

The Saga of North SR 710 Extension Continues

By Dr. Tom Williams

Caltrans and MTA are slowly learning lessons in public participation and what “Robust Scoping” really means in 100-sq. mile project area for the SR-710 North Extension. They are trying to keep very quiet and not giving out any information that can be targeted.

During the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Planning and Programming Committee meeting in September, directors were to consider a sweetheart consultancy award for the SR710 technical/alternatives development (preliminary engineering) and environmental assessments (EIS/EIR). It was based on ill-defined issues and poorly related to the “Robust Scoping” with a new consultancy for public participation (i.e., more conversations). But, MTA withdrew the agenda item. Bidders were upset that CH2M-Hill would get both design and assessment, previously, there were to be two different consultants. CH2M-Hill now owns Halcrow, the engineering partner for MTA’s Public-Private-Partnership (PPP or P3) consultant. An official Caltrans “Executive Summary” of the “Scoping Report” was given to the bidders and now publicly accessible. The full document will be circulated this month.

That week in September continued to give hope as the PPP cost estimate for the SR-710 was also withdrawn from the agenda of MTA’s Finance and Budget Committee (Ara Najarian, Chair). But, again MTA arranged a meeting of MTA staff and the SR-710 interested parties to discuss what needed to be done and are now preparing the “Base-Case Project.” using the infamous Gloria Molina Tunnel line on the paper. During an MTA Board meeting Molina said she and everyone knew where the SR-710 route would be. She drew a line on a paper and said “here it is - take it out replace with reference straight line from I-10/I-710 to I-210/SR-134, where everyone knows it will go.”

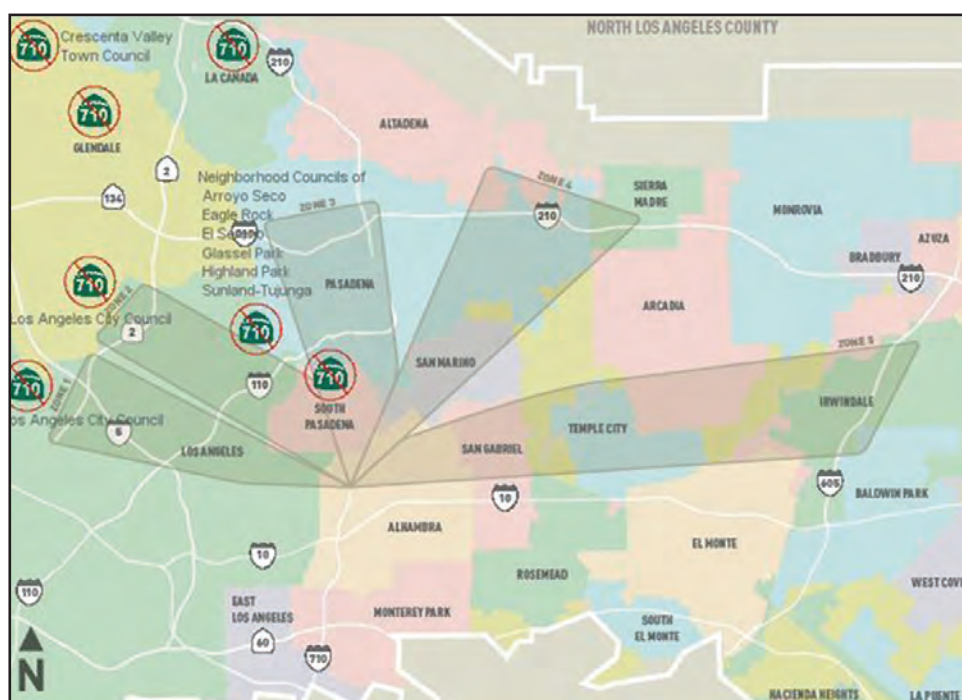
During the Scoping, no purposes and needs were defined, as was the goal. But, they did give out a few numbers and lines to justify a \$8-\$10B project cost estimate. The Scoping comments included more than 50 different alternatives in the 100-sq. miles. The Scoping Report will be reviewed by communities as soon as available, to see if MTA will consider the historic “MultiMode/Low Build” of South Pasadena and many others.

It appears that no one has the courage to answer basic issues: Will trucks go through the 710 toll tunnel? Where will they come from/go to, e.g., Port of Los Angeles, Long Beach and Supervisor Antonovich’s Palmdale High Desert Corridor, something like the old California City scenario for “Goods”? Mayor Mike Ten, South Pasadena, who is Chair of Southern California Association of Gov-

ernments’ (SCAG) Transportation Committee, said: “As for trucks using the tunnel, that is fabrication for propaganda, as the Regional Transportation Plan, a Federal requirement of all major metropolitan regions, plans for dedicated truck-only lanes on the I-5 from the I-710 to north of SR-134 and the SR-60 east from the I-710 to the SR-57...” Without trucks the Project will go bust and we will have to pick up more bills.

Much is going on behind the scenes as the *LA Times* and *Engineering News Record* displayed the Op-Eds by Nat Read and his USC companion, James Moore promoting the SR-710 before the MTA committees threw out the PPP and the CH2M-Hill consultancy award. Their basic views are that all alternatives should pave everywhere. They actually did use some traffic numbers for the SR-710 that require 20+ hr/day truckloads through the tunnel or freeway.

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This map depicts the routes that are currently under consideration for the extension. Note the Neighborhood Councils and cities who are opposing these extensions due to environmental concerns.

Photo courtesy Judy Bergstresser

Homeless Surveyed in East San Fernando Valley

By Nancy Woodruff

On three mornings before dawn, 4:00 am – 6:00 am, August 29-31, 60 community volunteers, on 14 teams roamed the streets of Sun Valley and North Hollywood seeking the homeless to survey and create a by-name list of the most “at risk” individuals. Identified as the San Fernando Valley Registry Week Project, and sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Homeless Coalition and various local governmental and business groups,



Vice President Mike O'Gara and members of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council among people who volunteered to do the Homeless Index Survey in North Hollywood and Sun Valley for L.A. Family Housing

the goal is to permanently house 75 of the most vulnerable and chronic homeless in Sun Valley and North Hollywood by July, 2013. This program joins the national 100,000 Homes Campaign, which plans to permanently house 100,000 of the most vulnerable homeless by July, 2013.

The 35 question survey included in-depth interviews which identified health issues and frequency of hospitalizations, length of homelessness and institutional histories, such as time in jail, prison, hospital and military among other things. This information was then collated into a “Vulnerability Index” which identifies who is at a high risk for dying if they remain on the streets. Two hundred seventy one individuals were surveyed on the streets and at two local shelters. One hundred six (39%) were identified as vulnerable with high risk. Of those surveyed, 222 had been hospitalized in the last twelve months, and 144 Emergency Room visits had occurred in the last three months. The combined healthcare system costs for these incidences would total over \$9.2 million with 199 people surveyed having **no insurance**.

