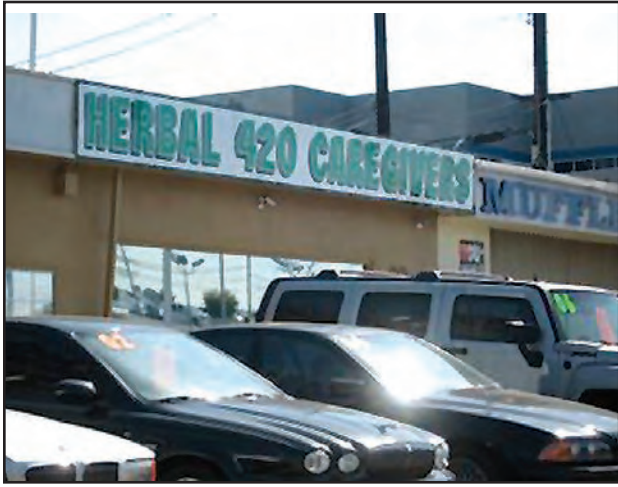


Los Angeles Cracks Down on Pot Shops



Location of this MMD dispensary is mixed in with auto sales and auto muffler shop businesses

PLUM denies hardship applications

By Katharine Russ

Nearly thirty applications for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (MMD) were on the City's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee's June 29 Agenda, for approval (disapproval) of MMD hardship applications. Because of a loophole in the ordi-

nance and lack of enforcement, many were filed after the August 10, 2007 ordinance approval date that set forth a prohibition of new MMD's. At that time there were only 186 MMD's operating within the City. Barbara Greaves, Legislative Assistant, stated, "All applicants {on June 29} were denied except CF 05-0872-S124 which was continued to next PLUM meeting." Presently, there are over 800 MMD's operating in the city.

Under the Sec. 4 of the Hardship Exemptions of Ordinance 179027, adopted in August 2007, approximately 550 new applicants had applied for MMD's claiming hardships and they were allowed to open for business having never been approved by PLUM or the City Council. Most stated in their applications that they were unaware their dispensaries needed to be registered with the City. Some applicants claimed that "a hardship exists in that, through no fault of our patient collective, the federal government has been utilizing selective enforcement, and a pattern of terror and fear upon the medical marijuana patients, collectives, and caregivers, despite the 1996 passage of prop 215 and subsequent clarification through SB 420." Several were filed in 2008 and 2009.

Sec. 4. states, "The City Council, acting in its legislative capacity and by resolution, may grant an ex-

emption from the provisions of this ordinance in cases of hardship duly established to the satisfaction of the City Council. An application for a hardship exemption shall be obtained from and filed with the City Clerk."

On June 15, 2009, the City Council amended Ordinance number 179027, the Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (MMD) Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) with Ordinance number 180749 that deleted Section 4 of the original ordinance. The new amendment is effective until March 15, 2010 or until a permanent ordinance is adopted, whichever comes first. It states, "The Los Angeles Police Department has received complaints from neighbors, business owners, and concerned citizens regarding the negative impacts of dispensaries, including flyers, leaflets and stickers advertising dispensaries being placed on school grounds; smoking marijuana outdoors within 1,000 feet from schools; operating near sensitive uses; and constant activity around dispensaries at all hours. Citizens have raised concerns that children will have access to marijuana for recreational use, and that there will be an increase in crime particularly in areas in close proximity to residences, schools, places of worship and other sensitive uses, as well as concerns regarding a lack of regulations for the hours of operation."

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Bus Service Threatened

By Mina Nichols

If gas prices and the economy are driving you to consider taking public transportation, you may be about to miss the bus. The Northeast Valley is about to lose a key bus service that connects Sylmar with Santa Clarita. This service is a key lifeline that connects many workers with jobs in both regions, as well as the link to medical facilities.

In May, the City of Santa Clarita announced that budget tightening and low rider-ship have forced discontinuation of six local bus routes, to be replaced in August by a single express route to North Hollywood with just nine stops. The 2009 Santa Clarita City Budget shows transit expenditures of \$19 million in a total budget of \$171 million draft budget. The city budget is down 29 percent from last year's budget. Much of that reduction is from capital projects that were completed last year and not replaced with new spending.

In public meetings conducted in May, the city presented slides describing Santa Clarita bus lines 503, 504, 747, 793, and 798 as under-performing. Although public transit use is on the rise across the nation, city transit authorities and the experts they hired to study alternatives, offered only one option for addressing rider-ship concerns: scrap the service altogether. In addition to these five lines, busy Line 8 serving, Sylmar and Santa Clarita, will also be canceled, because its federal subsidy is set to expire.

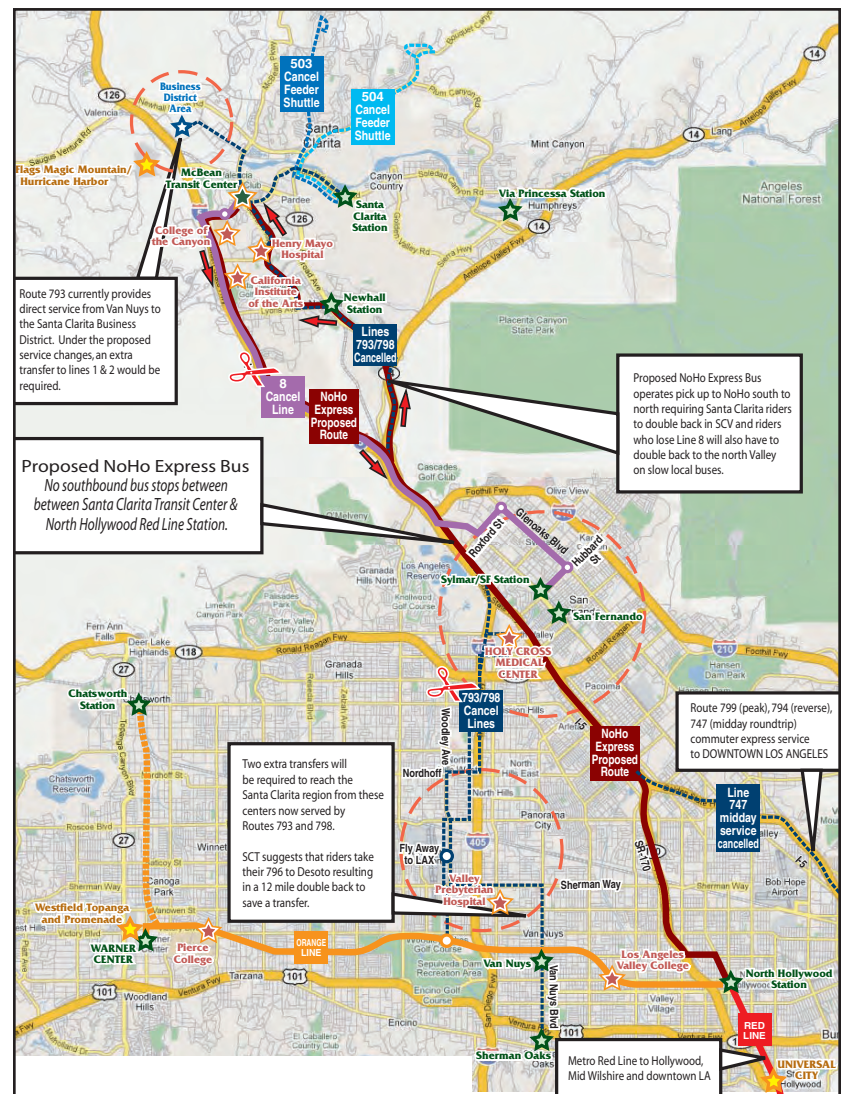
Despite hearing from several citizens concerned enough to tell their story to City Hall in

person, city officials shrugged helplessly and offered vanpool voucher applications valued at \$400 (up to one half monthly van pool cost), and suggested disabled patrons take advantage of subsidized access para-transit services. Admittedly, these fairly costly alternatives to bus transportation have the advantage of drawing on state resources instead of local coffers.

