor benefit will be eliminated. I know it's no solace,

but you are not alone in your dismay over this provision. In fact, a bill is active in Congress to eliminate the GPO (and a sister provision known as the Windfall Elimination Provision, or WEP), but that bill has made little headway despite having 195 Congressional co-sponsors. The bill I'm referring to is known as the "Social Security Fairness Act", which is House bill H.R. 1205 (there is a corresponding Senate bill S.915). You can examine it at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1205>, but I must let you know that very little progress has been made on this bill since it was introduced almost two years ago.



For the record, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has expressed support for the bill's passage, but to no avail in a Congress which is instead debating ways to resolve Social Security's larger financial issues which are now projected to deplete the Trust Fund by 2035. I'm afraid the only suggestion I can offer for your personal situation is to contact your Congressional Representatives and ask for their support and action on H.R. 1205 and S.915. ■

V&S Automotive answers your question about oil changes for your car

Engines are made up of many moving parts, and those parts need to be properly lubricated to avoid damage. Oil in the engine provides this vital function. Over time, that oil breaks down and becomes contaminated with dust, dirt and debris from the engine as well as the environment. When that happens, oil can't properly do its job.

That's why we specialize in providing the actual oil recommended by the manufacturer and not some cheap "off the shelf oil." With all the moving

parts, pistons, valves and other part moving at high speeds, they create heat that will cause excessive wear to your cars engine. Each vehicle manufacturer calls out the specific type, grade & weight designation for the maximum protection of your engine.

Oil, besides lubricating the engine, also has cooling properties that keep the engine running at its maximum performance. Driving every day causes dirt to enter the engine through service ports and by the engine producing metal filings and sludge from the

breakdown of the engine oil through normal usage.

It is really important to keep the engine clean. Routine oil and filter changes remove these dirt and engine particles. You really "Get what you pay for!" You can get quarts of no-name oil, cheap oil, recycled oil or bulk drum oil. At V&S Automotive, we know exactly what kind of oil your vehicle needs and we have it in stock. Come on in and let us show you how it's done and what the manufacturer wants you to use.

Remember, what you put in is what



you get out. Cheap oil will cause your engine to deteriorate sooner than it was designed for. Let us work with you to get the maximum benefit from your vehicle.

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Ready Your LA Neighborhood-RYLAN Held First Workshop!

With about 75 people attending the workshop at the Los Angeles Emergency Management Center two weeks ago, the Emergency Liaisons were off to a great start. The purpose of the meeting was to outline the direction the members were to follow in setting up neighborhood committees that will “Train The Trainers” in the latest methodology of saving lives, reducing the severity of injuries and decreasing property damage during and after a catastrophic event. “Doc” DeMulle, Sandy Capps and Nina Royal were approved as Emergency Management Department Liaisons a month ago to coordinate and run the RYLAN program for the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council and its four districts.

There were as many diverse people attending as there were communities interested in making this happen. One group of members were amateur radio



“Doc” waves to the new Amateur Radio operators he met at the meeting.

operators that were conversant in emergency communications operation and protocol. David “Doc” DeMulle’ who was previ-

ously Emergency Coordinator for the San Gabriel Valley Amateur Radio Emergencies Corps. (AREC) Met with about 15 “Hams” and discussed the latest equipment and what networks were in operation. The old AREC is now called the Amateur Radio Emergency Services and “Doc” is a member of the LAX region. An article was printed last edition about the Crescenta Valley Amateur Radio group that conducts Emergency Readiness drills once a year during the annual ARRL Field Day.

One of the things that people forget is that in a catastrophic event, cell phones and GRMS units will be so overwhelmed as to be useless, and only specialized radio communications equipment such as amateur radios will be able to operate. Emergency mobile equipment was discussed and plans were made to meet up and create communications networks that can operate together or by themselves. ■

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association CVMA 33-3 visits Legion Post 377



Members proudly display their colors at the American Legion Post 377.

They were doing a tour run from the IE ending up at the American Legion Post 377 for a laid back game of pool and cold beer last Saturday. More than 30 motorcyclists came up in convoy with everyone knowing their exact position on the road. Just like the old days. When I asked them what their mission statement was, I was told: “To support and defend those who have defended their country and their

freedoms.”

Their main focus is to help Veteran care facilities provide a warm meal, clothing, shelter, and guidance, or simply say “Thank You” and “Welcome Home.”

When I asked their run leader Lamont R.A. Reed what they represent. He said “We are an Association of Combat Veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles as a hobby.

Our membership is comprised of Full Members (whose verified combat service), Supporter members (those who have non-combat military service, and have a sincere dedication to helping veterans) and Auxiliary Members such as a spouse, widow or widower of a member in good standing with a CVMA). For more information, you can log on to their Internet site: www.combatvets33-3.com ■

What a Night It Was at the McGroarty Burgers & Beer Fest!!!
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Even the STNC had President Liliana Sanchez driving a golf cart with a large banner promoting the STNC picking up people down the road and around the bend. Many thanks go out to the Mission College for coming and grilling up the best burgers by the head of its Culinary Arts department!

And you can't forget the 8 ONE 8 Brewing Company for pouring the suds! Next year they say they'll have two people and more beer! Music was provided by Seize the Night band and cranking out some amazing, rocking tunes!

If you missed it this year, make sure you don't next year. ■

