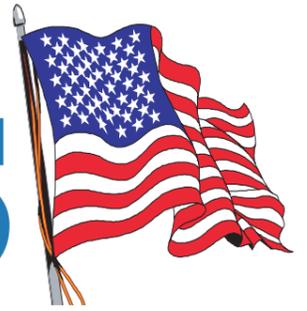




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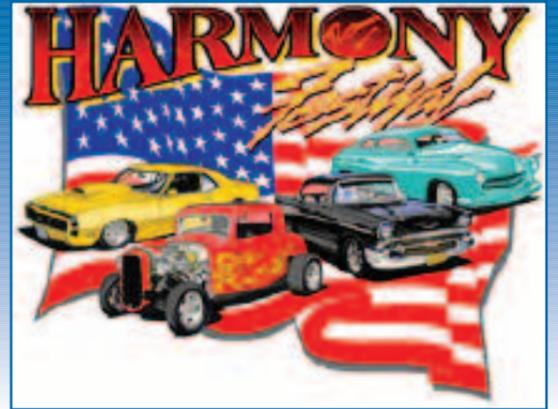
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Citywide News for Business, Community and Education

October 1, 2008

Monterey Park Celebrates Our Cultural Diversity The 2008 Harmony Festival

October is the Community Relations Commission's (CRC) award winning Harmony Festival, with five activities that celebrate the diversity and the promotion of harmony in the community. The CRC is actively seeking supporters for the Harmony Festival activities, both volunteers and financial sponsorships. The theme for the this years Harmony Festival is "Monterey Park is My Kind of Town."



2008 Harmony Festival Calendar

Harmony Ball

Friday, October 3, 2008 at Luminarias Restaurant located at 3500 Ramona Blvd., Monterey Park. For sponsorship information or to RSVP for the Ball please contact Helena Cho @ 626-307-1385.

Town Hall Meeting

The Town Hall meeting is an opportunity for the community to participate in a discussion about important issues. This year's topic is "What can I do to promote harmony in my kind of town?" The Town Hall meeting will be held at the Langley Senior Center located at 400 W. Emerson Avenue, Monterey Park from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., not at the Service Club Building as noted in prior Cascades. Lunch will be provided.

Children's Film Festival

The Film Festival will take place on Saturday, October 18th at the City Hall, Council Chambers. We will be featuring "Toy Story" at 11:00 a.m. & "Ratatouille" at 1:30 p.m. these are both great movies to watch with your kids. Tickets are free to the public and can be picked up at the City Hall, starting October 1st at the Economic Development Department.

Town Square Fair

Car Show & Green Fest

The Town Square Fair/Car Show & Environmental Fair/Green Fest will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the City Hall/Barnes Park. This event will feature live music from the Blue Rhythms, Mark Keppel High School Jazz Band, and much more. We also have great entertainment such as Hawaiian Dancers, Da Island Boyz and don't forget to come and see the Police K-9 Unit in action at 11:30 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m. This event is free to the public, so come out and get to know your City during its Open House. Learn about the services & programs that are available to you. There will be excellent food and vendors selling of arts & crafts.

This year is the first time we are having the Environmental Fair / Green Fest in conjunction with our Town Square Fair. The goal of the Environmental Fair / Green Fest is to increase the public's awareness on the hidden dangers to our environment and ways the community can contribute to sustainability through green activities. The US Forest Services will be at the Fair showcasing a variety of animals.

Photo & Essay Contest

The Photo & Essay Contest Awards dinner will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at the Langley Senior Center located at 400 W. Emerson Avenue, Monterey Park. This year's Photo Topic is "Show Yourself Taking the Initiative in Participating in a Cultural Diversity Event." The Essay Topic is "What Have You Done to Make Monterey Park Your Kind of Town?" Contests rules and regulations, and registration forms can be found on the city website at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us under the Recreation and Parks Special Events section or with the direct link www.geocities.com/theharmonyfestival.

For more information on the Harmony Festival visit the City's website at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us or www.geocities.com/theharmonyfestival.



Tag Away Graffiti

Please join us Saturday October 25, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at Barnes Park Amphitheater for this year's Tag Away Graffiti Day. T-shirts, prizes, food and drinks will be available for those participating in this event. Must be over the age of 13 to participate in Tag Away Graffiti Day.

Last year, participating volunteers from neighboring schools such as Mark Keppel, Schurr, St. Thomas Aquinas and community youth groups joined together to help identify graffiti throughout the city. Volunteers who participate in this event will also receive community service hours. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes, as we will walk areas of the city looking for graffiti. To participate call the City Manager's Office at (626) 307-1255.