Melissa Arroyo, who takes line 8 to work at Magic Mountain, attended one of the meetings. She expressed concern that details of the new NoHo line have not been published on the Santa Clarita Transit web site and that Santa Clarita residents will have to backtrack from and to North Hollywood.

Local activist, Terry Prather, noted that the proposed changes can add hours to the commute when the longer distance between stops, reduction in lines and frequencies, and poor coordination between services are taken into account.

According to Bart Reed of the Transit Coalition, a local non-profit dedicated to promoting public transportation, "I understand the Van Nuys 793 / 798 service has low rider-ship. It can be fixed by simply extending Line 8 to cover Line 793 / 798 route mileage. This would boost the line productivity to allow the combined service to survive." The Transit Coalition also recommends adding rider-ship by adjusting lines so that they stop at more popular destinations in both the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys. "There's no way the NoHo Express is going to serve a larger market base of riders if there are fewer stops and they're all along the same narrow corridor," Reed added.



Former Metro employee, Tom Rubin, says there may be other funding alternatives. Although the city's study identified the loss of federal JARC [Job Access and Reverse Commute] funding for line 8, the line will be eligible for funding under the countywide Formula Allocation

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COMMUNITY NEWS

You Should Know...

4th of July Festivities - Start at 10:00 am with the annual parade in Sunland-Tujunga, sponsored by the Sunland-Tujunga, Shadow Hills Rotary. The parade begins at Mount Gleason Ave. and ends at Sunland Park. Gates will open at 4:00 pm at Verdugo Hills High School. Entertainment will be provided, and food booths, sponsored by multiple community organizations, will be open until the Annual Fireworks show begins after dusk. The Chamber of Commerce will also announce the winner of the Sunland-Tujunga Mayor's race.

Hansen Dam will also have festivities beginning at 10:30 am until 9:00 pm, hosted by Neighborhood Councils and city council members. Entertainment consists of "Battle of the Bands," and "Valley Idol." The day will culminate with live fireworks.

A Verdugo Hills Golf Course Town Hall Meeting - will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 pm, at North Valley Neighborhood City Hall, 7747 Foothill Blvd., and Tujunga. It will be hosted by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Alliance, and the Save the Golf Course Committee, whose members include residents from Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, and La Canada. Their goal is to save the golf course from development of anywhere from 229 to 336 residences and keep it as an existing golf

course and recreation site. They will be reviewing and discussing elements of the Draft Environmental Impact Report that was released by the city on May 20, 2009. A copy of the DEIR is available at the Sunland-Tujunga Library, 7771 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga. A physical copy is available at the STNC Office. Call 951-7411. The deadline for final comments is July 20. The public is encouraged to participate.

Community Recycling Environmental Impact Review (EIR) Public meeting - is on Wednesday, July 8, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at Byrd Middle School Auditorium, 8501 Arleta Ave., Sun Valley, and will be hosted by the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, Community Recycling, and Byrd Middle School (across from Poly High School) This is a free public workshop regarding community recycling facility improvements. The Public workshop will provide the Sun Valley Community with the opportunity to meet with representatives of Community Recycling regarding the project that is the subject of a Draft Environmental impact report ENV-2006-6373-EIR. The full DEIR and a Spanish translation of the executive summary can be reviewed at the following locations: Central Library, 630 W. 5th St. L.A., 90071; Sun Valley Library, 7935 Pineland Ave., Sun Valley, 913252, Lake View Terrace Library, 12002 Osborne St., LVT,

91342; Pacoima Branch Library, 13605 Van Nuys Blvd, Pacoima 91311, and on line at: <http://cityplanning.lacity.org>. This is the last public workshop. The deadline to comment in writing on the DEIR is August 17, 2009.

A Public Forum - for Candidates running for Council District Two is being planned by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, to be at the North Valley City Hall in Tujunga, Saturday, August 8. The time and the name of the candidates who will be participating will be announced in the near future.

Las Lomas - annexation of the 595 acres of land located in Los Angeles County, south of Santa Clarita, was addressed during the Santa Clarita Planning Commission Meeting, June 2. The public review period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report [DEIR] began on April 20 and ended on June 10. Tammy Flores, Vice President, Sylmar Neighborhood Council and Nina Royal, Vice President, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, spoke in opposition to the annexation of the site by the City of Santa Clarita. However, at the end of the meeting, the Commission, which appeared to be environmentally sensitive, assured them that if the city did decide to annex the site, they would not change the present zoning set at two acre parcels by the county.

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Process of funding local bus service beginning in November. "However," according to Rubin, "The problem this year is that the total amount of FAP [Formula Allocation Procedure] funds being distributed is down from previous years."

Although the decision to replace the six lines with one express line to North Hollywood has been presented as a done deal, many have vowed to fight it. According to Bart Reed of the Transit Coalition, "It doesn't make sense to remove all those lines, all those stops, all that service, when

it's not that hard to fix the lines and make them profitable."

Mina Nichols is the Legislative Analyst of The Transit Coalition, a Sylmar based non-profit dealing with issues of transportation, mobility and land use planning. He can be reached at: www.transitcoalition.org

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Shadow Hills

By Angela Manning

Appearance of Wildlife Increasing – Coyotes, rattlesnakes and raccoons are appearing more often in this rural community. Coyotes are bold enough to seize family pets in direct sight of their owners. It's advisable to keep small pets indoors. Do not leave food or water out in your yard because it will encourage them. If your pet is bitten by a snake, try to keep it as still as possible so the venom will not travel as fast. Remember to keep the telephone number of your Emergency Pet Clinic where you can retrieve it quickly.

Summer Camp – Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church is offering a unique, summer experience for pre-school through junior high school age children on Sundays during July and August. **CAMP E.D.G.E.** will take the children to an extreme adventure camp where they Experience and Discover God Everywhere. It is not the typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids that their strength and might come from God through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme sports videos and cool, challenging crafts. The children will be shown

how to live on the *E.D.G.E.* in their faith. Camp *E.D.G.E.* is located at Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church, 10158 Johanna Ave., Shadow Hills. Call 818-254-5625 for more information.

Annual Pancake Breakfast – This event will be hosted by the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) and will be held out doors at Tierra Del Sol, Sunday, July 12, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, ages 5-12. This is event is a great opportunity for community members to socialize and network. The general public is also invited.

Mission Hills

By David Guzman

Mission Hills Neighborhood Council (MHNC) – On Saturday, June 13, the Council sponsored a community meeting at Mission Area Police Station regarding the Titan Development Group's proposed development at the site of the Guest House Inn (formally Mission Inn) on Sepulveda Blvd. MHNC Zoning & Land Use Chair, Gerardo "Jerry" Lagunzad facilitated the meeting, which was attended by approximately 65 stakeholders.