A press conference was held, September 2, at the soon to be completed Glenoaks Gardens, a 60 unit complex in Sun Valley, Los Angeles City Councilman Tony Cardenas, CD 6, stated that the creation of this housing

project was one of the more emotional and satisfying accomplishments of his tenure as a Councilman. He acknowledged that the project had met with some resistance, but said he thought of it as “not a problem place, but a solution place.” He challenged his fellow Council Members to create similar projects in their own districts.

Glenoaks Gardens, at 8925 Glenoaks Blvd., is due to open in November and will include an on-site property manager, care managers, and specialized counselors. The 425 square foot single units will include utilities, furnishings, and a full bathroom and kitchenette. Limited parking will be available. Rent ranges from \$448 to \$747 a month based on income. There will be additional laundry and meeting room facilities. The primary focus is housing for the most vulnerable, particularly those with mental illness. Applications are available at the administrative office of L.A. Housing, 7843 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, 91605, from 9:00 am 4:00 pm., Monday through Friday, also online at www.LAFH.org.

Although this initial effort in the San Fernando Valley has been directed to Sun Valley and North Hollywood, interest has been created in Lake View Terrace, spearheaded by Vanessa May. She has volunteered to

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COMMUNITY NEWS

You Should Know...

By Nina Royal

Strange occurrences, hauntings and sightings! In the Sunland-Tujunga area, folk tales and creepy stories abound. Some are based on real events and others have been created in the minds of the authors. Come and hear several of these stories and let your imagination take you to a different world. It’s a great prelude to Halloween! Saturday, October 8 at 1:00 PM at Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave, Tujunga. It’s Free!

Columbus Civic Ceremony of Los Angeles is being presented by the United Lodges of So. Ca., Order of Sons of Italy in American and Federated Italo-Americans and will take place on Sunday, October 9, 12:30 pm at Casa Italiana, 1051 No Broadway, Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles River and its San Fernando Valley Tributaries future will be discussed at a State Hearing with Senator Fran Pavley, Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on revitalization of the Los Angeles River and the Pacoima Wash, along with Assemblymember Felipe Fuentes. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, **October 12**, 1 pm to 4 pm at CBS Studios, 4024 Radford Ave. For more details visit: www.lariver.org or email: lariver@lacity.org.

An Education Town Hall Meeting with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan is being held on Tuesday, **October 11**, at El Ranch High School, 6501 S. Passons Blvd, Pico Rivera, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Hosted by the U.S. Department of Education, the event is designed to engage community leaders from across the Los Angeles region in meeting President Obama’s challenge to lead the world in college completion by 2020. RSVP to Robert Gomez: Robert.Gomez@ed.gov.

“Viva Las Vegas” Casino Night 2011 fundraiser is being sponsored by the Sun Valley Area Chamber of Commerce on Friday, **October 14** at Fairways Restaurant, Hansen Dam Golf Course, 10400 Glenoaks Blvd. in Pacoima. The hours are 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm. For further information call 818-768-2014 or 818-424-4201.

New Gymnasium for El Cariso Park – ground-breaking will take place on Saturday, **October 15**, at 11:00 am at 13100 Hubbard St., in Sylmar. It will be hosted by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and the Department of Parks and Recreation. The \$11.5 Gym will include meeting rooms, kitchen, classroom/computer lab, staff office, lobby, storage, restrooms and a courtyard. For more information, contact 213-974-3333 or 213-738-2963.

The Great California Shakeout is being held on Thursday, **October 20** at 10:20 am. Join 7.9 million people and practice Drop, Cover and Hold On in order to protect yourself during earthquakes and increase your overall preparedness. For more information visit: www.shakeout.org/

Music in the Park Benefit Concert for the San Fernando Valley Historical Society on Sunday, **October 23** is being held at Andres Pico Adobe Park, 10940 Sepulveda Blvd, in Mission Hills from 2 pm to 4 pm. *Sentimental Journey*, featuring music and songs of the 1940’s thru 1960’s and beyond, provides entertainment. For information regarding ticket sales call Katy Brown at 818-365-7810 or visit: www.sentimentaljourneyla.com.

Neighborhood Council Election Alternative Workshops will be held by the Office of City Clerk’s Election Division in the San Fernando Valley on Thursday, **October 27**, from 5:45 pm to 7:45pm at Valley Plaza Branch Library at 12311 Vanowen St, in North Hollywood. They will be discussing alternatives to Neighborhood Council elections to be scheduled for 2014. For further information contact Micelle Yun at 213-978-0444.

Mayor’s Community Budget Day is being held on Saturday, **October 29**, 8 am to 12:30 pm at Los Angeles City Hall, 200 No. Spring St., Los Angeles. This is your opportunity to learn about next year’s City budget. RSVP and Pre-Register for parking required. For more information contact Joseph.Hari@lacity.org or Empower LA at 213-485-1360.

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino challenged Speaker of the House, John Perez in a letter, to disclose information regarding the names of persons on a Task Force, along with publication of the date, time and place of their meeting, and that they be open and transparent as promised. The Task Force was created in August, to discuss and recommend policy changes in the Assembly, addressing the lack of public access to information regarding \$146 million dollars under direct control of Perez. Portantino said, “Californians want and deserve complete transparency in our State Capitol.”

South Pasadena is now among the other cities who have the right to have a say on the extension of SR-710 between Long Beach, Alhambra and Pasadena, won with the passage of Assembly Bill 751 authored by Assemblymember Gil Cedillo. In return, South Pasadena agreed to be open to viable alternatives, such as a tunnel in order to bridge the gap in 710 Freeway

New Senate Bill 550 signed by Governor Brown and authored the Senator Alex Padilla takes effect January 1, 2012. The Bill defends the entertainment industry against the illegal mass reproduction of music and movies. Senator Padilla said illegal replication of CDs, DVDs, etc., steals revenue from everyone in the entertainment industry and hurts Californians.

“Occupy Los Angeles” which seems to be gaining supporters was first supported by Councilmember Richard Alarcon in a letter to Mayor Villaraigsa, asking that the protesters be allowed to stay on the city hall lawn which is a public park, instead of the sidewalk at night, after hours due to the danger from traffic. City Attorney Carmen Trutanich assured community members that there would be no harassment of peaceful protesters on his watch, referencing the NYC fiasco. Councilmembers Garcetti, Reyes and Zine actually paid them a friendly visit.

Do You Remember?