Halloween Activities

Pumpkin Decorating

Use your creative skill to decorate a hauntingly squishy lumpy pumpkin! Contest will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 3:00 p.m., Barnes Park Patio area between Tennis Courts and Community Center/Gym. FREE pumpkins will be available for decoration while supply lasts. Pumpkins will be decorated at the park ONLY with supplies provided by the Recreation and Parks Department.

Costume Parade

It's almost Halloween. A night filled with terrifying haunted houses, skin-crawling scare zones, and hordes of ghoulish creatures lurking in the shadows! Join us on Halloween, Friday, October 31, for games, a costume parade and contest at Barnes Park Pavilion, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Don't know what to wear? Create your own version of Revenge of the Mummy, Dracula, or an Amazing Space Creature. Sponsored by the Eastside Optimist Club and the Recreation Department, the community is invited to join the "Terribly Terrifying" contest for children through adults.

Howlin' Hairy Halloween Home Decorating Contest

Do grim reapers and werewolves rub shoulders in your front yard? Is your ghostly garage filled with black cats and a family of skeletons? Are there little monsters in your courtyard graveyard? The Recreation Department invites you to nominate a residence which promote a sense of community through their Halloween decorations for the first annual Howlin' Hairy Halloween home decorating contest. Judging by our "BOO Crew" will take place on Thursday, October 30, between the witching hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to nominate their own home or a well decorated one in the city. Winners will be notified. To nominate a home or for additional information, please call (626) 307-1388 or email dcostley@monterey-park.ca.gov. Nominations close on Tuesday, October 28 at 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Historical Heritage Commission.



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Monterey Park Meeting Dates:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ City Council Meeting
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers ■ Art & Culture Commission
2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 266, 2nd floor ■ Business Improvement District Advisory Committee
3rd Thursday of January, April, July, and October at 5:00 pm, City Hall, Room 266, 2nd Floor ■ Commission on Aging
3rd Monday, 11 a.m., Langley Center ■ Community Relations Commission
4th Wednesday, 7 p.m., City Hall, Room 266, 2nd floor ■ Design Review Board
1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers ■ Economic Development Advisory Board
2nd Thursday of January, April, July and October at 8:30 a.m., City Hall, Room 266, 2nd floor ■ Environmental Commission
2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 266, 2nd floor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Historical - Heritage Commission
3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, Room 266, 2nd floor ■ Library Board of Trustees
3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Librarian's Office, 318 S. Ramona Avenue ■ Modification Committee
Meetings on call ■ Personnel Board
2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers ■ Planning Commission
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers ■ Recreation & Parks Commission
1st Monday, 7 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers ■ Sister City Commission
Meets on call quarterly ■ Traffic Commission
3rd Thursday, 7 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers ■ Youth Advisory Board
1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., City Hall, Room 266, 2nd floor |
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CITY HALL AT YOUR SERVICE	
<i>Mayor and City Council</i>	(626) 307 - 1255
<i>City Manager's Office</i>	(626) 307 - 1255
<i>City Clerk's Office</i>	(626) 307 - 1362
<i>City Treasurer</i>	(626) 307 - 1488
<i>Animal Control and Dog Licensing</i>	(626) 307 - 1217
<i>Aquatics/Rec. Classes</i>	(626) 307 - 1388
<i>Building Division</i>	(626) 307 - 1300
<i>Business Licenses</i>	(626) 307 - 1338
<i>Code Enforcement</i>	(626) 307 - 1415
<i>Community Development</i>	(626) 307 - 1314
<i>Community Participation</i>	(626) 307 - 1461
<i>Dial-A-Ride</i>	(626) 307 - 1396
<i>Economic Development</i>	(626) 307 - 1385
<i>Engineering</i>	(626) 307 - 1320
<i>Fire Department Admin.</i>	(626) 307 - 1262
<i>Fire Dept. Ambulance</i>	(626) 307 - 1423
<i>Fire Prevention</i>	(626) 307 - 1308
<i>Graffiti Removal</i>	(626) 307 - 1449
<i>Housing Rehabilitation</i>	(626) 307 - 1385