A wide range of questions and concerns regarding noise, traffic, parking and public safety, among others, were raised by the community during Titan's presentation. Titan's proposed "Corte Bella" development includes 167 condominiums, as well as a recreation room and approximately 7000 square feet of in-line retail along the south side of Chatsworth Street.

The MHNC Zoning and Land Use committee meets on July 6 at Mission Area Police Station, and the MHNC Board meets on the July 7 at San Jose Street School. The proposed development will be taken up again at both meetings.

Joining the MHNC Board is stakeholder and National Guard Recruiting Assistant, John Samuelson. John is a long time resident of Mission Hills and has volunteered to serve as Treasurer and Chair of the MHNC Budget and Finance Committee.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will begin Monday evenings for seven weeks starting July 13. The classes will be held at Bishop Alemany High School,

11111 Alemany Dr., Mission Hills, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. For further information call Manny Figueras of CD7, at 818-756-8409, or email: manny.figueras@lacity.org



MISSION HILLS Neighborhood Council

Board of Governors & Stakeholders General Meeting

July 7, 2009

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

San Jose Street School Auditorium
14928 Clymer Street, Mission Hills

The Board will take up the issue of the proposed Titan Development mixed-use project at the site of The Guest House Inn (formally Mission Inn) at Sepulveda Blvd. and Chatsworth Street

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sylmar

By Nick Krall

Sylmar Neighborhood Council (SNC) - has some new board members. Liz Meher represents Local Business, and Ricardo Benitez represents the Community Based Organizations category. Vacancies have been created by the resignations of Lynn Zekanis, Esteban Tavares, and Bonnie Bernard.

Present board members who consistently miss board meetings, committee meetings and board outreach events may be receiving warnings or removal notices based on SNC's by-laws regarding participation commitment.

Congratulations to the SNC which won the "Council of the Year Award" from the Valley Regional Congress. The Award was voted on by Neighborhood Council Board Members across the valley using an online survey.



L-R: Martin Laufer, Minutes-writer David Levine, Tammy Flores, Jim Schopper, Assemblymember Felipe Fuentes, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Hiral Bhakta, City Councilman Richard Alarcon, Rick Donnelly, DONE General Manager BongHwan Kim.

Arleta

By Al Piantanida

Arleta High School graduates first class – 2,000 proud parents and friends watched as the first class of Arleta High School's Year 2009 Seniors graduated from one of the newest high schools in Los Angeles. Commencement Exercises took place in the championship Mustangs Football Stadium on June 18.



Appreciation Breakfast – This special event for staff and community was held at Arleta High School on June 16 in the Student Dining Center. Dr. Calvo, Principal, presented "A Year in Review" of the school's many accomplishments and presented awards to students, staff, parents, and community members. Al Piantanida, an avid supporter, presented Wendy Pichman, Assistant Principal, with the Arleta 2009 Community Service Award for her ded-

The SNC will be hosting a community social and outreach for the residents of the Oakridge Mobile Home Park. Most residents are still displaced as a result of the November 2008 Sayre Fire. The Council will coordinate with the Oakridge community members who previously planned their community's gatherings for bingo, poker and other fun activities for hundreds of neighbors who gathered and shared good times. The tentative location is the Sylmar Recreation Center. The date is yet to be determined.

Look for the SNC booth at the Hansen Dam 4th of July celebration and fireworks, featuring special performances in honor of the 50th anniversary of the loss of Ritchie Valens, a local musical legend.

ication in working with the community for over three years.

Looky Loos Arleta Neighborhood Watch Meeting – On June 2, at Beach Elementary School, LAPD Lead Officer, Lee Perry, from Mission Division, gave community crime updates, including statistics on major crimes, such as home and vehicle break-ins. The Looky Loos have participated in many city projects. Two new stop signs were installed on Kagel Canyon at Guillo St. Kagel Canyon has been repaved from Woodman Ave. east, to Sharp Ave., as well as Sharp Ave., from Garber St. south, to Kamloop St. Speed Bumps and 15 MPH speed limit signs will be installed on Beach Ave., from Van Nuys Blvd south, to Peirce St. will after school closes for the summer.

Trip to San Manuel Indian Casino – The out-of-town excursion, sponsored by Arleta Community Watchdogs, took place on June 15. A total of 57 seniors from Nikkei Village, in Arleta, and Palm Village Retirement Apartments in Sun Valley, enjoyed the event. They were treated to a free bus trip, food, and casino coupons.

Jerry's Automotive Honored



By Shirley Berg

The Arleta Chamber of Commerce and Residents Assoc. has selected Jerry's Automotive to receive their community's Small Business Award. Current owner, Yervand Ureflayan, was also honored at the annual United Chambers of Commerce,

San Fernando Valley and Region Small Business Awards Breakfast, held June 4, at Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn in North Hollywood.

Mr. Ureflayan and former owner, Jerry Dunn, received the award together. Mr. Dunn started the business in 1999, the same year Yervand began working with him. Yervand purchased the business in 2006 and continues to service American and foreign cars. He also continues the tradition of quality service while maintaining an outstanding reputation for his integrity and mechanical expertise. Customers who leave Arleta come back for the excellent service. And Jerry still drops by three times a week to "keep his finger in the pie." Arleta is proud for having chosen Jerry's Automotive for their 2009 Small Business Award.

Panorama City

By Tony Wilkinson

Panorama City Neighborhood Council (PCNC) – The Council joined with the LAPD, Panorama High School, the county probation department, the LAUSD school police, Casa Esperanza, New Directions for Youth, Career Dreams, the I-ADARP drug recovery program, and Recreation and Parks to launch the Blythe Street Community Initiative on June 11. With the help of a PCNC director, who lives on Blythe Street, the initiative will focus on community action to involve youth in sponsored summer activities. A community barbecue will be held at Blythe Street's Cardenas Park on National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4. "When we face challenges," said PCNC's Jose Sandoval, "Panorama City is a community that responds."

In response to a series of shooting incidents on Blythe Street, the Panorama City Neighborhood Council has asked the city to include that area within the Panorama City Gang Reduction and Youth Development zone. If that is not possible, The Council has asked the city to instruct its gang prevention and intervention partners to serve Blythe Street under their GRYD (Gang Reduction and Youth Development) contracts. Los Angeles Police Department's Mission Station began serving Blythe Street in January. It is now actively enforcing the Blythe Street gang injunction. In May, Mission nearly doubled the size of its gang unit to 18 officers, with four assigned to Blythe Street.

New Early Education Center - Los Angeles Unified School District celebrated the opening of the Valley's first purpose-built early education center in Panorama City on May 29. This new 175-seat facility is located on the campus of Chase Elementary School. It will provide free preschool education and care for income-qualified families, starting in July. Panorama City is also host to a new charter middle school, Valor Academy, which will open in August. Valor Academy is operating on the Woodman Ave. campus of the former Panorama Baptist School. It is now accepting applications for the fifth grade. Valor Academy is a free public school. Its web site is www.valoracademy.org.