By Roger Dane

That first struggle against considered insurmountable odds? “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”. America prevailed.

Do You Remember? The struggle that threatened to tear our America apart? “Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.... that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.” At great cost, America prevailed.

Do You Remember? 9/11! A heinous attack by haters who have no compunction about attacking non-combatants, innocents of all backgrounds and beliefs, once again attacking and killing thousands of Americans on sovereign soil, our America, our City of New York, our Twin Towers, our Pentagon, us, America! The President said, “...The victims were in airplanes,

or in their offices; secretaries, businessmen and women, military and federal workers; moms and dads, friends and neighbors. Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror... America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining....America and our friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world, and we stand together to win the war against terrorism. Tonight, I ask for your prayers...this is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time. None of us will ever forget this day. Yet, we go forward to defend night, and God bless America.” And America has prevailed. Through a war that seems never ending as good versus evil’, ‘love versus hate’ is never ending; our battle against “terrorism” will be protracted, difficult and deadly. It will take, no matter the naysayers, the despicable conspiracy theorists, those who believe that tolerance of hate and evil will make them stand down, no matter those obstructions, the type of dedication that, with Divine help, cre-

ated these United States of America. It will take the severance that overcame our Great Depression lifting America to economical heights never considered. It will take the resilience and sacrifice that made the world free from fascist tyranny and oppression in WWII.




We Must Remember. Our enemies are haters and some have infiltrated our very culture and take every opportunity to portray America as an oppressive and greedy nation of imperialists. Americans are not perfect. America has made mistakes but most of them are discovered in retrospect upon the backdrop of our current sensitivities. No nation upon this earth has ever given so much, provided such plenty, offered so great opportunity and died in such numbers in the defense of world freedom and justice as America and Americans. Do not be mislead by innuendo about our flaws, our imperfections, gaffs or small failures. We remain the ‘Shining Light Upon the Hill’, a beacon of Freedom to the world and the defenders of God’s Liberties for all. America will prevail.

Editors Note: Roger Dane is a Journalist who lives in the SFB and contributes to the NVR.

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The Wild Wild West Annual Ride for a Cure

The Ride for a Cure Charity event was held on Saturday, October 1, at Gibson Ranch in Sunland. The event included, PCJER Mutton Bustin & Steer Riding, Team Roping and Sorting Barrel Racing, Vaulting, Drill Team, and Exotic Petting Zoo. There were performances by Canyon Oaks Ranger Fast Draw, Reel Cowboys, Order of the Arrow and Dusty's Riders. This year proceeds were donated to the Sven Lokrantz Parents Group, who supports their Special Education Elementary Public School with the same name in Reseda that serves 300 special needs students.




Photos top to bottom:

Cow roping event at Gibson Ranch

Handsome horses, beautiful mountains, and a big blue sky

Mary Benson from Councilman Krekorian's office and Dale Gibson

photos by David Hernandez and Joe Barrett



It's Official, the Los Angeles City Council celebrated the Horse during their meeting on Friday, September 29. The role of the Horse played a significant part in the city's history and continues to also play an important part in its' economy. Therefore in recognition and to honor the Horse from this day forward, they have designated the first Saturday in October as "Day of the Horse." Equestrian representatives from across the city were on hand to celebrate the Council's proclamation.

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be team leader in the Lake View Terrace area coordinating with the San Fernando Valley Homeless Coalition and has already secured the support of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council and Jose Rodriguez, with Council District 7. Her job will be to oordinate with various groups and volunteers to determine a similar Registry program to identify and help place vulnerable homeless in the Lake View Terrace and Hansen Dam areas into permanent housing.

Volunteers are needed throughout the San Fernando Valley area and anyone interested is urged to contact the San Fernando Valley Homeless Coalition through John Horn, at L.A. Family Housing, 818 982-4091, ext. 124, email john@lafh.org and/or Eddie Sanders, at 818 898-1388, ext. 41658, email eddiesanders@NEVHC.org.

Editor's Note: Ms. Woodruff is President, Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

Sun Valley Graffiti Busters Spruces up LAPD's Foothill Station

By Ann Walbert

The Sun Valley Graffiti Busters crew has been out in force fixing up the grounds of the Foothill Police Station in preparation for their October 8th Open House. "We've completed the landscape maintenance and are gearing up to paint the front façade," remarked Sue Bartlett, Sun Valley Graffiti Buster's Program Manager. "We wanted to make visitors to the October 8th Open House feel welcome. We started inside with a new coat of paint for the ready room where officers gather for their daily briefing. LAPD and Foothill Area Boosters supplied all of the materials. It was such a morale booster, we were asked by the Captain to continue the effort on the outside as well. Even though the location is not strictly within our contract boundary, we respond to project requests in order to maintain the quality of life for Sun Valley."

Despite cutbacks to the city graffiti contract, the Chamber of Commerce is striving to keep city streets and the fronts of foreclosed and vacant properties free of illegal dumping, litter and graffiti, both in residential neighborhoods and Commercial Business Districts. Jon Eshbach, Community Beautification Chair of the Sun Valley Chamber, summed up the squeeze in his report to Chamber President McAllister: "Councilmember Paul Krekorian has directed discretionary street furniture funds to our program in an effort to make up for the shortfall, but it is not enough to keep pace with the basic costs associated with operation. Paint, bags and gasoline have all tripled, while our City Contract has been cut back. Our employees have not had a raise in over three years, and our aging vehicles all have over 100,000 miles."

Neighborhood Councils like Foothill Trails (FTDNC) and North Hollywood North East (NHNENC) have supplied funds and equipment for special projects. FTDNC allocated \$5,000 for keeping the Scenic Highways in La Tuna Canyon, Lakeview Terrace and Shadow Hills free of litter and invasive weeds. North Hollywood purchased power tools. "This year, Sun Valley Graffiti Busters has removed nearly 500 tons of litter, bulky items and weeds from public areas and along the streets and alleys of Sun Valley", continued Eshback. East Valley Sanitation Yard provides the bins and dumping services for carefully monitored contents that are transported directly to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Mattresses and Tires are also collected and recycled to the appropriate locations. Since last year, monthly tonnage has more than doubled from 20 to over 40 tons.

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Bureau of Sanitation and Their IRP Committee Honored



Los Angeles City's Bureau of Sanitation and their Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Committee members received an Award for Excellence from the Los Angeles City Council during their September 29 City Council Meeting. The Bureau did extensive outreach and worked for over six years with community representatives from across the city and neighboring cities regarding, sewer systems, watershed protection, conservation, recycling, wastewater, solids, etc. The Bureau has received many national awards and has received the highest number awards for any department or bureau in the city..

