

# 101-year-old man killed by 91-year-old driver

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**BURBANK** — Even at 101 years old, Otto Jensen showed little sign of slowing down. The former boxer from Denmark still ran a photography studio and often was seen crossing the busy street in front to get to a senior center he frequented.

On Tuesday night, while traversing four-lane Olive Avenue, Jensen was struck and killed by a car driven by 91-year-old Mary Beaumont. She was not hurt.

The accident shook Burbank, where Jensen was a beloved figure and Beaumont is an active volunteer.

Jensen served as grand marshal of the city's centennial parade last year. A poster tied to a tree near the crash scene had photos of Jensen, including one taken in 1930 when he was a boxer nicknamed "Bonecrusher."

Jensen was at the senior center every day to play pool and read the newspaper, said friend Harry Fisher.

"His stamina was incredi-

ble," Fisher said. "He would play 22 straight games. He wouldn't even sit down for a break. He would stand from one o'clock to six-thirty, nonstop."

"I believe the man could have gone to 105, at least," he said.

Beaumont has been a longtime library board trustee and is a retired school teacher, said Sharon Cohen, Burbank's library services director. "She's a lovely woman and very intelligent. This is really a tough situation," Cohen said.

Jensen was born March 6, 1911, in Aarhus, Denmark. He boxed in Denmark and Poland and then left for New York in 1936.

Assigned by job placement officials to a boarding house, he was shown to his room by a young woman. "He turned around and told her, 'Now I want to know where your room is.' Two weeks later, they were married. That was his wife, that he was married to for 67 years," Fisher said.