Photo by Tony Wilkinson

Panorama High's Spring Cabaret packed the school's 1200-seat auditorium on the same night the Lakers played their first game for the NBA championship. Song, dance, symphony orchestras, jazz bands and improvs kept the Spring Cabaret moving at fast-break speed. David Yakerson, of Panorama High's School of Visual and Performing Arts, staged the show. The event showcased some of the many reasons why kids stay in school when learning is fun. As reported in the Daily News on May 30, Panorama High School is a leader in the Valley in preventing dropouts.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunland - Tujunga

By Cindy Cleghorn

Renovation of Commerce Avenue – Long awaited approval of this project has just been announced by Bill Robertson, Director of the L.A. City Public Works Street Services Division. The project, which is called “Greening of Commerce”, will be replacing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters in four sections. The start date is July 6, beginning on the west side of the street, between Foothill Blvd. and Tujunga Canyon, continuing up one side of Commerce Ave. then down the other. Commerce Owners Business Restroation, Inc. (COBRA) board members Elaine Brown, Jillian Walker, Charlotte Leu, Terry Hake-Church, and other members lobbied to make this plan a reality for over three years.

Speed Limits Changing: Brian Gallagher, Senior Transportation Engineer with the LA Department of Transportation, announced the change of existing speed limits on five streets in Sunland and Tujunga. They are: Summitrose St., between Fairgrove Ave. and Mt. Gleason Ave. (recommending 30 mph); Day St., between the city limit, east to Amanita Ave. and Silverton Ave. (recommending 25 mph); McVine Ave., between Ellenbogen St. and Foothill Blvd. (recommending 25 mph); Apperson St.--[a] Apperson St., between Haines Canyon Ave. and Newhome Ave. (recommending 30 mph); Apperson St.--[b] Apperson St., between Woodward Ave. and Haines Canyon Ave. (recommending retention of 30 mph). Gallagher explained that these are the speed limits they are proposing based on studies of existing traffic patterns, traffic risks, and average speeds for those areas. For more information contact the STNC office at 818-951-7411

Council District Two Representative, Wendy Greuel, has moved on to City Controller, leaving the council seat vacant. Many candidates have expressed an interest in filling the seat. Community groups and neighbors in Sunland-Tujunga will host a Candidates Forum on Saturday, August 8, at 1:00 pm., at North Valley Neighborhood City Hall. A special election will be held on September 22, with a runoff in December. The current staff at CD2 will continue to serve the community until January 10.

Donations requested for needy students was announced at the STNC’s general meeting. Education Rep., Lydia Grant, announced that donations are needed for school supplies to aid 65 homeless students who are presently attending Verdugo Hills High. Anyone wishing to donate should contact her through the STNC office at 818-951-7411.

John Laue has been selected to represent District One on the Board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. He has excellent qualifications; he presently works with high-risk kids for the LAUSD, is a former member of the Planning Department with the City of Pasadena, served on the staff of a congressman, and was a Washington lobbyist.



Mountain View Elementary School students received awards at the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) meeting on June 10. STNC Education Representative, Lydia Grant, and Mountain View’s Principal, Beth Harker, presented Citizenship Certificates to Steven Moore, Janet Paz and Amanda Guardado; receiving Scholar Awards were Christopher Harris, James Marrero and Eunbie Coe.

Students at Mountain View Elementary recognized at the June 10th STNC meeting for their accomplishments.

Sun Valley

By Mary Benson

Sun Valley High School -Ribbon cutting took place recently for the new Sun Valley High School, which was the former Byrd Middle School. The school is part of LAUSD’s New School Construction and Modernization Program. The project took Byrd Middle School, which was located on Sheldon St., and upgraded it to a high school. A new Byrd Middle School was built and is now functioning across the street from Poly High School on Roscoe Blvd. Sun Valley High School has a two-semester calendar, with three small learning communities consisting of Tourism and Hospitality, Water and Energy, and Entertainment Media. Existing school facilities include classrooms, a multi-purpose room, a food service and lunch shelter, and a central administration center. The new school facilities will also include science labs, an expanded library, and a gymnasium. The gymnasium will be completed after the school is opened in September.



Pictured left to right: former Byrd student, Judge M. O'Gara, Jr.; Julie Korenstein, LAUSD School Board; Principal Gray, SVHS; Councilmember Tony Cardenas; Mike O'Gara, President of SVANC; Estella, from Neighborhood Watch, with future students

Mary Benson Argues for City to Implement AB1516

By Mary Benson

The Department of Planning created the Los Angeles Recreational Trails policy in 1968, when the Citywide Hiking and Equestrian Trails Master Plan was a project envisioned to create a system of unpaved trails connecting communities. However, it was never incorporated into the Transportation Element of the General Plan and has not been revised since 1968. But, the State of California recognized this plan as “Rim of the Valley and was signed into law by Governor Deukmajian in 1989.

Other cities include recreational trails as a specially designated “Linear Park,” or Greenway, in their park-to-population statistics. Greenway trails qualify for state and federal funding provided the Greenway is between 20 and 50 feet in width. Los Angeles has not mapped or included hiking and equestrian trails as recreational space. The sum total of trails outside City parks as indicated on the 1968 Citywide Plan is estimated to be 47 miles, or 114 acres of parkland.

This recreational asset is being gradually lost as developers request the City Engineer to issue a determination to vacate trail corridors. Thus, the City ignores yet another state designated public resource because Greenways provide an alternate route to parks. The loss to the public is considerable when trails shown on the community plans are not built. The Planning Department can impose conditions re-

quiring the construction and maintenance of trails. The Bureau of Engineering or Department of Building and Safety often waives the requirement after the entitlement process is completed.

No Tentative Tract Map should be approved without a Site Plan Review that checks the parcel’s status for those “little black hoof prints” and Community Plan Footnotes. The Site Plan should be checked whenever there is permit activity within 100 feet along any of the trail corridors as required in 17 of the 35 Community Plans. This should apply to public as well as private projects. A Council File Index search produces over 300 Council File references to horses and/or trails. Many involve a request to the City Engineer or Planning to vacate a trail that was a specified condition, but never built by the applicant.

Hiking and Equestrian Recreational Trails should be recognized as a public asset and considered as a required improvement along with other public improvements such as streets and sidewalks. The Department of Public Works and the Public Works Committee are involved in trail planning whenever the trail alignment is outside the Department of Recreation and Parks jurisdiction.

The Department of Recreation and Parks calculates a Quimby Credit, i.e. the amount of money a community would receive specifically for park(s) development that was placed on deposit by a developer

following the completion of a project. Funding is not necessarily an impediment. Federal and state funding is available. In 2008, Congress authorized \$500,000 that included a resource study by the National Parks Service. Los Angeles has current access to rivers, trails and conservation technical assistance. The state’s Santa Monica Mountain’s Conservancy is charged with implementation of Rim of the Valley Trail. Rim of the Valley is one of 26 Master Trail Systems recognized by California State Parks. Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA), funding for recreational trails is still available. The Master Plan was published in 1990. That agency has recently published a manual on trail standards.

The Rim of the Valley Trail is an estimated 200 miles long. If the city was to officially include 25 miles of 20-ft. wide trail right-of-way, there would be an additional 56 acres of parkland added. They will be constructed only if development projects are required to do so.

I support including our historic hiking and equestrian trails to the City’s Mobility Element.

I support an ordinance requiring historic trail improvements as a public asset as per AB1516.

Editor’s Note: Mary Benson is Vice President of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council and represents the North Valley on the Mayor’s Budget Advisory Committee.

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Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, 10th District, said, “Of the 29 cases heard in the PLUM committee today, 10 were in my district. I am opposed to the unregulated and uncontrolled spread of MMDs throughout the city; and I want to not only stop the spread but also reduce the number of MMDs operating now.”