Spirit of Johny Carpenter Awards Selected

The New "Heaven on Earth" Ranch (NHOER) Board of Directors chose the recipients among 19 nominees, the most ever, during their monthly meeting held September 29th. The award honors the legacy of the late Johny Carpenter, stuntman, actor and cowboy whose original Heaven on Earth Ranch stood on Foothill Place in Lake View Terrace for almost 25 years. Johny taught physically and mentally challenged children and young adults how to ride horses in his authentic western town that he built and is now the future site of the "Johny Carpenter" Arena.

The "Spirit" awards will be presented to Nancy Woodruff, President of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood, Sue Bartlett, Director of the Sun Valley Graffiti Busters and Robert Stevens, Stuntman and member of the Reel Cowboys. The site and date for the Awards will be announced the week of October 17th. For more information, call 818 470-5235 or email: lamikec@yahoo.com or visit [www. NHOER.org](http://www.NHOER.org) is a California based 501 c (3) Public Charity dedicated to the spirit of Johny Carpenter, construction of the "Johny Carpenter" Arena and creation of the "Johny Carpenter" Riding Program

Rim of the Valley Corridor Studied



A Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study, which is meant to connect the connect trails and also to connect the wildlife corridor and open space, that was conducted over the past year, included public meetings as well as letters and electronic comments from the public.

Over the past several months, the National Park Service (NPS) study team has been reviewing and analyzing the ideas, suggestions, questions and concerns contributed by the public.

The NPS has released a newsletter that includes a summary of the comments regarding the topics that were mentioned most frequently during the initial public comment period of their study. There were more than 2,000 comment letters and e-mails and they presented an overview of the range of concerns and highlights from the comments that were submitted.

Neighborhood Councils Want Elections in 2012

By Cindy Cleghorn

During the September 24 Neighborhood Council's (NC) Congress of Neighborhoods, all Neighborhood Councils in attendance agreed that we need NC elections in 2012. However, the problem, is the City has not set aside funding for the elections for the 95 NCs across the City. Meanwhile, the City Clerk has been holding a number of workshop meetings to gain feedback from NCs. The first round of workshops was just completed and another is expected to start at the end of October. Hearing the feedback at the meetings and at the NC Congress, it is clear that NC leaders do not want their stakeholders to wait because it is undemocratic. They believe in outreach and engaging stakeholders in the voting process. NC's Election Procedures are in place from the 2010 elections. Several NCs participated in "regional elections" and held their elections on the same day and shared advertising. With this mind, let's promote the "NC Election Season" and move forward with the assistance of Independent Election Administrators (IEAs) supervised by the City Clerk. We hear a proposal, including funding is in the works. Let's hope a NC election announcement will be made soon. In the meantime, all NCs should agendize a statement to the City Council, with copies to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, that you want elections in 2012 and begin planning for outreach now.

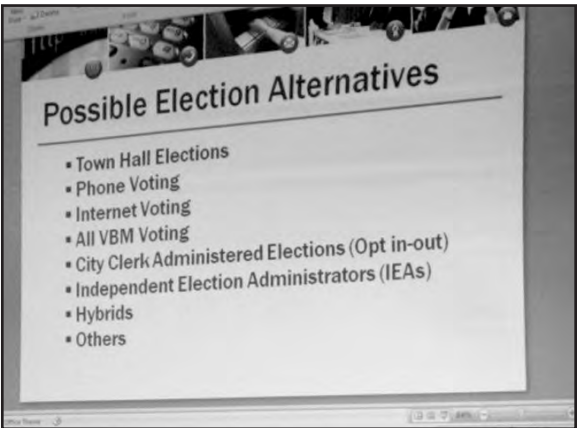
Editor's Note: Cindy Cleghorn served as the Chairperson of the 2011 NC Congress held September 24, 2011 at City Hall and serves on the board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council.

The public comments focused primarily on the following broad topics:

- Suggestions for the scope and definition of the study area.
- Suggestions for the study process.
- Natural and cultural resources that the NPS should consider for possible significance
- Existing recreational uses and future recreational needs.
- Issues and opportunities to be considered in the study process.

To review the study visit:
<http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley/Newsletter2EnglishWEB.pdf>

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Special Group Treated to a Holiday



By Liz Thompson

Sylmar Farmers Market sponsored a field trip on Saturday, September 24 for a group from Meet Each Need with Dignity (MEND). A bus picked up the MEND clients, who signed up ahead of time with the help of the Asst. Director of MEND Food Bank, Luke Ippoliti. The bus brought them to Sylmar Farmers Market where they were able to use their benefits (EBT, WIC and SNAP), listen to live music, and attend a free cooking demo on healthy cooking.

Following its "kickoff" Neighborhood Council 2014 Election Alternatives meetings during the past week, the Office of the City Clerk Election Division announced "Educational" Election Alternative workshops to be held in late October. These dates and locations should be considered tentative until confirmed in writing by the City Clerk. These meetings precede the NC 2014 election survey release, expected the very end of October. Each of the 95 NCs will be asked to have their Boards vote on the survey and reply by the December 31 deadline.

VALLEY AREA
Thursday, October 27, 2011, 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.
Valley Plaza Branch Library (Note change of location)
12311 Vanowen Street
North Hollywood 91605



COMMUNITY NEWS

Problem? Try the City Attorney’s DRP



L.A. City Attorney Carmen Trutanich

The Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Dispute Resolution Program (DRP) is an easy way resolve problems. The DRP, established in 1989, provides the Los Angeles community easily assessable, informal, free methods of resolving conflict. By training members of the public and city employees, we expect to build acceptance of the use of mediation and other dispute resolution

mechanisms in our city’s workplace and the greater Los Angeles Community.

Dispute Resolution is a term used to describe a variety of options for dealing with disputes, including landlord/ tenant disputes. This includes the option of Alternative Dispute Resolution, which typically refers to a method of resolving disputes by means not associated with formal litigation (court). They include medi-

ation, facilitation and conciliation. Mediation is communication between two or more people, or groups, conducted with the assistance of a neutral third party called a mediator. The process can be made binding (by a stipulation in the written agreement), or it can be non-binding and used simply to help people communicate and understand one another better.

There are several approaches to mediation. They include facilitative, transformative, directive and evaluative mediation. Sometimes, there can be more than one mediator involved, depending on the case dynamics. However, mediators trained with the DRP focus their efforts on fostering and facilitating disputes in which we try to assist the parties in understanding one another’s view points and helping them reach mutually-acceptable agreements.

The focus of mediation is determined by what the participants seek. For example, some seek mediation in order to secure monetary reimbursement. Others try to find understanding or behavior modification. Whatever the goal, the mediator’s job is to help people reach outcomes that satisfy them rather than proving who’s right and who’s wrong. Through mediation, people are able to work together to reach a solution that can be more creative than a court imposed one.

