

L.A. Rallies for a Great City

By Katharine Russ

On July 14, the anniversary marking the start of the French Revolution in 1789, and celebrated as Bastille Day, nearly 200 people gathered on the South Lawn of City Hall for Ron Kaye's Saving L.A Project (SLAP). The theme of the event, "Take Back Los Angeles (and) Demand A Great City" was intended to let City officials know that people are demanding better from them.

The website, www.savingla.com touted that theme and invited people from communities throughout Los Angeles City and County to attend. "If you're fed up with the failure of the schools and city government to serve your needs and make L.A. a great city, join the movement for change. Let this demonstration be the start of the Los Angeles Revolution, the day the people took power over the politicians."

Some of the key speakers included Community Activists Doug McIntyre, KABC AM Talk Show Host, who accused City Council of having "diversified the people into disunity and disharmony". Sandra Tsing Loh, activist, author, performer, and frequent guest on National Public Radio (NPR), called herself "LAUSD's Worst Nightmare". Steve Barr of Green Dot Public Schools, Councilman Dennis Zine, carrying a 'Z' shield, and City Controller Laura Chick were among those who spoke at City Hall.

While some say only 200 people out of 4 million was a small crowd the potential to reach hundreds, even thousands more people is a goal within their reach. Ron Kaye, retired Editor of the *Daily News*, believes, "We have the numbers. We have the knowledge and the skill. We have the leaders in community groups of one type or another to take power from the special interests without acts of defiance. The issues may be different in different neighborhoods, in different communities of interest, but the experience is the same. We get the runaround while special interests are buying access and favors."

Kaye gave a poignant account of a frail, elderly woman in a wheelchair who arrived early and sat in the shade. "She lived just a couple of blocks away in Little Tokyo and didn't like what was happening to her community. Outside money was buying up property and Japanese shops and restaurants were being replaced. Her



L-R: Olga Hall, Ron Kaye, Heinrich Keifer

neighborhood was losing its character. 'I grew up in Japan, in Tokyo,' she said. 'I've been to many places. Los Angeles is not like any other city. It goes off too far in all directions. I don't think you can ever make sense of it.'

Those who spoke were from communities across Los Angeles and want their voices heard in City Hall. They said they want their grievances addressed. They want honesty and transparency. They want a superior School District. They want ordinances enforced. They also want City Officials to stop pandering to special interest groups at the expense of their neighborhoods.

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Prop R Battle Continues



L-R Ted Hayes and David Hernandez, Appellants

By Katharine Russ

Briefs asking for calendar preference in the appeal for Hernandez/Hayes v. County of LA, City of LA, LA City Council (et.al.) were filed May 29, 2008 and granted June 27, 2008. The case will be heard in August. Justices Candace Cooper, Laurence Rubin and Madeleine Flier will make the determination on the constitutionality of Prop R. At the heart of the Proposition R battle is the "single subject rule" guaranteed by the California Constitution and established to prevent elected officials and/or special interest groups from forcing California voters to vote for one issue in order to vote on another.

Briefs by the City of L.A. and L.A. City Council were filed on April 28, 2008. Their argument states, "Different rules apply to different types of Ballot Measures

- Measure R was a City Council sponsored ballot measure, not an initiative or a State Constitutional Amendment." Yet City Council File Number 06-1800-S1 was titled "Ethics Reform/Term Limit Extensions/Ballot Initiative". Valerie Flores, Managing Assistant/Public Integrity Division - General Counsel Practice Group, said, "In the brief we note that the court has the power not to invalidate the provisions of Measure R that were disclosed to the voters in the ballot title, even if the (Court) finds that Measure R violated the single subject rule, which we assert it did not." Flores went on to say "there were certain rules under the election code that would have to be followed to make something into an initiative as defined by that statute and that argument was so weak that they didn't raise it in the appeal, they dropped it."

California Constitution Article XI, Section 7.5. (a) A city or county measure proposed by the legislative body of a city, charter city, county, or charter county and submitted to the voters for approval may not do either of the following:

(2) Contain alternative or cumulative provisions wherein one or more of those provisions would become law depending upon the casting of a specified percentage of votes for or against the measure.

In addition, Volume I, Article IV, sec. 450, subdivision (b) of the City of Los Angeles Charter provides: "Petitions to amend the Charter shall be governed by provisions of the California Constitution and applicable provisions of state law concerning Charter amendments."

Under Prop R, Los Angeles City Charter Section 3. Section 206 was amended to read as follows: "No person may serve more than two terms of office as Mayor. No person may serve more than two terms of office as City Attorney. No person may serve more than two terms of office as Controller. No person may serve more than three terms of office as member of the City Council. These limitations on the number of terms of office shall apply only to terms of office, which begin on or after July 1, 1993. These limitations on the number of terms of office shall not apply to any unexpired term to which a person is elected or appointed if the remainder of

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Cyclist vs Motorist

By Katharine Russ

Councilman Bill Rosendahl's Motion endorsing a "Cyclist's Bill of Rights" written by the Bicycle Writers Collective was co-presented by Councilmembers Eric Garcetti, Wendy Greuel and Bill Rosendahl, himself. Councilmember's Ed Reyes and Bernard Parks seconded the motion to refer it to the Council's Transportation Committee whose hearing date will be determined by its Chair, Councilwoman Greuel.

Even though the Bicycle Writers' Collective had been working on the original Cyclists' Bill of Rights for Los Angeles since February, the incident that moved Rosendahl to sponsor a motion endorsing the Bill of Rights was the July 4th Mandeville Canyon Road Rage incident, where two cyclists were injured by a driver whose alleged intent was to injure the cyclists. The driver faces felony assault with a deadly weapon charges.

In part, the Cyclist's Bill of Rights declared that cyclists have the right to travel safely and free of fear; to have equal access to public streets; to have full support of law enforcement; traffic signals and signage; and overall support for safe cycling. Full text of the Cyclists Bill of Rights can be seen at www.bikewriterscollective.com.

Rosendahl moved that the Departments of Transportation, Planning, Public Works, and the Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee, in consultation with the City Attorney and the Police Department, be directed to report back to the Council with recommendations on how to incorporate the principles enshrined in the "Cyclists' Bill of Rights" into the City of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan and other relevant documents and practices.