A recent interview on Fox News detailed the cash and carry business medical marijuana has afforded them since insurance will not cover treatment with marijuana.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), “The assertion that all medical marijuana is headed for seriously ill patients is misleading. Statistics from the California Branch of the National Organi-

zation for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) shows that a survey of Californians reports the top three reported uses of medicinal marijuana: 40%- Chronic Pain, 22%- AIDS-Related, 15%- Mood Disorders and 23%- all other categories. Estimates show there to be over 200,000 medical marijuana patients.

Cindy Cleghorn, Secretary of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, reports that there are 14 MMD’s within the three-mile corridor area in Sunland-Tujunga. “That’s just the ones we know about. The one across the street from me is a revolving door of customers, many of whom I suspect are just purchasing for recreational use. I have seen an average of 100 or more a day patronizing the dispensary.”

This is about the health and safety of those who need marijuana dispensaries to treat conditions including HIV, glaucoma and cancer,” said Councilmember Reyes. “This is also about the health and safety of our communities to protect them from nuisance operations.”

City leaders recognize the need to regulate these dispensaries, but can’t seem to pass or enforce such laws. The potential “grandfathering” of such dispensaries has neighborhoods all over the City as well as the dispensaries, themselves, wondering if they will be grandfathered if/ when a new law is passed to regulate MMD’s.

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Verdugo Hills High School
10625 Plainview, Tuj
4 pm - 9 pm

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10:30 am - 9 pm

Bolton Hall Museum
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10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 818-352-3420

Friends of GH Library
10640 Petit, GH
10:30 am 368-5689

MHNC Youth Outreach
10161 Sepulveda Blvd.
4 pm 818-892-2412

Sunday, July 5

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Work of the Hands"
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 818-52-3420

Monday, July 6

SNC Public Serv. Commit.
Sylmar Park
13109 Borden, Syl
6:30 pm

NAACP Exec. Comm.
11243 Glenoaks, Pac.
7 pm.

Summer Workshop
Young Performers Age 10-20
New Hope Church
10438 Oro Vista, S-T
5pm 818-262-7766

Tuesday, July 7

Town Hall
Re: Verdugo Hills Golf Course
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-T
7 pm

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Work of the Hands"
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 818-52-3420

MHNC Safety Comm
16161 Sepulveda, MH
7 pm 818-892-2414

Wednesday, July 8

Rotary Club
Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 pm 818-951-5299

STNC Gen. Meeting.
North Valley City Hall,
Tujunga
7 pm 818-951-7411

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

Sylmar Woman's Club
Odyssey Restaurant
15600 Odyssey, GH
11:30 am

Bingo Night
S-T Elks Lodge
10137 Commerce, S-T
5 pm 818-352-2098

Crown Disposal Expansion
Proposal Meeting
Byrd Middle School
8501 Arleta, SV
6 pm

Thursday, July 9

FTDNC Exec./Gen Meet.
9747 Wheatland, SH
7:30 pm

N. Hills West NC Gen. Meet.
Sepulveda VA
16111 Plummer Bg22 N.H.ills
7 pm 818-893-8613

Foothill Comm. Police
Advisory Board (CPAB)
Villar Scalabrini Retir. Home
10631 Vinedale, SV
6 pm 756-8866

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11011 Hayvenhurst, GH

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10 am

Saturday, July 11

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10 am

Movies & Pool Party
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Movie at dusk

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9 am - 4 pm

Sunday, July 12

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Presents "Work of the Hands"
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 818-52-3420

Monday, July 13

PCNC Outreach
PCNC Office (4th Floor)
14500 Roscoe Blvd., PC
6:30 pm 818-714-2133

STNC LUC Commit
North Valley City Hall
7747 Foothill S-T
7 pm 818-951-7411

SNC Land Use Com
Sylmar Park
13109 Borden, Syl
6:30 pm

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

Tuesday, July 14

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Work of the Hands"
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 818-52-3420

PCNC Commerce
Wells Fargo Bank
8548 Van Nuys Blvd., PC
2:30 pm 818-714-2133

SVANC Gen Meet
10631 Vinedale, SV
6:30

SNC Outreach Com.
Sylmar Park
13109 Borden, Syl
6:30 pm

MHNC Board/Land Use
LAPD Mission Station
1121 Sepulveda, MH
6 pm

Wednesday, July 15

Community Police Advisory
Board (CPAB)
11121 Sepulveda, MH
8:30 pm

Rotary Club
Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland, S-T
7 pm 818-951-5299

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

North Hills West NC
New Horizons,
15725 Parthenia, NH.
7 pm 818 893-8613

Bingo Night
S-T Elks Lodge
10137 Commerce, S-T
6:30 pm 352-2098

Thursday, July 16

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

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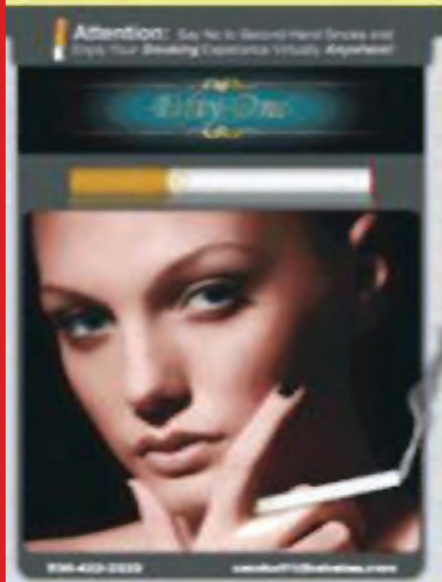
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S. V. Rotary
J. Wells Golf Center
11501 Strathern, SV
5:30-7:30 pm 818-767-1954

Sun Valley CoC Mixer
Sun Vally Health Clinic
7223 N. Fair, SV
5:30-7:30 pm

Block Captains Meeting
Sylmar Library
6:30 818-838-9848

Neighborhood Watch
St. Euphrasia Church
11766 Shoshone, GH
7 pm

Sunday, July 19

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Work of the Hands"
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 818-52-3420

Elks Famous Omelete Bar
S-T Elks Lodge #2098
10137 Commerce, S-T
7S 9 am-12 pm 818-352-2098

Monday, July 20

GHNNC Board Meet.
Van Gogh Elem. School;
17160 Van Gogh St. GH
6:30 pm

PCNC Public Safety
PCNC Office (4th Floor)
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6:30 pm 818-984-2133

SNC Gen. Meet.
Hubbard St. Elementary
13325 Hubbard, Syl
6:30 - 9:30pm
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STNC/LUC Comm
North Valley City Hall
7747 Foothills, S-T
7 pm 951-7411
Valley Vote Meet.
Galpin Ford
15555 Roscoe, N. Hills
6:30

Wednesday, July 22

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

Bingo Night
S-T Elks Lodge
10137 Commerce, S-T
6:30 pm 818-352-2098

Thursday, July 23

Panorama City NC
Mission Community Hospital
14860 Roscoe Blvd., PC
6:30 pm 818-785-9355

Sylmar NC Gen. Meet
Sylmar Elementary
13291 Phillippi, Syl
6:30 pm

S.V. Rotary
Mandarin Terrace
8815 Sunland, SV
12-1:30 pm 818-768-9888

Sunday, July 26

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Work of the Hands"
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 818-352-3420

Tuesday, July 28

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Work of the Hands"
10110 Commerce, S-T
Docent Tours
1-4 pm 818-352-3420

PCNC Rules & Finance
PCNC Office (4th Floor)
14500 Roscoe Blvd., PC
5:30 & 6:45 pm 818-714-2133

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NV City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-t
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Goodbye and Hello



By Wendy Greuel

With summer season in full swing, the city is working at a hummingbird's pace to solve the budget crisis and to ensure your tax dollar continues to work for you. Before I delve into further detail, I would like to briefly discuss what is to be expected from my office in the coming days, weeks, and months.