DRP goals include broadening the nature and extent of services. Also, to reach a diverse segment of the population and educating them about the principles and

practice of dispute resolution, as well as foster a stronger, better-equipped community of dispute resolution practitioners within homes, community based groups, religious institutions, social organizations, and public and government agencies. There are primarily two avenues by which cases arrive at the DRP. Some are self-referred while others come from referring agencies or formal organizations.

We continually strive to increase the efficacy and extent of our services. The DRP has partnered with a number of sources within Los Angeles. These partnerships provide abundant opportunities to provide dispute resolution services. Examples of referring agencies include: Community Partners; the Office of Diversity and Cultural Competency; Los Angeles County Health Services; the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office; the Neighborhood Prosecutors Program; the California Community Empowerment Foundation/Days of Dialogue; the Office of Discrimination Complaint Resolution; UCLA; the Department of Animal Regulations; and the Los Angeles Police Department. Remember that the DRP mediators do it confidently until everyone is satisfied. We won’t do it for you, but we’ll help you do it yourself. Call 213-485-8324.

Editor’s Note: Mr. Trutanich is an Attorney and was elected to head the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office.

Thank You Everyone!

By Cindy Cleghorn

Over 600 persons participated in the 2011 NC Congress. I personally want to thank our fantastic committee of experts who worked hard this past year and pulled together to put on this great event. The day kicked off with the Mayor emphasizing that Neighborhood Councils are, in indeed, a part of the "core services" of the City of Los Angeles, and then culminated with an "Action Session" which indicated unanimously that Neighborhood Councils want to

have their own elections in 2012. The Neighborhood Council Congress was made possible through the generous sponsorship of Walmart, DONE and our own Neighborhood Councils. This is just the beginning. We are going to continue to keep the energy from this year's Congress alive with a website (NC-CongressLA.com) that has video, audio, handouts and feedback from the workshop sessions as well as a calendar, list of NC's and other details regarding the event. Planning for the 2012 Congress will begin

soon. But, first the planning committee will meet on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 12:30 pm to review the event in detail. If you are interested and want to become involved for 2012, we encourage you to contact us via the NCCongressLA.com website.

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Sunday, Oct 9

Columbus Day Civic Ceremony
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Monday, Oct 10

FTDNC Budget Comm
9797 Wheatland Ave., SH, 7:00 pm

SNC Land Use Comm
Sylmar Park
13109 Bordon Ave,
Syl 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct 11

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NV City Hall
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FTDNC Exec. Board
9747 Wheatland Ave., SH
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Sun Valley Beautiful
9081 Tujunga Ave., SV
11:30 am

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Pentecostal Church
6800 Radford St., No Ho
6:30 pm 818-331-1398

FTDNC Equestrian Meet.
9747 Wheatland Ave., SH, 7:00 pm

Pan. City Neighborhood Watch
9261 Wakefield, PC
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Valley Hiring Spree Job Fair
Balboa Sports Center
17015 Burbank, Encino
10:00 am

Thursdays, Oct 13

Foothill Div. CPAB
Japanese Amer. Comm.
Ctr 12953 Branford, Pac
6:00 pm 818-756-8866

Friday, Oct 14

GHNNC Policy & Rules Comm
11139 Woodley Ave., GH
4:00 pm

S.O.L.I.D. Pasta Dinner
St. Nicholas Church
17037 Plummer, Nrthge
5:00 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, Oct 15

Plan Check NC
Hist. Downtown O.R. Center
114 W. Fifth St., L.A.
10:00 am -1:00 pm
Speaker: Bill Roschen, City Planning Commission president

K-12 African Amer. Parent Summit
Kennedy High School
11254 Gothic, GH
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Gym Ground Breaking Ceremony
El Cariso Park
13100 Hubbard, Syl
11:00 am
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Sunday, Oct 16

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Presents “On the Home Front nd on the Front”
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PCNC Commerce
Wells Fargo Bank
8548 Van Nuys Blvd., PC
2:30 pm 818-714-2133

SVANC Gen Meet
10631 Vinedale Ave., SV
6:30 pm

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

Northridge West NC
Beckford Elem. School
19130 Tulsa St., Nrdge
7:00 pm

MHNC Budget & Finance
LAPD Mission Station
16161 Sepulveda Blvd., MH
7:00 pm 818-892-2414

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

GHNNC Safety Comm
11139 Woodley Ave., GH
2:00 pm

Sun Valley Chamber Meet
Villa Scalabrini
10631 Vindale Ave., SV
12:00 pm

CERT Comm. Meeting
Battalions 12 & 15
Fire Station 77
9224 Sunland, SV
1:00 – 300 pm

Monday, Oct 17

Valley Vote
Galpin Ford
15555 Roscoe Blvd., NH
6:30 pm

GHNNC Land Use Comm
11139 Woodley Ave., GH, 7:00 pm

STNC Land Use Comm
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., S-T
7:00 pm

Neighborhood Council
Funding Workshop
Hollywd Constituent Ctr., 6501 Founjtain, Hollywd
8:30 am

BONC Meeting
L.A. City Hall, 10th Fl.
200 N. Spring, LA
11:30 am

Tuesday, Oct 18

Arleta NC Gen. Meeting
Beachy Elem. School
9757 Beachy, Arl.
6:30 pm

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents “On the Home Front and on the Front”
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T
Docent Tours
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 818-352-3420

S-T Neighborhood Watch
7747 Foothill Blvd., S-T
6:30 PM

Wednesday, Oct 19

LAPD-CPAB
Mission Division
11121 Sepulveda Blvd., MH
6:30 pm

Rotary Club
Coco’s Restaurant
10521 Sunland Blvd., S-T
7:00 pm 818-951-5299

Pacoima NC-Gen. Meeting
Pacoima Comm. Center
11243 Glenoaks Blvd., Pac
6:30 pm

Northridge East NC
Northridge Academy HS
9601 Zelzah Ave., Nrdge
7:00 pm

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

North Hills West NC
New Horizons
15725 Parthenia St., NH
7:00 pm

Strathern Nh’brh’d. Watch
Church of the Nazarene
12120 Strathern St., NoHo, 6:30 pm

Sylmar NC Green Comm.
Sylmar Park & Rec. Cent.
Susan B. Anthony Bldg.
Polk & Bordon Ave. Syl
7:00 pm

Sun Valley Chamber Mixer
John Wells Driving Range
11501 Strathern St., No Ho
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