<i>JOB Hotline</i>	(626) 307 - 1446
<i>Langley Senior Center</i>	(626) 307 - 1395
<i>Library</i>	(626) 307 - 1269
<i>Human Resources</i>	(626) 307 - 1334
<i>Planning and Zoning</i>	(626) 307 - 1315
<i>Police Department (Non emergency)</i>	(626) 573 - 1311
<i>Police Emergency Only</i>	9 1 1
<i>Police Reports & Records</i>	(626) 307 - 1211
<i>Police Comm. Relations</i>	(626) 307 - 1215
<i>Public Works</i>	(626) 307 - 1281
<i>Recreation and Parks</i>	(626) 307 - 1388
<i>Recycling Hotline</i>	(626) 307 - 2510
<i>Redevelopment</i>	(626) 307 - 1385
<i>Refuse (Athens Services)</i>	(626) 336 - 3636
<i>Special Events</i>	(626) 307 - 2541
<i>Tree Trimming</i>	(626) 307 - 1292
<i>Water Billing</i>	(626) 307 - 1342
<i>Water Dept. - After hours</i>	(626) 307 - 1282
<i>Weed Abatement</i>	(626) 307 - 1415

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CALENDAR of CITY EVENTS

OCTOBER 1 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 P. M.**
 Council Presentations, 6:00 P. M.
 City Hall Council Chambers

OCTOBER 15 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 P. M.**
 Council Presentations, 6:00 P. M.
 City Hall Council Chambers

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT MONTEREY PARK CITY HALL
 320 W. NEWMARK AVENUE

Monterey Park Celebrates Cultural Diversity



HARMONY FESTIVAL BALL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

TOWN SQUARE FAIR CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

FILM FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

PHOTO & ESSAY AWARDS DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

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The Monterey Park Fire Departments Emergency Management Division would like to suggest the following list of Emergency supplies for your home kit. This list should be considered the foundation from which you build your kit to fit your own specific needs. Also attached is a list of various vendors to help with your selection. If you have any further questions, please contact Captain Richard Tullius at Fire (626) 307-1271 or rtullius@montereypark.ca.gov

EMERGENCY KIT INVENTORY FOR 4 PERSONS – 3 DAYS

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| 4cs 1 Liter Water Boxes (12 per/case) | 1 Flashlight 2D-Cell |
| 1 Bottle of Water Purification Tablets | 8 Snap Glow Sticks |
| 2cs M.R.E.'s (Meals Ready To Eat) (12 per case) | 1 Whistle |
| 3 High Calorie Emergency Food Bar Packs | 1 AM/FM Pocket Radio (2 AA Batteries) |
| 1 Emergency First Aid Kit | 2 Pairs of Work Gloves |
| 1 Four-Person Hygiene Kit | 1 Gas Shut Off Tool |
| 4 Emergency Blankets | 1 Small Shovel |
| 6 Dust Masks | 1 Utility Knife |
| 1 Roll of Toilet Paper | 1 15-Inch Pry Bar |
| 2 Two Oz Hand Sanitizer | |
| 1 Two Oz Liquid Soap | |

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESOURCE LIST

VENDORS – EMERGENCY KITS AND SUPPLIES

NAME	WEBSITE or E-MAIL
Emergency Essentials	www.beprepared.com
Emergency Lifeline	www.emergencylifeline.com
Emergency Product Kits (EPK)	www.epks.com
Nitro-Pak Preparedness Center, Inc.	www.nitro-pak.com
Quake Kare	www.quakekare.com
Safe-T Proof	www.safetyproof.com
Simpler Life Emergency Provision, Inc.	www.simplerlife.com
SOS Survival Products	www.sosproducts.com
Zee Medical Service	www.zeemedical.com
Preptek supplies	http://www.preptek.com/
The Preparedness Center	http://www.preparedness.com/
Homeland Preparedness	http://www.homelandpreparedness.com/

VENDORS – SPECIALTY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

NAME	SPECIALTY	WEBSITE or E-MAIL
American Innotek, Inc.	Disposable/portable restroom	www.briefrelief.com
Sunset Safety Products	Furniture restraints	http://www.sunsetent.com/
Q Safety	Earthquake anchoring systems	www.qsafety.com
Quake Hold	Earthquake fastening systems	www.quakehold.com
Work Safe Technologies	Nonstructural seismic mitigation	www.worksafetech.com

VENDORS – AUTOMATIC GAS AND UTILITY SHUT-OFF SYSTEMS

NAME	WEBSITE or E-MAIL
So-Cal Gas Co.	http://www.socalgas.com/safety/valves.html
Pacific Seismic Products, Inc.	www.4gasoff.net
Strand Earthquake Consultants	www.strandearthquake.com

WEBSITES

ORGANIZATION	WEBSITE
Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)	www.fema.gov
Emergency Survival Program (monthly Focus info)	www.lacoa.org/esp.htm
Governor's Office of Emergency Services	www.oes.ca.gov
Southern California Earthquake Center	www.scecdc.sceec.org
Monterey Park Fire Department CERT Information	http://www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us/
Los Angeles County Operational Area CERT Info	www.eprepared.org
City of Los Angeles CERT	www.cert-la.com
U.S. Geological Survey	www.usgs.gov
Citizen Corps CERT	www.citizen corps.gov/cert
American Red Cross (National)	www.redcross.org

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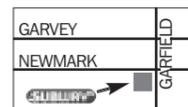
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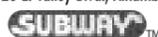


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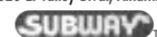
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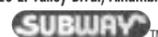
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Council Action Review

September 3, 2008 Council Meeting

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all Council Members present.