But Rosendahl's champion of cyclists seemed to take a turn for the worse when a press release on July 14 noted that their planned Town Hall Meeting was canceled. Rosendahl was concerned that media coverage and blog posts would make the public meeting 'counterproductive'. He said that members of homeowner associations and cyclist clubs were worried that the issue would become larger than just the Mandeville Canyon incident. Indeed, thousands of posts on several blogs across Los Angeles illustrated the anger between cyclist and motorist. "At the request of the residents and of the cyclists who use Mandeville Canyon Road, I have decided that a more focused, deliberative Task



Force will achieve my goal of bringing the relevant people together to discuss ideas and proposals for everyone to share this narrow canyon roadway." No members from the Bike Writers Collective were invited to the Task Force meeting.

Kent Strumpel, appointee to the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee, gave a detailed account of the meeting. "Homeowner's concerns about cyclists focused on the behavior of those who don't follow the rules, who speed, ride two abreast, blow through stop signs, are noisy in early morning hours, use coarse, aggressive language towards motorists who encounter them and the hazards that silent, speeding cyclists present to pedestrians. (Cyclists) cited a major concern with speeding motorists, some of whom make dangerous passing maneuvers to overtake cyclists who are traveling at or near the speed limit, and some who drive aggressively around cyclists."

While Rosendahl wanted to keep the Task Force meeting confined to residents who utilized Mandeville Canyon, the City continued the process of developing a new Bicycle Plan. Council File 07-3494 contains a Motion dated December 19, 2007 which says, "The Planning Department and the Department of Transportation (LADOT) are currently working on the development of a new and updated Bicycle Plan for the City. The Bicycle Plan is a section of the Transportation Element of the General Plan. The City has hired a consultant, Alta Planning and Design, who is now working on the new plan.

On November 20, 2007, the Council adopted a Transportation Committee report and recommendations to re-adopt the City's 2002 Bicycle Plan until a new Bicycle Plan is developed and submitted for Council adoption."

In a May 13, 2008 letter from Gail Goldberg, Director of Planning, and Rita Robinson, General Manager, Dept. Of Transportation, the following recommendations were handed down: "1. Support continued work by the City departments and the consulting team on the new Bicycle Plan and return to Council with updates on the progress of the project. 2. Direct City departments to identify potential bicycle projects for funding and implementation, following adoption of the Bicycle Plan by City Council, anticipated in 2009. 3. Recommend the revision and update of LAMC 12.21 and 91.6307.1 which require the inclusion of bicycle parking facilities in new and redeveloped construction projects."

According to the letter, "The consultant team has created a website (www.labikeplan.org) and virtual mapping tool (www.bikely.com) to allow anyone with computer access to view all of the information from the public meetings and provide recommendations for the consultant to review as a part of the planning process. To date, over 1,000 surveys and comments have been received via the project website regarding the Bicycle Plan update." Interested persons are invited to leave their comments at these websites. Katharine.russ@charter.net

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The goal of the Saving L.A. Project (SLAP), a citywide coalition of concerned citizens inspired by former Daily News Editor Ron Kaye on his blog ronkayela.com, is bringing together people from every part of the city to support each other in their struggles with City Hall and the LAUSD on local issues and to develop an agenda that will change the city's political culture forever.



SLAP was launched on Bastille Day, July 14, with a City Hall rally that attracted more than 200 community activists and got wide coverage in the in the Daily News and L.A. Times and on radio and television and other local media.

The theme was Take Back Los Angeles – Demand A Great City.

The L.A. Weekly said it showed that "a groundswell of frustrated citizens were now willing to speak up, organize, and hit the streets. The politicians will be watching..."



City Controller Laura Chick told the crowd. "I say if you're not indignant, you're not paying attention."

KABC morning talk show host Doug McIntyre said: "Los Angeles is a very important city, but it's not being run like it is. It's being run like a private fiefdom."

Even Mayor Villaraigosa's spokesman admitted: "It was great to see Angelenos speaking out and rallying in support of better schools and safer streets..."

The future depends on you. SLAP will hold an open Town Hall meeting Saturday afternoon on Aug. 2 to formally organize and set its agenda. This is the birth of democracy in Los Angeles and it will only succeed if you get involved.

City government and the LAUSD have failed to do the job. It's time for the people to take power and find solutions to failing schools, criminal gangs, traffic congestion, over-development and the many other issues that detract from the quality of our lives.



Join the movement to save L.A. We want public servants – not arrogant elected officials. Only people power can make that happen. Be part of it. Exercise your rights. Save L.A. Visit savingla.com and ronkayela.com for more information on August 2nd meeting at 1:30.

Scroll is signature petition for "Cyclist Bill of Rights"



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWS

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council



By Dan McManus
President

The summer heat is upon us but Sunland-Tujunga remains one of the coolest neighborhoods in the city.

The 4th of July is behind us and we all had a great time celebrating our nation's birth. The parade put on by the Rotary

Club of Sunland-Tujunga and Shadow Hills, had a couple of miles of Foothill Blvd. crowded with people enjoying the sunshine and each other's company.

In the afternoon, friends, neighbors, and families gathered at Verdugo Hills High School for our annual Family Fireworks Festival. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, in coordination with the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Sunland-Tujunga and Shadow Hills, Lions Club, American Legion, Sunland-Tujunga Coordinating Council, and Sunland-Tujunga Alliance worked together to put on our great event. We also had generous volunteer assistance from the Verdugo Hills High School Football Program. In

addition, our wonderful sponsors, and many others also helped create this successful and enjoyable festival.

Our day was filled with the rocking music of Ladies and Gentlemen, Waiting 4 Wyatt, and The Heist. The latter two bands will be making appearances at this year's Lions Club Watermelon Festival taking place at Sunland Park on August 8, 9, and 10. Our night was filled with a spectacular fireworks show that generated smiles throughout the large crowd assembled on the football field, in the bleachers, and neighboring homes who had a good view of the nighttime sky over the Verdugo Hills.

It's amazing and rewarding to participate in an event like this where our community comes together to celebrate America, have loads of fun, and raises funds that go back the high school in the form of matching grants by the Verdugo Hills High School Community Grant Fund. Way to go Sunland-Tujunga!