N.V. Emergency Prep. Team Meet
Fire Station 87
10124 Balboa, GH
4:00 pm

Thursday, Oct 20

FTDNC Gen. Meeting
www.ftdnc.org for location, 7:00 pm

Neighborhood Watch
Block Captains Mtng.
Sylmar High School
13050 Borden Ave., Syl
6:30 pm

Northridge East NC
Northridge Academy
9601 Zelzah Ave., Nrdge

NHNE NC Board Meet
Arminta Elem. School
11530 Arminta St., No Ho, 7:00 pm

Friday, Oct 21

Two Day Book Sale
Granada Hills Library
10640 Petit, GH
2:00 –5:00 pm

Saturday, Oct 22

Friends of Mid Valley
Reg. Library
16244 Nordhoff, NH
10:30 am

NC Green Practices Workshop
CBS Studio Ctr
4024 Radford, SC
8am-2pm
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Sunday, Oct 23

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10110 Commerce Ave., S-T, Docent Tours
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
818-352-3420

Open Poetry Reading
The Village Poets
Bolton Hall Museum
10110 Commerce, S-T
818-352-3420, 4:30 pm, dskiles@ca.rr.com

Monday, Oct 24

GHNNC Gen. Meeting
Rinaldi Adult Center,
17450 Rinadli St., GH
6:30 pm

By-Law Reform Group.
Bario Family Center
4927 Huntington Dr, LA
10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Tuesday, Oct 25

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents “On the Home Front and on the Front”
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T, Docent Tours
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
818-352-3420

Hansen Dam Park
Advisory Board
Lake View Ter.r Rec. Ctr.
11075 Foothills, LVT
7:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Nghbhood Watch-
Basic Car 19A43
Mission Com. Police Station
11121 Sepulveda, MH
7:00 pm

Ca. Assoc of Nurseries & Garden Centers, SFV
Auction
Nortridge Methodist Church
9650 Reseda, Nrthge
6:00 pm

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*Commander James Cancler
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Los Angeles Police Department*

The Lapp’s “bait car” officers’ observations help to yield stolen vehicle and evidence of insurance fraud. The Los Angeles Police Department strives to implement not only time-tested crime fighting strategies, but also utilizes creative strategies in order to combat crime and enhance public safety. One of the creative initiatives within the San Fernando Valley for combating auto-related thefts has been the daily deployment of bait cars. Bait car teams are composed of plain clothes officers supported by uniformed officers who utilize commonly stolen vehicles and property in high-crime areas to attract would-be opportunistic automobile and property thieves. These bait car operations have been highly successful and prosecution rates for these arrests are over 98%.

In addition to actively working around the “bait” vehicles and property associated with these vehicles, bait car teams are vigilant for crimes that may be occurring in close proximity to their assigned areas. Such was the case on September 13, 2011, when officers assigned to the Bait Car Detail were assigned to Mission Area. While the officers were working with their bait car, a suspicious Ford van and Nissan parked directly behind their bait car. The driver of the van got into the Nissan as it drove away. The officers checked the registration on the van and it was a reported stolen vehicle. The bait car officers quickly established surveillance on the Nissan as it drove from the area. With support from Mission Area patrol officers, a traffic stop was conducted on the Nissan as it arrived at a nearby residence. Both the driver and the passenger were detained without incident. During subsequent investigation, the passenger was found in possession of the keys to the stolen van and was identified as the driver of the van when it was parked. The person was

also found in possession of credit cards and personal information belonging to someone else. Finally, when officers returned to the van, closer examination revealed that the commercial markings had been stripped from the sides. Evidence at the scene and subsequent interviews with the suspect and witnesses determined that the van had been fraudulently reported as stolen. The suspect was booked for insurance fraud and the van was impounded. This is another example of Los Angeles Police Officers in the San Fernando Valley while assigned to a specialized unit working a bait car operation maintaining their vigilance and demonstrating their ability to “shift gears” and actively work a developing case. Additionally, this example highlights the close cooperation and support exhibited by uniformed patrol officers working together with plain-clothes officers in the common goal of reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life for Valley communities.

Message from Mission Division



*Captain William Scott
Commanding Officer
Mission Community Station
Los Angeles Police Department*

National Night out was a huge success. I would like to thank and commend all those who gave of their time to help make it a very meaningful experience for all involved. I was able to attend a number of community events and I was very pleased at the number of community members in attendance. Thank you all for enhancing the relationship between our communities and our Department and I sincerely look forward to continued success.

The Los Angeles Police Department and Mission Area strongly embrace the philosophy of Community Policing. Community Policing is based upon a partnership between the police and the community, whereby the police and the community share responsibility for identifying, reducing, eliminating, and preventing problems that impact community safety and order. By working together, the police and the com-

munity can reduce the fear and incidence of crime, therefore improving the quality of life in neighborhoods citywide. In this effort, the community and police are working as partners to identify and prioritize problems of crime and disorder and share the responsibility for the development and implementation of proactive problem-solving strategies to address identified issues.

One of the ways by which we embrace Community Policing is through CPAB. CPAB is a community board comprised of stakeholders from the various residential and business communities who live or work in a particular geographic area. The purpose of CPAB is to provide advice to the Area Commanding Officer regarding decreasing the incidence and fear of crime in the community, as well as to provide community members with a voice in the policing of their communities.

Mission Area would like to add additional members and expand the youth component of the board. We are looking for positive and motivated youth that want to make Mission Area a safer place to live. Please submit the names and phone numbers of any and all youth who are interested in this great opportunity. I would like to personally speak with each candidate be-

fore the first meeting, so your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. CPAB meets at our station in the Tim Falco Meeting Room the third Wednesday of every month.

Our crime reduction efforts continue to have positive results. Compared to last year’s statistics, Mission Area crime reduction efforts have resulted in a 16% decrease in Robberies year to date. Burglaries are down 4% year to date, and GTA's (Grand Theft Autos) are down 12% year to date. Property Crime, which includes burglary, auto theft, burglary/theft from vehicle and other theft, is currently down 4% year-to-date.

I want to hear your concerns and encourage your participation in our policing efforts. Your questions concerning Mission Area may be directed to me at 818-838-9980, or Sergeant Adrian Torres, Officer in Charge, Mission Area Community Relations Office, at 818-838-9856. You may also e-mail us at following addresses: Area Commanding Officer William Scott, 27078@lapd.lacity.org,; Patrol Commanding Officer John Romero, 25756@lapd.lacity.org; Sergeant Adrian Torres, 31467@lapd.lacity.org

Eye on Public Safety...

By Nina Royal

50 Year Anniversary-The Foothill Division of the LAPD has issued a warrant for your attendance at their 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Foothill Station. Festivities will take place at 12760 Osborne St., Pacoima being 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. For further information, contact Community Relations Officer, Sgt Herrold Egger at 818-756-8860.