As you may recall, I was elected to City Controller back in March and I have many of you to thank for that accomplishment. As of July 1, I will be installed as Controller, leaving the Second Council District seat open on the City Council. While the CD2 seat in Council Chambers will be temporarily unoccupied, residents of CD2 will continue to receive full support and service from my field staff until a new Councilmember is elected. The special election to fill the seat is scheduled for September 22, and I am very interested in finding out who will succeed me. To be sure, I will have an extended conversation with whomever prevails in the election in order that I can communicate to him/her just how important it is to me that the Northeast Valley receives the attention and service it deserves.

Switching gears, I would like to update everyone on the state of the City's Budget, because it will profoundly

impact future City services as well as the overall quality of life of Angelenos. In short, this is vital information.

Last month, the City Council passed a budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10 that is both fiscally responsible and keeps our city safe. We had to make some very difficult decisions while keeping our pledge to maintain the city's public safety efforts; the cuts we did make were dramatic, but necessary to balance our budget. If we didn't make these difficult decisions now, it would have been even worse next year.

I believe that creating a budget is a statement of values and priorities. There is no value that I hold more sacred as a Councilwoman than the public safety of Angelenos. I believe that this budget keeps the safety of Angelenos as priority number one.

In these difficult economic times this budget protects our police officers and firefighters while maintaining our vital city services. I am hopeful that through shared sacrifice we will be able to minimize the impact on city workers and minimize layoffs and furloughs.

I am also happy to announce that the Council approved my recommendation to restore funding for Neighborhood Councils to \$45,000 for next year. The Neighborhood Councils will be taking the same budget reduction as the City Council, so we're all going to have to keep working together to do more with less.

As you know, Neighborhood Councils are very important to me and I appreciate the many contributions that they've made to Council District 2 and the city as a whole. That's why I made it a priority to work with the City Clerk's Election Division and DONE to restore this money. While there will still be an overall cut shared by the entire city, my hope is, with these additional funds, neighborhood councils will continue the great work they do to improve communities citywide.

Having addressed that, I would like to spend some time in reflection. Looking back on the past eight years in which I have had the distinction and privilege of serving as your Councilmember, it's difficult not to become nostalgic. During the special election campaign of 2001, a major plank of my platform was to give voice to the concerns of the Northeast Valley and to deliver the goods, services, and attention that this area deserved and was historically denied to a large degree. I believe I was able to make good on those campaign promises, but in truth, the positive changes witnessed in our neighborhoods since, were actually a direct result of the hard work, dedication, and impassioned energy of everyday people who, when given the tools and resources, accomplished extraordinary things.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and I look forward to continue working for you in my new role as City Controller!

Beat the Machine



By Ron Kaye

It ought to be clear by now that the City Hall political machine has no intention of giving an inch to the people who live and work in Los Angeles. Community activists, with help from business and labor, defeated Measure B, but that hasn't stopped the Department of Water and Power's David Nahai and the IBEW boss, Brian D'Arcy, from going right ahead and doing whatever they want, with a wink and nod, from the mayor and City Council.

Then, Carmen "Nuch" Trutanich, with the same citizen-labor-business coalition behind him, knocked off the machine's puppet, Jack Weiss; so then the machine put its greasy arms around the City Attorney-elect in hopes of bringing him to heel and taking the bite out of his teeth.

Along the way we were entertained with the idea that our catastrophic budget deficit would actually be solved through a policy of "shared sacrifice," only to learn the sacrifices will entirely be borne by the public—this, while city employees get a sweetheart deal with enhanced retirement at age 55, and bonus pay raises over a five-year period.

So, the battleground for some semblance of fiscal and political responsibility now shifts to the Council District 2 race, where voters in the heavily gerrymandered district, curving from Sherman Oaks to Sunland-Tujunga, get to choose a successor to Controller-elect Wendy Greuel.

The machine, at first, thought it could foist on CD2 the double-dipping former Assemblywoman, Cindy Montanez, who's living high beyond her wildest dreams on sinecures from the state and the DWP. But further

analysis showed Montanez was a loser so the political manipulators anointed, not one, but two candidates to confuse and divide the electorate.

Their picks are Chris Essel, a Westside elitist, who has served the machine, without blinking, on the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Airport Commission, and Democratic Assemblyman Paul Krekorian of Glendale, who's done such a fine job of pushing the state toward bankruptcy that he's fully qualified to help the city along in that direction.

How the mayor, public employee unions, developers, contractors and lobbyists divide themselves in support of both Essel and Krekorian is still being worked out; but you can be sure they will both be heavily endowed with oodles of campaign cash.

They will need as much money as they can get their hands on since both are carpetbaggers with phony addresses in CD2, but polls show voters—in their ignorance, apathy and defeatism—are less concerned about such matters than whether they recognize the candidate's name from mailers sent by fictitious groups that appeal to the prejudices.

Far less clear is where that leaves Tamar Galatzan, the school board member who was elected to her position with the mayor's millions as part of his failed takeover of LAUSD. Unfortunately for Galatzan, they had a falling out when she opposed giving unaffordable health benefits to three hour-a-day cafeteria workers, as well as other issues that did nothing to improve the quality of education. Galatzan actually lives in the district and has a lot of knowledge about the issues on the ground from being the City Attorney's neighborhood prosecutor in Van Nuys. Questions remain about her ability to raise the money needed to overcome the machine candidates. Can she convince grassroots activists she's tough enough to stand up to the pressures in City

Hall when it seems bent on backing every sweetheart deal and giveaway of public money?

Then there are the people's candidates, the ordinary citizens who step forward despite the long odds. They carry with them old-fashioned ideas of public service. At one point, it seemed like everyone who lived in CD2 would run. But now it appears the citizen candidates are Frank

Sheftel, a candy-maker and medicinal marijuana cooperative operator; Mary Benson, a long-time activist and Vice President of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council with extensive knowledge planning issues; and Michael McCue, a Studio City Neighborhood Council leader with a passion for community empowerment, as the antidote to machine control of the city.

I confess that I like them all. But have to admit it will be an uphill struggle for any of them to make it as the top two vote-getters in the Sept. 22 primary and make it to the December runoff where anything could happen. It's going to take a groundswell of community support for any of them to break through and stop the machine.

But I'm an optimist and believe the time is ripe for change. And I take heart from the fact that the real campaign for CD2 will start just six months after this election is over since the real election for a full four-year term will take place in spring 2011. By then, voters will have a pretty good idea about who the citizen candidates are and whether the winner in December actually is serving them. That's why it's so important for activists to get involved now and go to work in hopes of thwarting the special interests' power play now or, at the least, getting a Council member who serves them in 2011.

Editor's note: Ron Kaye is the former editor of the Daily News and Chairman of Saving L.A. Project (SLAP). You can reach him at: www.ronkayela.com

Buy More House...NOT More of a Note!



By Craig Price

As if there was not already enough to think about for buyers looking to buy a house with a mortgage in today's market, now interest rates have started to move up. In the last few weeks, we've seen a significant

jump in interest rates for a 30-year mortgage: moving up almost a full percentage point in a matter of just a few days. That might not seem that important with rates still historically low, but it can mean something to a person looking to buy a house...that increase will affect how much they can afford.