Consent Calendar

Item 3 — The City Council approved the payment of warrants totaling \$978,072.48, Resolution No. 11214. The Community Redevelopment Agency approved the payment of warrants totaling \$155,574.32, Resolution No. RA-607.

Item 4 — The City Council approved the minutes for the following meetings:

City Council Meeting - Regular Meeting of July 2, 2008
Special Meeting of June 24, 2008 & July 2, 2008.
Community Redevelopment Agency - Regular Meeting of July 2, 2008
Special Meeting of June 24, 2008 & July 2, 2008.

Item 5 — The City Council approved the recommendation to reappoint Doris Lau to the Board of Trustees.

Item 6 — The City Council adopted Reso. 11215, approving the Extension of Time for Tentative Tract Map No. 054417 - 408 S. Orange Ave.

Item 7 — The City Council approved the recommendation to the Award of Contract for Fire Station No. 1 Expansion project to Ventura Construction Inc. of Westlake Village.

Item 8 — The City Council approved the recommendation to Award the Bid from ADCO Services for Median Maintenance.

New Business

Item 9 — The City Council adopted the Reso. 11217, Declaring a Zero-Tolerance Policy on Illegal Street Vendors.

Item 10 — The City Council approved the recommendation for a Revised Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) (formerly known as a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan), for compliance of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Item 11 — The City Council adopted Reso. 11218, Finding that the Public Interest and Convenience

Require the Sale of a Site Dedicated to a Public Use and Stating its Intention to Sell Such Property.

Item 12 — The City Council approved the recommendation to Adopt Staff Recommendations of the Business Improvement Advisory Committee for the Chinese New Year Gala and Festival.

Mayor/Council and Agency Matters

Item 13 — The City Council adopted Reso. 11216, Supporting the Funding, Development and Operation of the San Gabriel River Discovery Center.

Item 14 — The City Council adopted Reso. 11219, Supporting the Central Basin Municipal Water District's Water Conservation Campaign Entitled "Shut Your Tap."

Item 15 — The City Council discussed the Committee Reports From Council Representatives of Specific Organizations. No action taken.

The City Council Adjourned The Meeting At 9:45 P.M.

September 3, 2008 Special Council Meeting

The City Council Special Meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 1 — CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code (COUNCIL/AGENCY ACTION)
Number of Cases: One (1)

Item 2 — CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8 (COUNCIL/AGENCY ACTION)

Property: 2200 South Garfield Ave. Agency Negotiator: June Yotsuya, City Manager; Adrian R. Guerra, Assistant City Attorney
Negotiating Parties: Kum Son Yu
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Item 3 — CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8 (COUNCIL/AGENCY ACTION)

Property: 2200 South Garfield Ave., Agency Negotiator: June Yotsuya, City Manager; Adrian R. Guerra, Assistant City Attorney
Negotiating Parties: Kum Son Yu
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Item 4 — CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8 (COUNCIL/AGENCY ACTION)

Property: 700 Corporate Center Dr., APN 5237-022-902

Agency Negotiator: June Yotsuya, City Manager; Margarita Cruz, Director of Economic Development; Adrian R. Guerra, Assistant City Attorney
Negotiating Parties:

Magnus Sequoia Corporation
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

New Business

Item 5 — The City Council approved the recommendation to finalize the Fifth Amendment of the Owner Participation and Development Agreement Between the Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency and Magnus Sunhill Group, LLC.

The City Council Adjourned The Meeting At - 6:15 P.M.

September 17, 2008 Council Meeting

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all Council Members present.

Consent Calendar

Item 3 — The City Council approved the payment of warrants totaling \$852,140.77, Resolution No. 11220. The Community Redevelopment Agency approved the payment of warrants totaling \$114,116.71, Resolution No. RA-608.

Item 4 — The City Council received and filed the Monthly Investment Report for August 2008.

Item 5 — The City Council adopted Reso. 11221, approving the Extension Of Time For Tentative Tract Map No. 054158 - 411 S. Lincoln Ave.

Item 6 — The City Council approved the recommendation of the Police Department For Replacement Of Tasers.

Item 7 — The City Council approved the recommendation to the Award of Contract for Videotaping Of Selected Sewer Lines to Advanced Sewer Technologies.