A **seven week CERT Class** starts on Wednesday, **October 19**, at Rinaldi Adult School, 17450 Rinaldi in Granada Hills. Classes are free however, pre-registration is required. Email: cert@ghnnc.org and include your name and contact information and you will receive a reply by mail. Sunland-Tujunga just completed their 35 member class held at the Elks Lodge in

Tujunga on September 29. The Los Angeles Police Department is now requiring all Neighborhood Watch Block Captains be CERT trained. Block Captains who are not yet certified can contact www.cert-la.com for class schedules in their area.

CERT Graduates can sign up for CERT Quarterly Training on **Wednesday, November 16** at 10 am. The training will focus the Incident Command System (ICS). Training for the Valley will be held on Tuesday, **December 13**, 7 pm to 9 pm at Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Blvd, Granada Hills. Visit: www.cert-la.com for more information.

The **L.A. County Sheriff’s Department** was awarded \$8,535,000 in funding for 25 deputies over a three year period, with the fourth year funded by the county, to be used in unincorporated communities.

The deputies will addresss increased burglaries, assaults and quality of life issues. The Grant requires approval by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors. The department is also responsible for safety on Metro Buses and trains. For the latest crime stats visit: <http://thesource.metro.net/2011/09/21/statistics-on-crime-on-metro-buses-and-trains/>

Firefighters are urging storm preparedness and encouraging residents to take necessary precautions to protect against injury and property damage from storm damage. Take precautions such as making sure vehicles are in good condition, review family emergency plan, kits, insurance, clear drains, needs of pets and materials needed for stormwater issues. For more information visit: www.lafd.org

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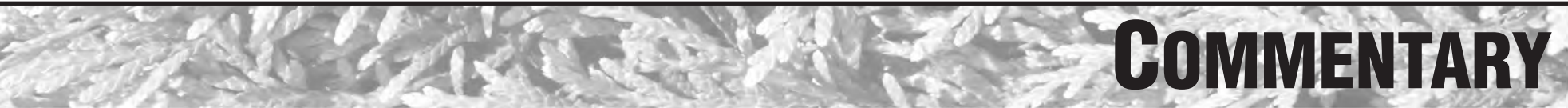
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COMMENTARY

“Occupy L.A.” Could Aid L.A.’s Activists



By Ron Kaye

Two weeks ago at the end of activist-organized Congress of Neighborhood Councils, the Mayor offered his cheerleading analysis that the decade-old movement had come of age.

"They have been instrumental for us in helping us put together a budget," Antonio Villaraigosa said. "They have been very innovative and have pushed us to do more."

Bong Hwan Kim, general manager of the minimized Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, added a self-congratulatory comment of his own: "Slowly, project by project, they are making a difference. You couldn't say that five years ago, when they were just getting started."

No, you couldn't, but given the scope of the city's worsening problems and the depths of the discontent in the community, it isn't saying much. At best, the effectiveness of Neighborhood Councils (NCs) on local-local issues is extremely uneven with higher demographic neighborhoods able to mobilize better than others, just as they were through homeowner and resident groups before Charter reform created the weak system of advisory NCs.

Even among those groups, like the Council District 5 Coalition, the feeling of powerlessness runs so deep, that the issue has been defined as demands for local control over local issues. Devolving power to the local level is critical. However, it is not going to happen until there is a fundamental change in the power structure which will only come about if ordinary residents in every neighborhood have an honest chance to elect members of the City Council, the mayor and other elected officials.

Honest elections in L.A. are non-existent. The unions, developers, and other special interest buy them. The result is pats on the head by the mayor and other city officials while they continue to operate in a business-as-usual mode providing welfare to the rich, allowing the infrastructure to rot, and robbing the neighborhoods to support over-development of downtown and in Hollywood.

L.A. is the first western city to rank with the Rust Belt cities like Detroit and Cleveland with poverty rates approaching 25 percent and under-employment/jobless rates of the same magnitude. Having tried through the Saving L.A. Project and L.A. Clean Sweep to bring the city together to seize power, I know just how hard it is. But, I never lose hope.

The Occupy Los Angeles camp-in and protest at City Hall provides a new opportunity for community activists to pull together and give the "occupation" meaning. Occupy L.A., a clone of the escalating Occupy Wall Street protest in New York against corporate greed and the breakdown of the political system, is at the local level a movement in search of goals and objectives.

No one knows the details of what is broken in L.A. better than the thousands of members of Neighborhood Councils and other community groups that have worked so long for real change. Occupy LA, like the related protests all over America, has drawn young people to action, tapping into the raw nerve of national discontent with the state of the economy and the quality of our leadership.

By getting involved, the activist community can make this a movement that can change the politics of the city. It can do so by helping us all to move beyond our myopic views to the point where we can see how there's room for the competing values, interests and needs to be met if we pull together with mutual respect. Occupy L.A. could be the vehicle for a New L.A.

Editor's Note: Ron Kaye, former Editor of the Daily News, also writes the Sunday column for the Glendale Newspress, Burbank Leader, and blogs at ronkayela.com

About the Proposed NFL Stadium



By David Barron

Forget all the details, offers, and promises from those billionaire developers. A NFL stadium doesn't guarantee profits for our City. Otherwise, private investors would be the first to finance it for a handsome rate-of-return on their investment.

Therefore, L.A. taxpayers should follow, what private investors know, that councilwoman Jan

Perry is not willing to tell us. The AEG stadium is a high-risk venture.

According to L.A. City Budget figures as adopted, revenues have been at an all-time high since 2006. Join me in commanding city council to; repeal the City's business tax, which is driving employers out of town, and pressure City Hall to install a DWP Rate Payer Advocate, who is not politically connected.

According to the Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings that were established in 1978, in response to a leg-

islative mandate to reduce California's energy consumption. L.A. has done so dramatically well, that California's building efficiency standards along with energy efficient appliances, have saved more than \$56 billion in electricity and natural gas costs since 1978. Further, it is estimated the standards will save an additional \$23 billion by 2013. That's why additional power plants weren't needed.

Editor's Note: David Barron is a Civil Servant with the City of Los Angeles

Continued from cover — 710

L.A. City is not watching anything on the SR-710; they have too many other problems. However, they will be soon reminded that the Valley Blvd. biomedical industries are concerned with the SR-710 and south portal construction and operations on their doorsteps.

Port of LA/Harbor Department have recently released the EIR for review the BNSF's Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) project EIR like Alba's GRID. The SCIG and it neighbor, UPRR's Intermodal Container Transfer Facility, ICTF, will greatly reduce the highway trucks north of the I-105 and may eliminate most through trucks from the Port to the High Desert (Logistics) Corridor.