The "Why?" is very important because the rates may not go down quickly, if ever. Simply stated, it's because, in the past, people who have been putting up the money for Treasury Bonds, which are the backbone of interest rates, want more return on their money. They will not buy the low yield, low return bonds that keep interest rates down; thus, the market is forced to raise the return which means an increase in interest rates.

For example, (these figures are approximate), if you purchase a home and finance \$200,000 with a mortgage that has a 5% annual APR, your monthly payment would be about \$1,074 (payment + interest). Now, keeping all other figures the same, with a higher interest rate of 6% the same home loan would now be \$1,200

monthly (payment + interest). Same location, same tax base and rate. So what is the extra \$126 paying for? The answer: interest! That might not seem like much, but that is money that really does not "buy" you anything. Worst case scenario is that you do not qualify for the higher payment, and now the home is out of your price range. If that happens, you have to look for a less expensive home, thus buying LESS HOUSE.

Buyers, look at the big picture. Higher interest rates eat up more money. Period. So don't wait! If you're thinking of buying and need another incentive, then now is the time to do it before interest rates go up any higher.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Eye on Public Safety

By Nina Royal

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4. Its purpose is to involve people in crime and drug prevention activities, strengthen police-community relations, and encourage neighborhood camaraderie as part of the fight for safer streets. Billed as "National Night Out—America's Night Out Against Crime" is a national organization that involves over 34 million people from more than 10,000 communities. Neighborhoods can benefit by bringing neighbors together and support organizations-- such as Neighborhood Watch--to help stamp out crime. So far, two communities in the North Valley have committed to hosting a function.

Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Council District Six, is hosting a potluck at the Liberty Temple, 13821 Osborne St., Arleta. Everything is in the planning stage at the moment, but they do have commitments

from the LAPD Mission Division, LFD No. 7, and the Arleta Community Watchdogs. For more information, or be involved, call his Sun Valley Office at 818-771-0236.

The LAPD Foothill Division's Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB), the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's Safety Committee, and the Little Landers Historical Society are co-hosting National Night Out in Little Landers Park again this year. They will be having food and live entertainment as well as safety displays. For more information call 818-951-7411.

Loud Parties and Noise seem to escalate during the summer months. Most likely, people remain outdoors as well as entertain for longer periods of time because of the warmer weather. Municipal Code Ordinances protect people from excessive noise that can ruin their quality of life.

LAMC 41.57: Prohibits loud or raucous noise from any amplified device including loud noise coming from one's home and any publicly owned property including a public park, street or sidewalk.

LAMC 112.01: States that any noise caused by radios, television sets and similar devices audible to the human ear at a distance in excess of 150 feet from a property line is a violation.

You don't have to suffer in silence. If you have been unsuccessful in asking someone whom you feel is in violation of these ordinances to "turn it down" at a reasonable time, the LAPD can issue a citation on the first response, because no warning is required.

When planning a party, it would be wise to be considerate and also notify or maybe even invite your neighbors in advance.

Down Size City Hall Salaries

By Doug Epperhart

It's time to hit the "reset" button on city hall salaries. Let's cut them down to size.

In 1990, Los Angeles city council members were paid \$61,522. Today, it's \$178,789. That's right. It has tripled in less than 20 years. And the mayor, city attorney, and city controller make even more.

By the way, the median household income in Los Angeles is about \$46,000 a year. This means the annual income of half the homes in the city is about one-fourth of a single council member's wages.

In February, the L.A. Weekly spelled out much of what's wrong with how we pay our politicians. The story, headlined "Los Angeles on \$300,000 a year", aptly summarized the situation.

L.A.'s "electeds" get free cars and all that goes with them, like gasoline and maintenance. They don't feed parking meters or worry about tickets. The politicians also have \$100,000 "slush" funds so they can reward groups that support them. It's somewhat akin to Rockefeller handing out dimes to kids on the streets of New York. Only the council members are using your money, not theirs.

Mayor Villaraigosa, whose salary is pegged at \$232,426, gets to live in a city-owned mansion in Hancock Park. The average council member has about 20 staff members. The mayor's staff numbers in the hundreds.

A reporter once asked me, "What happens to these people when they get elected? Why do they turn into such jerks?" Human nature being what it is, the answer

is simple. Once elected, these men and women of the people leave the realm of mere mortality and become junior masters of the universe. Seriously, most of them never earned anywhere near the \$3,400-plus a week they're now paid to run a municipal government with a \$7-billion annual budget.

Which brings us to the matter of competence. For the most part, we have elected officials who have little or no training in managing a corporate entity like the city of Los Angeles. Most of them are good campaigners. That doesn't make them good managers. As a justification for the big money that they get, council members will tell you they work long hours on behalf of the people. The reality is quite different. Look up the attendance records of city council meetings—or watch the meetings and note how often there's a bare minimum of ten members present. Attendance at city council committee meetings is even worse. It's not unusual to see only one member of a three or five-member committee present. Recently, only two of the five members of the council's transportation committee showed up for an important hearing. The other three were out celebrating the Lakers' victory.

Council members will tell you it's important to get out among the people. This means the hours spent on the perpetual campaign—cutting ribbons, shaking hands, picking up awards, handing out proclamations, and making speeches—is somehow contributing to the common good. It's good for the politicians. But, are the electeds responding to the folks who get a

minute or two of face time at a local fair? Or are campaign donors and lobbyists the people who really matter?

Is it any wonder that Angelenos tend to act like subjects of a noble elite, resentful of their masters' lifestyles? Does anyone doubt the mayor and council are out of touch with the reality of their constituents' lives? So, it's time to do something about this nonsense. I'm proposing a ballot initiative to amend the city charter section that sets the compensation for elected officials. Section 218 says "Members of the City Council shall be paid a salary equal to that prescribed by law for judges of the Municipal Court of the Los Angeles Judicial District or its successor in the event that court is dissolved or reconstituted." That's how we get to \$178,789. It's the annual salary of Superior Court judges. And it automatically increases when the judges' pay is raised.

A "half-off" initiative would change the wording of the charter to say "equal to *one-half* that prescribed by law", etc. If approved by the voters, L.A.'s city council members would be paid only \$89,395. They'd still get the automatic pay raises and all the other perks. But, at least they would be a little closer to the real world like the Board Members of Neighborhood Councils whose annual salary is \$0

Editor's Note: Doug Epperhart serves on the board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, as well as various other com

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COMMUNITY NEWS

AIG Fails To Pay Survivors in Full

By Katharine Russ

It has been nearly nine months since flames ripped through Oakridge Mobile Home Park ravaging 485 of the Parks mobile homes. About 370 of those homes were insured with AIG with policies written by Russ Humphreys of New Hampshire Insurance, who sold AIG policies to 80% of the Oakridge residents.

Policies purchased by some homeowners included a stipulation that mentioned additional funds of 110% - 125%, depending on the policy; but these policies originally reflected replacement value of homes and were changed—possibly illegally—a few years ago.

Based on complaints from fire survivors, the California Department of Insurance (CDI) became involved. And in April CDI was able to negotiate a deal with AIG worth up to \$46 million. The deal was to provide homeowners with an additional \$100,000 to \$125,000 per policy over and above the appraisal value of their homes. CDI took the position that coverage should be afforded for 110 percent or 125 percent of additional

coverage and urged AIG to offer the higher policy limits to all wildfire victims.