We have some great events coming up soon in our community. Our STNC is featuring City Controller Laura Chick as our guest speaker at our General Meeting on Wednesday, August 13 at 7 pm. at Mount Gleason Middle School. Mark your calendars and join us for what should be a very informative evening.

"National Night Out" is Tuesday, August 5. The STNC will join the Little Landers Historical Society, S-T SERVS, CPAB, and many other community organizations including the LAPD Foothill Division, in sponsoring a National Night Out/Safety Fair in Little Landers Park on the corner of Commerce and Valmont in Tujunga, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

This family-friendly event will help to educate our community on how to stamp out crime in our neighborhoods and how to prepare us for various types of emergencies. There will be a host of guest speakers and videos at Bolton Hall, information tables, safety displays manned by participating public safety agencies, live entertainment, prizes and delicious hot dogs and refreshments. You won't want to miss this chance to get out of the house on a warm summer night and learn some great information in the process.

Remember to come by and say hello when I see you at all of these great events. I invite you to visit www.stnc.org for more information about our community. Call 818-951-7411 and speak with our STNC Office Manager, Ed Rock, if you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed.

News from Arleta

By Al Piantanida

We have a "fireworks epidemic." Enforceable laws are needed in our communities. Our public officials must come up with tough, strict enforceable laws to protect our citizens from not only fireworks violations, but to stop the violence, disrespect for property of others, and also to assure the safety for all residents. My townhouse of 70 units has a tough no tolerance policy and doesn't allow any use of fireworks. Yet we must endure thousands of illegal fireworks explosions from dusk to dawn. These unwarranted uses of fireworks cause undo stress on us as well as our animals.

The LAPD and LAFD continually do their best, with their limited resources, to contain this problem throughout the San Fernando Valley. However, they need help. L.A.'s elected officials must give them the laws and the power to enforce them in order to control this problem.

Any illegal explosive device should be considered a felony offense. Police Officers should have the right to search all violator's residents, confiscate illegal properties and arrest them accordingly.

Arleta participated in the 15th annual 4th of July celebration at Hansen Dam. This years mission was to promote "Unity of the Communities" and reach out to community members in the north valley through their Neighborhood Councils. The Neighborhood Councils that participated included, Arleta in partnership with the Arleta Community Watchdogs, Sun Valley, Pacoima, Sylmar, Foothill Trails and Sunland-Tujunga (who left literature because they had their own Family Fireworks Festival to tend to).

Each Council handed out information and free giveaways. The event organizers furnished grocery bags to the attendees. Activities included a Laser Light Show, outdoor concert, food vendors, carnival, many exhibitors and presentation of the Spirit Award. Many public officials, including Councilmember Alarcon who was also a sponsor, attended throughout the day. A special thank you goes to Cile Borman who spearheaded this wonderful event.



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Veterans' Memorial Park Close to Completion



The beautifully renovated Veterans' Memorial Park is on Chatsworth St. and Zelzah St. in Granada Hills. Countless volunteer hours and donations by individu-

als and businesses were made to restore this centerpiece park in Granada Hills that is the community's pride. In Phase One of the restoration, weeds were removed, the large "Liberty Tree" trimmed, concrete walkway and paving repaired and/or replaced, graffiti erased, sidewalks and benches power washed, sprinkler system repaired and restored, grounds landscaped with grass, trees and flowers planted, and landscape illumination installed. The Los Angeles Bureau of Parks and Recreation gave the Rotary Club of Granada Hills their "Community Partner Award" in 2007 for their efforts.

Phase Two was the erection of a statue and a Memorial Tribute Walk commemorating the service of their community's Veterans and the recognition of their community's volunteers. Also included in this

phase was the installation of three flagpoles with lighting, a pergola trellis over the benches, and traffic protection barriers at the south end of the park. The total cost is estimated to be in excess of \$100,000.

The Granada Hills Rotary Club will be receiving a matching City grant of \$10,000 for the construction of their memorial brick Tribute Walk. The Granada Hills Rotary Club, and the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council, including community volunteers in Granada Hills, are working together on this huge undertaking. The Granada Hills Rotary Club is inviting everyone to purchase bricks with their family's name inscribed upon them for the walkway. Bricks can be purchased for the brick "Memorial Tribute Walk" for \$125.00, or three bricks for \$300.00, by calling Carl B. Melnik, O.D. at (818) 366-2020.

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Elaine Brown, President of Commerce Owners and Business Restoration Association, Inc. (COBRA), has spent 25 years defending her community of Sunland-Tujunga. "This is all about wearing us down and testing our will and persistence, our capacity for patience and pain, our determination, enthusiasm, stubbornness, energy or whatever you want to call it. It is time for this City to understand we get those traits from the anger and disgust that their time-wasting, back door, dissembling, condescending, disingenuous, intimidating and stalling tactics generate in us. What they do not fathom is that, together, we have the power to convert that anger and disgust into action."

Joseph Mailander, a Los Angeles writer, summed it up; "Los Angeles is a great city for activism and a terrible city for movements. The city has thousands of people who know that something's not right but it is too spread out and devoid of civic spaces to enable movements to reach a critical mass. I think Ron Kaye did a great job organizing a meaningful event that touched every part of the city; that seemed to be his objective, and that seems to be what he accomplished. Making a meaningful political event across the city, rather than merely with one identity group, is something that shakes City Hall down to its anklets, and that is why he had such a good turnout from the more ambitious City officials, such as Laura Chick and Den-

nis Zine. The challenge in the immediate future will be to keep the fire burning in all the disparate communities and identity groups that constitute Los Angeles. I think Ron has a great team in place that is capable of doing that. I think many city activists, even in surprising quarters, are going to be following Ron's lead very soon."

Aesop, Greek slave and author is credited for writing, "United we stand, divided we fall". According to Kaye, he expects a good turnout of those who want roll up their shirt sleeves to help get the ball rolling in the right direction at their next meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 2 at 1:30pm. Visit savingla.com or ronkayela.com. katharine.russ@charter.net

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the term is less than one-half of the full term of office." Prior to that amendment, no member of the City Council could serve more than 2 terms. Terms for Mayor and City Attorney remained at two years.

