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Guide to Local Events

Sat June 9th

The Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library holds their book sale on Saturday, June 9th, from 9:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. Thousands of gently used books have been donated in support of our community library. Incredible deals begin with small paperbacks from \$.50 and most hardbound books for \$1.00. Children's books are priced at \$.25 and up. Please bring your own bags and boxes to carry home your new found treasures. The Encino-Tarzana Library is located at 18231 Ventura Blvd. at Nestle Ave. (818.343.1983)

The Valley Ragtime Stomp is a free monthly concert featuring ragtime-era and other vintage music, including stride, boogie-woogie, blues and ballads. It's a gathering of amateur and professional musicians that welcomes newcomers to play or just listen.

Normally we get together on the 2nd Saturday of the month and take turns playing the fine grand piano. Henri's Restaurant also offers fine food and excellent service; however, there is no requirement to order and no cover charge. 21601 Sherman Way, CANOGA PARK. Call or text Ron at 818-439-9048 or email ragtimron@gmail.com

Wednesday June 20

Studio City Neighborhood Council Board of Directors. 7:00 pm. Open to the public.

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By Adrin Nazarian
Assemblymember 46 Dist.

For decades, the rising cost of housing and lack of funding for supportive services have left the most vulnerable citizens and families of LA County without shelter, jobs, or mental health services. With the Great Recession of 2008 and the housing crisis of today crippling those already in poverty, last year we saw more people living on the streets than ever before.

Throughout our district, the effects of homelessness can be seen all around us, all it takes is walking to the park, driving onto the freeway, or even peering out over the LA River to see tents, RVs, and makeshift shelters. Residential areas, businesses, and open spaces have been inundated with people who have no place to go. Clean ups are not permanent solutions, as encampments either return or simply shift the burden onto a new neighborhood. This situation often feels dire and insurmountable, but it has also pushed us to ask, "What more can we do?"

HEEDING THE HOMELESS! Sane Attempts at a Workable Program



A common sight along Valley Freeway off ramps

As your Assemblymember, I have looked for smarter and safer solutions in Sacramento, while collaborating with County and City government. We have come together with voters to fund long-term and short-term solutions that can get the homeless off our streets and back on their feet.

I am just as frustrated as you, but our efforts are turning the tide against our homelessness crisis. As of May 2018:

More than 18,000 homeless were

placed in housing last year, a year-over-year boost of almost 30%;

Veteran homelessness was down 18%; and we have a 16% decrease of the chronically homeless.

In Sacramento, our State Legislature's 2017 State Housing Package included more than \$100 million for programs to help the homeless, which will roll out at the end of 2018. In the meantime, California's cap-and-trade pro-

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JEFFERSON AWARDS FOUNDATION RECOGNIZE STUDENTS FOR THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE

By David Ryu
Councilmember CD4

Happy summer, Sherman Oaks! On the first day of this month, I was joined in City Council by some incredible leaders and public servants - the students of Van Nuys Middle School.

At our meeting at Van Nuys City Hall, City Council welcomed the winners of the Jefferson Awards Foundation for their public service projects that benefitted residents of Van Nuys and Sherman Oaks.

Winners included Holmes Middle, Sutter Middle and Valley Academy, but it was Van Nuys Middle who came home with the gold. Their work making dozens of gift baskets for families with an infant in the Neonatal Care Intensive Unit was conceived,



fundraised, and supported by a team of engaged students. I was incredibly humbled by their work, and honored to present them with certificates of gratitude for their work. I hope to see them in public service soon!

June not only means the beginning of Summer vacation, but the end of our month-long budget negotiations to chart a course for the City of Los Angeles for the 2018-'19 fiscal year.

After the dust settled and debate

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