Steve Noe of Alliance Manufactured Homes, said, "To the best of our knowledge, only one AIG replacement payment (not loss payment) is known to have been issued, and was for a smaller replacement home of significantly less value than the home lost. Carte blanche, all AIG policyholders' loss assessments have been directed or redirected to one vendor without policyholder request or permission, which is a flagrant violation of California's Insurance Code, Section 2695.9."

Jolene Merriam, whose home was completely destroyed by the fire, said that AIG paid her an additional 25% but still owes her 100% that was negotiated with the CDI. Nearly four months later she still has not received that \$95,000.00 (100%).

Humphreys left a message for Merriam regarding her settlement. He said, "I was at that meeting last night, and frankly, I'm furious at a few people including you. I do not understand what your problem is. You seem to

get the impression that AIG is just gonna [sic] hand you all your money and you can walk away. That's not the way insurance works with ANY insurance company. And don't start putting down AIG. I paid you a lot of money, more than ANY other insurance company and they had 450 people insured. They've had an insurmountable problem and they've done a magnificent job to get checks out to everybody on time. I don't appreciate you mouthing off in front of a bunch of people when you don't have any specifics."

Tobey Bozzello was told of health issues her husband, Perry, is now facing, which his doctor attributes to stress. His blood pressure skyrocketed, his leg went numb and he had chest pains. Bozzello says that AIG still owes them approximately \$200,000.00.

As the waiting time heads into July, homeowners have been given no date by when they can expect to receive their payments.

The CDI had not responded to requests for comments regarding this issue by press time.

THIS & THAT

Fifteen Minutes from Home

By Marlene Hitt

This is the time to get out of town. It's summer, school is out for many, and the spirit of "GO" is upon us. Where? Camping at the beach? Mountain cabin? Road trip? Cruise? You just want to leave all the troubles behind and enjoy something manageable.

Some leave homes that look like the windows are air, they are so clean. Every drawer and closet is put together with precision. I find that type of home beautiful and it calms my disorderly soul. Yet I cannot stay there for I am not perfect enough to stay in a perfect house.

From Migrations to Solitude, these words are found: "Housing is a need the way glasses are a need for the visually impaired—not necessarily a matter of life and death but something that makes a decent life possible.

Louis Mumford writes about houses as well. "Even in the crudest neolithic village, the house was always more than a mere shelter for the physical body: It was the meeting place of a household; its hearth was a center of religious ceremony as well as an aid to cooking;

it was the home of the household god and the locus of a family being."

A house is a fixed point, a place to leave from, a place to come back to, and a place to store that which is treasure. It could be a tar-papered box or a storybook castle. Home is home. My worst night-dreams are of finding my way home after being lost for what seems the whole night, then finding someone else in my house, the door locked, and I, shut out.

Have you noticed that in the largest houses, it is the smallest, coziest room that the family dwells in? And it is the place where the company goes: A "den" or a kitchen.

Many years ago I was at school, five miles from home. I missed the last bus and had to walk. I couldn't find a phone (no cell phone back then). I wanted to go home. In fact, all I wanted in the world was to walk into the kitchen door, smell dinner cooking, change into a robe and lie on my bed. There were many footsteps from school to my street, but I did arrive and it was truly a refuge that I found that evening.

I love to go. I like to go anywhere. The planning and preparation take so much thought. The anticipation is delightful. When I am finally ready, we start the car, lock the gate, and get on the freeway. About fifteen

minutes later, I realize that all I really want is to go back home.

A friend and I shared some thoughts at one time. She was born and raised in the U.S. but she felt that her mother's Sweden was her real home. And I, once I visited my mother's home on the prairies of Saskatchewan, knew I was home. Why did we feel this kinship so strongly? That feeling of home on the prairie persisted until I was into my 60s when, perhaps, my home moved into myself.

I think of the Irish who were transported out of Ireland as paupers, their land and possessions taken away by the English, and how they could never return to the family home for, just like my dream, there was no home to go back to. Many refugees yearn for the place they belong and can't go back." Someone mentioned on the television that after a trip in space the astronauts love a long shower and a good meal and, of course, the arms of those they love. The Columbia shuttle was fifteen minutes from home before it blew up. Think... Where is fifteen minutes from home for you, for me?

Yes, getting away feels good. Maybe getting home feels better. Be careful, drive with caution, walk with attention. You want to go home.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Hitt is Director of Bolton Hall Museum, a former Sunland-Tujunga Poet Laureate and writes for the NVR.

SOUND OFF

Patriotism

Patriotism is something that we need to focus on in these days of such turmoil as we approach the 4th of July. I have requested my council office to please remove the Cesar Chavez flags from Laurel Canyon Blvd and replace them with American flags. There seems to be some reluctance from their office. If they are having a problem with the manpower, I can do it for them; just loan me the equipment.

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Carrick's Journey —Part Nineteen By Tomi Lyn Bowling

Nothing could've prepared Maddie and Drake for what they were about to embark upon. There was a slight rumbling sound as they rounded the last corner and came upon a huge crater in the ground that was filled from edge to edge with people. Large, small, old, and young, there were people of all different shapes and sizes. The only word closely approximating what the pair experienced at that moment is shock.

Fanella watched their faces and prepared herself for an onslaught of questions. All that she had been meaning to say and the true tale of this place was now going to have to be told. "There is no time to tell you everything but I know you have questions and there is a great deal you need to know," Fanella said quite sincerely to Maddie and Drake. They continued their walk and went down a makeshift elevator to the bottom floor where all of the others were waiting for something.

As they traveled down the elevator Fanella tried to give them a short version of the history of this place. "This is Andora. Andora is a small village and there are a total of seven villages in this sector of this planet. Much of the rest of the planet is not habitable. Each village varies in size. Some villages are as large as ten thousand while most are about one thousand. Andora is one of the smaller villages, though it is home to the high counsel leader, Sebastian. High counsel governs all of the villages. Each member of high counsel is a resident in a one of the other villages.

There were two members of the high counsel who were not at the meeting that we just left. Their village is too far and they could not be gotten here on such short notice. There are nearly twenty five thousand villagers in all. At least half of them are here at this meeting. We are not the only village that has lost stewards in the past few weeks and this is why they're here. This is all related to the shots fired at you and your mother back at the well." Drake and Maddie listened carefully and their attention was fixed to Fanella's mouth, as they anxiously waited for the next syllable to fall off of her tongue. Fanella continued, "The villagers here are those that had escaped control over the planet by a rogue group of men that believed their way of life was the only way of life and all those who opposed them should be terminated. Their belief came from a time of great disease and famine on another planet a long time ago. Well, that is how it all started. That was a very long time ago. They are now just savages wanting to control anyone and everyone."

The doors to the elevator opened slowly. The party was ushered out by more guards. Two guards and Sebastian went in one direction while the other guards, Fanella, Maddie, and Drake, filtered into the mass of people.to be continued.

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SFV Regional Congress of Neighborhood Councils

By Tony Wilkinson

Panorama High School's beautiful new campus hosted the first Valley Regional Congress of Neighborhood Councils on May 30. State Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes and city

councilman Richard Alarcon spoke to about 200 community leaders who attended. The event was co-chaired by Lisa Cerda and Panorama City Neighborhood Council vice-chair Jose Sandoval. Sessions on using internet

media, city planning issues and a roundtable with city officials filled the rooms. The all-day event was open to the public and focused on helping neighborhood council volunteers to better serve their communities.



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