Eric Grant, Attorney for Plaintiff Hernandez and Hayes, responded, "We cannot believe the Court of Appeal will accept the principal argument of the City Council -- that it is specially privileged under the state constitution to manipulate local voters in a manner prohibited both to state and local initiative proponents and to the Legislature. As for the City Council's backup argument that the courts can refuse to invalidate Prop. R even if the measure is found to violate the single-subject rule, the California Supreme Court thoroughly addressed -- and squarely rejected -- that argument in the Open Primary case just two years ago."

"Measure R was not on the ballot because of changes to the Ethics Reform Act. The only reason Measure R was on the ballot was for an increase in term limits. According to the City Attorneys office, the new proposals to the Ethics Reform Act could have been made by a vote of the City Council and do not require approval of the voter. The only part of the original charter that needed a vote (to amend) is the section that stipulates the term limits for the members of the City where they (themselves) voted to place the measure on the November ballot," wrote Donna Connolly, author of 'Rethinking Reform'.

Grant further noted, "No good lawyer ever 'guarantees' the outcome of litigation. Nevertheless, my clients and I are reasonably confident that our appeal will succeed in invalidating Prop R in its entirety." katharine.russ@charter.net

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6 pm

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NV City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-T
7 pm 951-7411

Tuesday, Aug 5

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)

All Community NNO & Safety Fair
@ Little Landers Park
Commerce & Valmont, S-T
Food & Entertainment
6-9 pm

Branford Park NNO
1331 Brandford, Arl
Food And Pizes,
6-9pm

All Community NNO
@ Stonehurst Park
9901 Dronefield, SV
B-B-Q & Pot Luck
6-9 pm

NNO @ Andres Pico Adobe
Basic Cars 19A233 &
19A61
10940 Sepulveda, MH
Food & Entertainment
4 - 7 pm No Pets please

NNO @ Humphrey Park
12560 Fillmore, Pac
Refreshments
6-10 pm

NNO @ Sylmar Park
13109 Bordon, Syl
Food & Entertainment
6 pm

NNO @ Holiday Way
Between Carey Ranch &
Brookmont, Food &
Entertainment
6 pm

NNO Community March
Begin @ Langdon Elementry.
8817 Langdon, Sepul.
6 pm

NNO @ Panorama Rec. Center
8600 Hazeltine, PC
Entertainment ,Food
5 pm

LAPD Neighborhood Watch
For SH, LVT, Sun
All Nations Church, LVT
6:30 pm

Wednesday, Aug. 6

Rotary Club
Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 pm 951-5299

N. Hills West NC Gen. Meet.
Sepulveda VA
16111 Plummer Bg22
N.H.ills
7 pm 893-8613

Thursday, Aug. 7

PCNC Land Use
Mission Community Hospital
14860 Roscoe Blvd., PC
6:30 pm 785-9355

Elks Lodge #2098
11037 Commerce, S-T
6:30 pm 352-2098

Sylmar Women's Club
Odyssey Restaurant
15600 Odyssey Dr. M.H.
11:30 am 833-8033

Kagel Canyon Civic Assoc
Dexter Park
7 pm

S-T Art Assoc.Meet
Guest Artist
Sunland Senior Center
8640 Fenwick, S-T
call 352-24

Community Beautification
Grant Workshop
Mid-Valley Reg. Library
16244 Nordhoff , No. Hills
6 pm

Friday, Aug. 8

Watermelon Festival
Sunland Park
8651 Foothill, S-T
Food & Entertainment
5 - 11 pm

Saturday, Aug. 9

Volunteer Orientation
Wildlife Waystation
Call to verify & Sign Up
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Watermelon Festival
Sunland Park
8651 Foothill, S-T
Food & Entertainment
12 - 11 pm

Sunday, Aug. 10

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Jewels of the Foothills" Art Show/Exhibit
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

Watermelon Festival Sunland Park
8651 Foothill, S-T
Food & Entertainment
12 - 10 pm

Monday, Aug. 11

NAACP Gen. Meet.
Boys & Girls Club
11255 Glenoaks, Pac
6:30 pm

Sylmar NC Land Use Com
13515 Hubbard, syl
6:30 - 7:30pm

PCNC-Outreach Comm
Plaza del Valle
8614 Van Nuys #B PC
6:00 p.m.

MHNC Zoning & Land Use
10161 Sepulveda., MH.
6:30 pm

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Tuesday, Aug 12

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Jewels of the Foothills" Art Show/Exhibit
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

PCNC Commerce
Wells Fargo Bank
8548 Van Nuys Blvd., PC
2:30 pm 785-9355

SNC Outreach Com.
13515 Hubbard, Syl
6:30 - 7:30pm

MHNC General Meeting:
San Jose Elem. School
14928 Clymer St. MH
7: pm

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Rotary Club
Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 pm 951-5299

STNC Gen. Meeting.
Mount Gleason Mdl. Sch.
Mt. Gleason, S-T
7 pm 951-7411

PCNC-Commerce Com
Wells Fargo Bank
8548 Van Nuys, PC
2: pm

Neighborhood Watch
Car 19A23 & "Animal Regulation"
LAPD Mission Station
11121 Sepulveda, MH
7 pm

Thursday, Aug. 14

Foothill Div. Community Police
Advisory Board (CPAB)
Villa Scallabrini, SV
6 pm 756-8866

GHSNC General Meet.
1st Baptist Church of GH
11011 Havenhurst, GH
7:00 pm.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Celebrate Art & Music
Rayen St. Resort
15708 Rayen, No. Hills
5-9 pm 892-8899

Young Performers Program
FPAC & New Hope Tapestry
10438 Oro Vista Ave., S-T
Tickets - 262-7766
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Sunday, Aug. 17

B Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Jewels of the Foothills" Art Show/Exhibit
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

Young Performers Program
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S-T Elks Lodge #2098
10137 Commerce, S-T
7\$ 9 am-12 pm 352-2098

Monday, Aug. 18

STNC-DAC (Land Use)
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-T
7 pm 951-7411

PCNC Safety Committee
Plaza del Valle
8614 Van Nuys #BPC
5:30 pm

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Jewels of the Foothills" Art Show/Exhibit
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