El Sereno is developing a report regarding the fraud, abuse, and wastes of Caltrans slumlord-ship in El Sereno, and a newer TransMode streets alternative in parallel with the South Pasadena MultiMode. Both will depend on im-

proved rail and existing road improvements, and can be implemented by existing city departments with local small-medium contractors and employees.

Mayor Ten and South Pasadena flipped on the tunnel vs. surface route in exchange for Assembly Member Cedillo's AB 751 which became law on October 3 and allows them to become involved in the environmental review process. South Pasadena can no longer oppose the Project unless it goes on surface. However, don't plan to buy Caltrans properties soon because they may still need them for the portals/entrances to get down to the tunnels (10,000ft from I-210 to just north of SR-110 if not south.

Alhambra city representatives "accepted" the portal south of Valley Blvd., but maybe it isn't a real "portal." The PPP reports that the south portal is nothing more than a connector road from Hellman up to Mission Road. The PPP and Parsons Brinckerhoff's 2006 portal concept requires more than a mile of El Sereno and 300 houses north of Alhambra Ave.

Hopefully, during October, there will be a better picture of the costs, traffic modes, and numbers, the basic project description, alignments, and impacts, if not from Caltrans, then MTA, or their EIR/EIS or alternatives consultants. The goals are to separate the design and environmental assessment consultancies, and get the "Public Participation" element of the consultancy to focus on the western half of the earlier project area and include Altadena, La Canada-Flintridge, Glendale, La Crescenta and Sunland-Tujunga, who are also affected by the project. Also, provide monthly web-based updates and quarterly public meetings and reviews. The struggle goes on, but the saga is now a better chapter than during the "Scoping Conversations"

Editor's Note: Dr. Williams is a retired infrastructure engineer and environmental scientist, doctorate in geology and zoology, UC-Berkeley and also a member of the LA32 Neighborhood Council.

THIS N THAT

Tujunga Valley's Famous Softball Team

By Marlene Hitt

Some things don't change! The love of baseball has been around for a long time. Imagine the joy of a young girl working with the handsome and famous movie star, Richard Arlen of silent and talking films! He was a Hollywood celebrity who sponsored a girl's softball team consisting of young women from around the San Fernando Valley, including Sunland-Tujunga. The baseball team was called The Hollywood Curlers. Wouldn't that be any girl's dream?

One of those girls was from this neighborhood, a horse-lover-cowgirl-athlete from Sunland. "Pip", they called her, was a member of the Sunland Beauties 1937 softball champion team. This team had two names according to the location of play. In addition to "Sunland Beauties" they were called the "Hollywood Curlers."

This girl was named Mabel Mintey, but she was called "Pip". One of her favorite pastimes was to work at the Stonehurst Stables for Walter Morris then ride the horse, "Snowflake" Her other love was baseball.

Sunland Park was the home field for the team with a malt shop right across from the playing field. The shop had a jukebox and a little room for the girls to dance the jitterbug. They would pass the hat at the ball game to pay for the treats after the game.

In the picture of the group is a lady who owned a beauty shop in Sunland, which was situated across from what was the Security Bank on Foothill in Sunland. This kind lady paid for the uniforms and styled the girl's hair every week

Pip's brother Tommy was the team's manager and coach. He also was the fellow who picked up those girls who didn't have a way to get to Sunland Park, those girls who lived as far away as San Fernando and North Hollywood. One was Annabel Lee, also called "Lefty".

Those girls had hit the big time with a league of their own, the famous Hollywood Curlers.

Thanks to Mabel Mintey Higgins, also known as "Pip" for the story about the Hollywood Curlers, the team with a league of their own.

Editor's Note: Marlene Hitt a former Poet Laureate of Sunland-Tujunga and Director of Bolton Hall Museum.



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The World Through My Eyes

By Alexandra Rose Goodale

I have viewed the world very differently throughout my life. When I was younger, I was a single child at a French private school. At that age, I saw things very differently; I was used to the world revolving around myself. I had my room to myself, which was filled with Barbies, fairies, and PINK (of course). I also had my parents to myself, which meant I got all of the attention (yay!). I didn't see how it was possible for there to be anything like poverty or violence.

Then, I grew up. My baby brother was born when I was six and I left my private school when I was eleven. I started going to public school. What a culture shock! At my old school, K-12th, we had maybe 250 kids in it. Now, at my new school, grades six through eight,, we have about 2,000 kids in it! That school has taught me a lot, not just in math, science, history, and English, but outside the classrooms, too.

And, recently, I went to downtown L.A. with my dad to get chocolate for my mom's bakery. There, it was filled with graffiti, I think that was the first time I was REALLY afraid. The apartments there were filthy and we saw lots of homeless people.

Downtown L.A. is very different from where I have been raised. For some people poverty is unheard of and for others, they grow up with it; a heavy weight of depression carried on their shoulders. I am an example of the type of person that doesn't exactly know what poverty is and maybe I never will.

Today, I look back to when I was a little girl when all I cared about was toys and glitter. Now, I care about changing the world somehow. Changing the way people live.

Editor's Note: Ms. Goodale is an 11 year old local middle school student whose goal is to become a Journalist.



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CPAB Summit Event



There was a full house at the LAPD's annual City-wide Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) Summit held in the Administration Building on Saturday, October 1. Subjects covered were disaster preparedness and resources available, social networks, hazardous materials and FBI assistance after a disaster.



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck praised and thanked CPAB volunteers



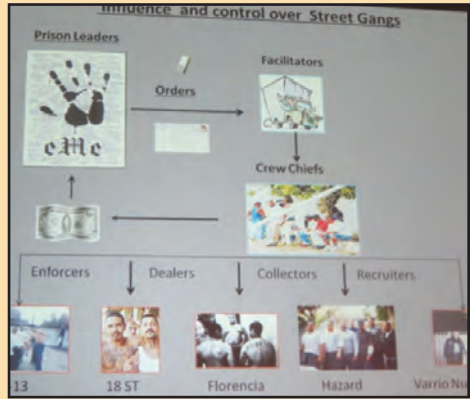
This equipment is a bomb detonator



Detective Jorge Martinez from the Gang and Narcotics Division gave a talk on Gang prevention and intervention



Jim Saurer was sworn in as Honorary Mayor of Sunland-ujunga by Councilmember Paul Krekorian



Picture of Gang hierarchy



A sample of cell phone bombs



The Valley's top cop Deputy Chief, Kirk Albanese, was also on hand.



The LAPD's Foothill Division held their 2nd annual Carnival over Labor Day Weekend in Pacoima on Glenoaks at Van Nuys boulevard. The purpose is to help supplement their budget and the Officers participate by volunteering their time.



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