PCNC Finance Committee
PC Public Library
14345 Roscoe Boulevard
6:30 pm

MHNC Beauti. & Cultural Com
10161 Sepulveda Blvd.
MH.
6:30 pm

Wednesday, Aug. 20

PCNC Rules Committee
Mission Comm. Hospital
Office Building, 2nd Floor
14860 Roscoe, PC
6:30 pm

MHNC Senior Commit
10161 Sepulveda. MH.
6:30 pm

Pacoima NC Gen. Meet.
Pacoima Comm. Center
11243 Glenoaks, Pac
6:30 pm

No. Hills West NC
Sepulveda Va
16111 Plummer, N. Hills
7 pm 893-8613

Rotary Club
Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 pm 951-5299

Community Beautification
Grant Workshop
Braude Bldg, Rm 1B
6262 Van Nuys, VN
6 pm

Thursday, Aug. 21

STNC Safety Com.
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-T
6 pm 951-7411

S-T SERVS
NV City Hall
7747 Foothll S-T
6:45 563-1962

STNC Outreach Com
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-T
7:30 pm 951-7411

Sunday, Aug. 24

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Jewels of the Foothills" Art Show/Exhibit
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

Monday, Aug. 25

GHNC General Meet.
Van Gogh Elem. School
Van Gogh, GH
6:30 pm

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Jewels of the Foothills" Art Show/Exhibit
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 352-3420

Neighborhood Watch
Car 19A61 & "Narotics Unit"
LAPD Mission Station
11121 Sepulveda, MH
7 pm

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Rotary Club
Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 pm 951-5299

MHNC Senior Outreach
10161 Sepulveda, MH.
11 am

MHNC Outreach/Youth Commit.
10161 Sepulveda, MH.
7 pm

Thursday, Aug. 28

SNC Gen. Meet.
Hubbard St. Elementary
13325 Hubbard, Syl
6:30 - 9:30pm

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By Captain Jorge Villegas
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LAPD Mission Hills Station

On Wednesday, June 25, 2008, L.A. Superior Court Judge David P. Yaffe granted a joint request by City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo and county District Attorney Steve Cooley to create the region's largest

gang injunction with no opposition. The order restricts the movements of hundreds of "San Fer" gang members over 9.5 square miles and gives police broader arrest authority within Mission Area. The zone's boundaries are the 405 Freeway on the west, the 210 Freeway on the north and east, and the 118 Freeway on the south. This is the third gang injunction within Mission Area and is an additional tool given to police to help eradicate gang crime. If used properly and judiciously, it can help make a community safer.

More importantly, the injunctions itself are only one of several strategies to prevent gang violence. Programs such as the Extreme Teen in Sylmar Park, Jeop-

ardy program, our DAPS program, Explorer program and PALS program will continue to be our best method of intervention and prevention in regards to gang violence. It is imperative that the community takes responsibility to fully engage these resources available to prevent gang membership. I would like to personally thank the Sylmar and Mission Hills Neighborhood Councils, as well as City Council Member Richard Alarcon for their support in this endeavor. I would also like to thank the community for their overwhelming support and continued involvement with the Los Angeles Police Department.

On August 5, Mission Area will participate in seven separate events for the 24th Annual National Night Out. The events are as follows: Basic Car 19A1, A community block party in the Carey Ranch neighborhood which will stress crime prevention, neighborhood watch outreach, and entertainment starting, at 6:30 pm. Basic Car 19A7, This Sylmar Park event will focus around crime prevention, neighborhood watch outreach, and basketball clinic for kids at given by local college basketball players. It will conclude with a barbecue and Pro-Skate Demonstration by DC Skates. Basic Car 19A61 and 19A23. The Andres Pico Adobe

site will provide a community barbecue for this event with presentation concerning crime prevention and building neighborhood watches and begins at 7 pm. Basic Car 19A85. There will be a mini-block party and neighborhood watch outreach at 8600 Hazeltine Ave, Panorama City Recreation Center. Activities include games, food, and displays geared for child safety beginning at 7 pm.. Basic Car 19A95, Tilden Neighborhood Watch is sponsoring a mini-block party and neighborhood watch outreach at 8625 Tilden Ave which will include a BBQ. A second event will be sponsored by the Brimfield Neighborhood Watch group consisting of the same events. Both events will begin at 6 pm. Basic Car 19A97. Starting at 6 pmm Community members and Explorers will canvas selected geographic areas of this basic car distributing crime prevention materials and encouraging the establishment of new neighborhood watches and conclude with a community pot luck

I want to hear your concerns and encourage your participation in our Community policing efforts. Questions concerning Mission Area may be directed to me at 818-838-9980 or to Sergeant Adrian Torres, Officer in our Community Relations Office, at 818-838-9856.

National Night Out – August 5, 2008

Never Take Personal Safety for Granted

By: Nayri Vartanian

Like most young college students, my personal safety, as well as the safety of others, was the last thing on my mind as I was catching my breath from sprinting across campus, following my final day of classes. All I wanted to do was scream to express the joy every college student feels after turning in his or her final paper, or completing their final exam. I had been anticipating the last day of school for the past week, and finally it had arrived. My personal safety was the last thing on my mind. All I could think of was the wondrous adventures awaiting me...Adventures which I did not imagine to include my witnessing breaches of safety in the lives of others, or my own, for that matter.

As I was walking to my car in the college parking lot, I couldn't help but overhear a young woman arguing with a male counterpart, who looked to be much larger and stronger than she. From my perspective, the young lady did not appear to have said or done anything to anger the young gentlemen. What seemed to have been a harmless argument between two individuals turned into something, which got my immediate attention. The young girl soon began to scream, "Leave me alone. I don't want you in my car!" to the now angry young gentleman who was following her.

I was now observing the scene as intently as possible. My heart was beating faster by the second, as my concern for the girl was escalating by the moment. I got into my car and waited to see if the situation would get better. To my surprise, it got worse. The female—who I will now refer to as a "victim"—made a break for it and

ran out of the parking lot screaming as the male chased her. I reassessed the situation and came to the conclusion that if I did not do something to help this young girl, she could in fact become a victim of something far worse than physical assault. I immediately dialed 911 and explained the situation, and the operator assured me that the police were on their way.

The action I had just taken allowed me to experience an empowering sensation of pride. But, most importantly, it also provided me with a reality check. Personal safety and freedom from fear are luxuries that many people take for granted...the kinds of luxuries others only wish they had in order to maintain a stable, healthy, and secure lifestyle.

Attaining personal safety in one's neighborhood is extremely important. Neighborhoods are sacred places that hold special memories for everyone, and play a crucial factor in shaping individuals into who they will become in the future. In honor of celebrating and promoting neighborhood safety, the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), is promoting its 25th Annual National Night Out (NNO).

According to the NATW, it is a non-profit organization devoted "to the development and promotion of organized, law enforcement-affiliated crime and drug prevention programs". Members of the NATW range from neighborhoods to state and regional crime prevention associations such as the US Congress, FBI, and the Justice Department.

As mentioned by the NATW, the National Night Out program "has been extraordinarily successful in promoting involvement in crime and drug prevention activities, strengthening police-community relations and encouraging neighborhood companionship as part of the

fight for safer streets". As of today, over 34 million people from more than 10,000 communities have become involved since 1984.

Aside from promoting community safety, National Night Out can be celebrated in your neighborhood by participating in different effective activities such as parades, flashlight walks, and block parties. You do not have to be a member of NATW to participate in National Nite Out. However, if you or anybody in your neighborhood is interested in receiving "Organization Kits", which are filled with tips and promotional ideas, as well as a section on "Questions & Answers", visit the web site listed near the end of this article and complete the Registration Form. Their web site was the source for much of the NNO information contained within this article.

This year, National Night Out is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Don't miss out on this economically friendly and highly effective 25-year-old American tradition of heightening community safety in ensuring your community maintains a stable, healthy, and secure environment. This will be a great opportunity to join with family, friends and neighbors to help "take a bite outa crime" in our local community. For more information regarding National Night Out or, National Association of Town Watch, visit www.national-townwatch.org

For a schedule of events celebrating National Night Out in your local community, consult the "Calendar Section" for the date of August 5 in your North Valley Reporter.

Editor's Note: Ms. Vartanian is a college student and is currently a Journalism Intern at the North Valley Reporter.

Tips to Stay Cool and Healthy



Zev Yaroslavsky
L.A. County Supervisor
Third District

I am advising seniors and other vulnerable residents to take advantage of the County's and other area cooling centers, which are open to serve those in need, as a place to beat the heat.

The cooling centers are open during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. A list of the center sites and operating hours can be found at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/

Additional locations operated by the City of Los Angeles may be found at www.laparks.org/pdf/healthbulletin. You may also call the County Info-Line at 2-1-1 or the City's Info-Line by dialing 3-1-1.

I encourage you to consider visiting air-conditioned or shade-protected public facilities such as libraries, shopping malls, and parks during the evenings and/or over the weekends. County health officials warn us that prolonged exposure to the heat in non-air-conditioned homes or in direct sunlight outdoors may cause dehydration, heat cramps,

heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Never leave children, elderly people, or pets unattended in closed vehicles, even with the windows cracked open, since temperatures inside can quickly rise to life-threatening levels.

Warning signs of dehydration and heat cramps include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps, and increased thirst. If you feel any of those symptoms coming on, be sure to move to a cooler, shaded place and drink water or sports drinks. More severe symptoms, such as diminished judgment, disorientation, pale and clammy skin, a rapid and weak pulse, and/or fast and shallow breathing may indicate heat exhaustion or impending heat stroke and require immediate medical attention. If you plan to be outdoors, take precautions. These include:

- Stay out of direct sun if you do not need to be in it. Otherwise, apply sunscreen and wear a hat with a wide brim, as well as loose-fitting clothing with long sleeves and pants.
- Drink water or sports drinks often, avoid alcohol. Don't wait until you're thirsty.
- Offer help to those in your neighborhood such as seniors, or those who are ill and have limited access to air conditioning and transportation. Check on them frequently and/or take them to a location with air conditioning.
- Avoid unnecessary exertion such as vigorous exercise during peak sun hours, if you are. Please follow these tips and have a healthy and wonderful summer!

LA E & E (ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT)

The Hills Were Alive with the Sound of the Rock-ettes!

The picture below was turned into a "Thumbs Up" poster and sent to the Union of Concerned Scientists as requested. It will be forwarded by them to Governor Arnold Swartznagger with a message from their group which calls themselves the "Sunland-Tujunga Rock-ettes," because their community has been known as "The Rock" for many years. They asked the Governor to do more to support saving California's Climate, The picture was shot on location in the beautiful foothills of the Angeles National Forest.



Back Row from left: Nina Royal, Cindy Cleghorn, Elaine Brown, Roberta Cole, Shirley Neunanswander, Leona Swan, Front Row from left: Holly (the dog), Sheryl Smith, Abby Diamond, Tomi Lyn Bowling,

Photograph by Joe Barrett

Life as We Know It Will Become Extinct

(Part 1 of 2)

By Jack Lindblad

What would you do if you knew societal and ecological collapse was going to end life as we know it in 20-40 years? And how do you think a lot of other people will do? To do nothing is not on the table.

This first installment reveals the local water crisis confronting the Los Angeles community.

Forty percent of the earth's total resources have been extinguished by human activity. Gone: Coral Reef, Rain Forest, Human Habitat near Seas, One third of all plant and animal species over the past 30 years, One third of all remaining plant and animal species by 2050, ocean surface fishing... Here: Rising Ocean levels, Climate Shift toward Desertification in the middle latitudes, (such as Los Angeles County), making them uninhabitable by 2104.

Of concern to the 18 million persons in Southern California, the region's carrying capacity can only provide water for 2-3 million people. Without the Mono Basin, Owens Valley, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Colorado River, all with reduced or no water stream flow forecast and 500-year drought, a potential net out-migration of 15-16 million people without water must find and form new cities near adequate water. Los Angeles County flood control engineers estimated upwards of 80 percent of storm-water percolated to groundwater prior to the concretizing of our natural river systems. Only eight percent of rainfall in urbanized areas now recharges the groundwater, the rest, along with urban contaminants, flows to the ocean via the channelized streams.

Before suburban sprawl, the Tujunga/Pacoima Watershed was a major contributor of groundwater supply. Atop the San Fernando Groundwater Basin there is a natural underground reservoir which has become depleted over the years as most of the valley floor became impervious. A third of LA County's total water recharge is attributed to snow-melt, and rainwater runoff, which is collected in the upper watershed by Pacoima and Big Tujunga dams and infiltrated along the Pacoima and Tujunga Washes. These areas comprise the local surface water infiltrated to groundwater in Los Angeles County between 2003 and 2006. Currently less than 15 percent of the water supply for the City of Los Angeles comes from local native groundwater. The other 85 percent is imported from distant sources via a delivery system that costs a significant percentage of our total statewide energy bill.

Editor's Note: Mr. Lindblad is a Local San Fernando Valley Architect and long time Community Activist dedicated to protecting the environment.

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SOUND OFF Where is the Public Outcry Now?

By Tony Bowling

Exxon Mobil Corporation was formed in 1999 by the merger of two major oil companies, Exxon and Mobil. Both Exxon and Mobil were descendants of the original John D. Rockefeller Sr. Corporation, Standard Oil, which was established in 1870. The reputation of Standard Oil in the public eye suffered badly after publication of Ida M. Tarbell's classic exposé, The History of the Standard Oil Company, in 1904, leading to a growing outcry for the government to take action against the company.

By 1911, with public outcry at a climax, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that Standard Oil must be dissolved and split into 34 companies. Two of the companies were Jersey Standard (Standard Oil Company of New Jersey), which eventually became Exxon, and Socony (Standard Oil Company of New York), which eventually became Mobil. Note that this public outcry spanned a period from 1904 to 1911, at a time when there were few automobiles.

Now, move ahead almost a century. In 1998, Exxon and Mobil signed a US \$73.7 billion definitive agreement to merge and form a new company called Exxon Mobil Corporation, the largest company on the planet. After shareholder and regulatory approvals, the merger was completed on November 30, 1999. The merger of Exxon and Mobil was unique in American history. It reunited the two largest companies of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil trust, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey/Exxon and Standard Oil Company of New York/Mobil, which had been forcibly separated by government order nearly a century earlier. This reunion resulted in the largest merger in US corporate history.

If Standard Oil was mandated to divide into 34 corporations due to public outcry in 1911, why then were they basically allowed to re-form--almost 100 years later--to become the largest company in the world?

It is now 2008 and we have highest ever gas prices. By the way, Exxon still has not paid a penny for the Exxon Valdez oil tanker disaster. Where is the public outcry now?

Editors Note: Mr. Bowling is a guest columnist and long time Sunland-Tujunga community activist

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The Beginning of Sun Valley Part 1 of 2

By Mary Benson

Roberts, Roscoe, Fernangeles and Stonehurst are all gone but not forgotten.

The most historic thing in today's Sun Valley is the transportation corridor connecting Burbank, Sun Valley and the City of San Fernando to San Francisco and beyond.

In 1874, Charles Maclay paid \$117,500 for the entire northern half of the Valley and established the town of San Fernando. Two years later, Southern Pacific Railroad (SPRR) finished the tunnel through Newhall pass connecting Los Angeles to San Fran-

cisco. That line joined with the continental railroad and opened Southern California for settlement. Some cities, like Glendale and Pasadena, thrived during the land boom of the 1880's, while the Sun Valley area largely remained cropland. The rail line followed the 100-year-old historic "camino" which followed the Tujunga Arroyo from Los Angeles to the Mission of San Fernando.

The SPRR ran a steam train out of downtown Los Angeles into the San Fernando Valley, stopping at the tiny Roscoe Depot only when signaled to do so. There are several stories surrounding the origin of the town's name, because the area around the "only store in town" was known as "Roberts".

On Thursday, Feb. 15, 1894, Roscoe was the location of a sensational Train Wreck. Robbers, intent on stealing the payroll, derailed the train. The fireman, Arthur Masters, was scalded to death after being trapped under the boiler. News of the robbery reached all the way to San Francisco. The Examiner called it "the boldest train robbery that ever took place in Southern California, or, for that matter, in the state". SPRR offered an extra \$1000 to rewards posted by Wells Fargo and the state, presumably because of the horrible deaths suffered in the wreck.

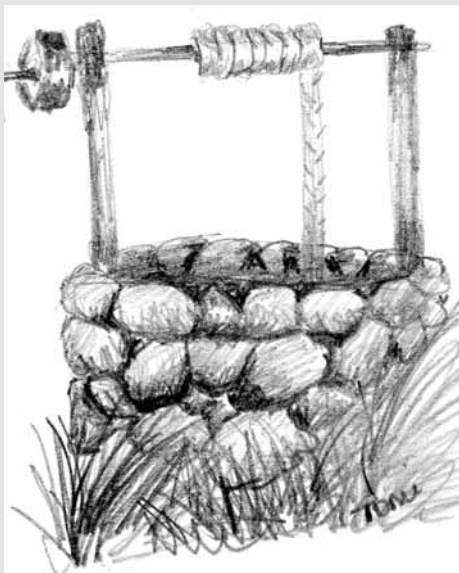
The location is approximately the same location as today's Metrolink stop. It would be a great place to

create a station like the one in Fullerton with several antique rail cars. The Union Pacific Museum Collection has a photograph of the depot house. Roscoe was annexed into the City of Los Angeles in 1913.

By 1920, San Fernando Road, along with continental Route 66, transported people in their automobiles north and south along the State. Highway 99 connected to the San Joaquin Valley via "the grapevine". Not daring to drive the steep and narrow road over the mountains at night, travelers would often stay along San Fernando Road. MOTOR HOTEL, or as they became known--MO-TELS---dotted the San Fernando Road Corridor. Some of the tiny motels remain to this day.

Perhaps the reason numerous auto repair shops and junkyards began springing up right beside the motels was to accommodate the battered cars. Vehicles traveling south "gave up the ghost" or were repaired by mechanics at numerous "filling stations" while passengers rested in nearby motels. These "grease monkeys" and self-taught mechanics formed a pre-educated workforce for the aircraft industry just down the road at Lockheed Air strip.

Editors Note: Ms. Benson is Founder and Exec. Dir. of L.A. Trails Project, and is also a member of the Upper Los Angeles River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Steering Committee



Carrick's Journey - Part Nine

By
Tomi Lyn Bowling

As Maddie paced back and forth she began to make a path in the earth. Her complete frustration was very visible to all who watched her every step, back and forth. With their heads bobbing like

they were watching a ping pong tournament, the eyes of several villagers remained fixed on her every frantic step.

It was a cool but very strong wind that broke the pattern and interrupted the show. The winds had picked up and were gusting around with such fury that the children, Maddie's, sought refuge in a small, dark, and abandoned cabin in the village. Maddie had been determined not to get too comfortable, and had no intention of taking up roots there, so she resisted the urge to go inside previously though it was offered to her many times. The winds had forced her hand. In she went, continuing her pacing once inside.

The children started to fall asleep in each other's arms. A caring neighbor brought them blankets and some food to keep them throughout the night. The oldest daughter collected wood and lit the fire in the fireplace. There were plenty of creaking sounds and howls as the winds picked up more strength. The eldest stayed awake keeping vigil over the rest of the children whilst their mother nervously paced for hours. Kelly's petite little hand reached around her mother's waist, that is all she could reach, and she said "mummy, stop pacing, get some rest, c'mon over here" as the little girl pushed her mother's body to the rocking chair in the corner and made her sit down. Maddie smiled and sat the little girl on her lap hugging her tightly as she finally dozed off.

Nothing to Do...Try Camping!

By Marlene Hitt

It's still vacation time for most and summer freedom is wearing thin. Did you all enjoy your cruise to the Greek Islands? Your-country journey to see all the sights? Or your camping trip in the Sierras?

For some of us, a vacation used to mean a simple campsite somewhere under the pines. The joy of invention consumed the children as well as the freedom to climb, hike, fish, and sleep on the ground. Living out of doors was remembered as a joy. The next generation learned from the older folks the romance of the National Park, the tent, the fire and only one bite of the one trout you managed to catch with the side of a can of beans.

The tents of the thirties and forties, (fifties too?), were big and heavy, made of canvas and taking skill and strength to set up. I remember once trying to set up my own personal pup tent at a group camp-out. No matter what I did the thing wouldn't stay up. As darkness overtook any hope of seeing, I decided to use the tent as a sleeping bag. It was quite comfortable but very difficult to dress in.

My first camping trip, about 1958, was a surprise. I had no idea what to wear and I was newly married. I'd been taught to look pretty at all times, so I took three dresses, one pair of slacks and shoes to go with my dresses. It's lucky that the shoes were comfortable flats because with them I climbed up past Vernal Falls in Yosemite to Nevada Falls. I had no idea people did such things and was surprised when my legs turned to wet spaghetti on the way down.

In Sequoia Park, we parked our tiny Dauphin auto on a hillside. The back wheel was a foot or two off the ground but it seemed to stay where we put it. That night I discovered the vulnerability of a few feet of canvas when we heard a terrible crash, then carefully looked outside to see, in the line of the flashlight's beam, that a huge bear had knocked down our "cupboard", causing our food supply to roll further down into the canyon. In the morning we found a can of beans dented with claw marks, the beans oozing out.

Our first years of living outdoors at vacation time were difficult but wonderful; the pine smell, fresh air, waking up to see honest pine needles in front of your face, the secure feeling with camper camaraderie, as one could leave everything out and never think of theft. Later, though, the element of trust gradually disappeared.

It became chancy to leave your food and possessions out on your camp table, since within an hour the supplies could be "borrowed". Not only would you guard against the wildlife but against your fellow man as well. In the olden days we heard birdcalls, chipmunks, waterfalls. On our last trips we heard loud music of all nations. And auto alarms. After our 1980 excursions we no longer heard campers calling each other in the darkness, a brotherhood. The next-to-the-last trip we found ourselves in gang territory and were pelted with stones as we sat around the fire. On our final camping trip, at frigid Twin Lakes campground, we found out that the years had done some darn thing to our bodies, because crawling out of the pup tent in the middle of the night was really hard! And the outhouses seemed much farther than ever before.

With the price of transportation, the cost of camping, and all the changes I say it is just as good an idea to camp out at home this summer, right there on the balcony with the barbecue on full blast.

Editors Note: Ms. Hitt is a former Poet Laureate of Sunland-Tujunga

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HERE'S MY CARD



Jerry (Jerome) Friedman February 1923 – July 2008

Long time community volunteer and activist Jerry Friedman lost his battle with cancer on July 17. Jerry, and his wife of 57 years Lorraine, lived in Sunland-Tujunga where they raised their three children, Sheryl Friedman, Lori Ostrander (Brian) and son Mike Friedman. (Wendy). He also leaves behind granddaughters Katrina and Jessica Ostrander, sister Addy Friedman and niece Michelle Friedman.

Jerry served in the US Army from 1943-1946 and additional stints in the U.S. Navy and Air Force. He worked for Lockheed Aircraft for 41 years where he performed his duties as an Expeditor until his retirement. He also retired from the Burbank Police Department where he volunteered as a Reserve Officer for ten years.

He belonged to numerous community organizations and served them faithfully. He had a lifetime membership in the Sunland-Tujunga Kiwanis as a 31 year member. He continued to volunteer and hold many positions such as: Verdugo Hills High School Key Club Advisor, past VP of VHHS Boosters Club, picked up food for the S-T Temporary Aid Center, LAPD Community Police Advisory Board, Foothill Area Booster Assoc., Verdugo Hills YMCA Board, S-T Chamber of Commerce Board, American Legion Post 377, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was most proud of the Golden Nike Award he received from the Sunland-Tujunga Business and Professional Women's Assoc. in 2006 for initiating the first woman member of the S-T Kiwanis He was also responsible for convincing the Kiwanis to admit girls into their Kiwanis T-Ball league. He was also proud that he donated three gallons of blood to the Kaiser Permanente Blood Bank and 23 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross Blood Bank.

Jerry was known throughout the community for his sales ability. When organizations had tickets for events or raffles to be sold, Jerry was first on their list to contact because regardless of the function, he would consistently outsell everyone.

A Memorial Service was held at Valhalla Mortuary in North Hollywood on July 21, and was attended by County Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Angela Motta from Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office, as well as many family and community members. Jerry was a community treasure that will be sorely missed by all who knew him.



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