Item 8 — The City Council approved the recommendation of Nominations Of Commissioners, Committee & Board Members, as follows:

Ivan Ho - Business Improvement District Advisory Committee, Seat seven.

Annie Ho Fong - Community Relations Commission, Seat three.

William Wheeler - Environmental Commission, Seat one.

Public Hearing

Item 9 — The City Council adopted the Reso. 11222, approving as amended the Intent To Sell City Owned Property Identified As The South Garfield Public Parking Lot.

Unfinished Business

Item 10 — The City Council

adopted the recommendation of Placing The Chamber Of Commerce's Board As Lead Organizers For The 2009 Lunar Celebration Gala With The Business Improvement District Advisory Committee Taking A Supportive Role, And Adopt The Name "2009 Lunar Celebration" As The Official Name Of The Festival.

New Business

Item 11 — The City Council adopted the Reso. 11223, approving as amended The Blue Ribbon Committee Recommendations Of Certain Fees & Charges Contained In The Master Fee Schedule.

Mayor/Council and Agency Matters

Item 12 — The City Council discussed Committee Reports From Council Representatives Of Specific Organizations. No Action Taken.

The City Council Adjourned The Meeting At 11:40 P.M.

Monterey Park Honoring Residents in the Armed Forces

The City of Monterey Park wishes to honor residents who are currently serving in the military by displaying their photographs on the Military Wall of Honor in City Hall and on the City website.

Residents with immediate family currently serving in the military are encouraged to complete a registration form available at City Hall or on the City Manager's Office page on the City's website at <http://ci.monterey-park.ca.us>. You may also view photos our local heroes serving around the world.

For more information on the Military Photo Wall program, please contact Management Analyst Tammy Evans at (626) 307-1256 or tevans@montereypark.ca.gov.

HEALTH FAIR - NOV. 22

The Asian Pacific Health Corps in cooperation with the City of Monterey Park will conduct a Health fair at Monterey Park City Hall (320 W. Newmark Avenue) on Saturday November 22nd from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. The event is scheduled to feature flu shots, medical screenings, and invaluable health information. More information will be available in the November issue of Cascades, on the City's website, and by calling (626) 307-1388.

Artists Wanted

Art and Culture Commission is now accepting applications from artists who wish to sell their hand-made arts and crafts items at the annual Artisans' Faire on Saturday, November 15 on the lawn in front of City Hall. The Faire is a great way for local artists and craft people to display their talent. One-of-a-kind paintings, clothes items, and other unique items are requested. 'Early Bird' registration is only \$25.00 per booth, and includes a 10' x 10' space, one eight-foot table, and two folding chairs (vendors are required to bring their own canopies or umbrellas) early bird registration continues until October 10, with the regular registration price of \$35.00, as space is available. To learn more about the Artisans' Faire, contact Special Events Manager at (626) 307-1390.

Police Department Citizens Academy - Classes Beginning (class offered in Chinese and English)

Citizens Academy is an exciting, dynamic and informative course that meets once a week for eleven weeks. It is designed to provide residents and non-residents an interactive, hands-on, comprehensive overview of the Monterey Park Police Department and the City. Classes include an introduction to the Detective Bureau, K-9 units, Patrol Procedures, and other various department programs. Students from the recent graduating class had this to say: "Lots of good information about home protection and emergency preparedness. The fact that we had the opportunity to learn difficulties and dangers of the police officers job was enlightening."

For an exciting and informative experience, participate in the next Citizens Academy class. The first class will begin on Thursday, September 25, 2008. The class meets every Thursday evening for eleven weeks from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. Upon completion of the program participants will receive a Certificate of Achievement. Applications can be picked up in the Monterey Park Community Relations Bureau at 320 West Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park or can be mailed to you. Minimum age of participants is 16 years; minors under the age of 18 years must have a signed parental consent form on file. Participants cannot have any felony convictions, be on parole or probation, or have been arrested for a misdemeanor within the past year. For further information or to have an application mailed to you, please contact Sergeant Rick Munder at (626) 307-1216 or any other member of the Community Relations Bureau at (626) 307-1215.



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Back to School Safety

The beginning of the school year has finally arrived! With the population of this city growing and the opportunities that this education system provides, we have more and more children attending our schools in this city. That is why there is a huge demand for safety tips that should be at a constant recognition. If you are not familiar with these safety tips, we are here to provide them for you. From car safety to stranger safety, these tips will help provide a safe and happy school year for your child. So, please read carefully and follow the various directions below.

For car safety: Please be sure everyone is properly seat-belted into your vehicle before putting the car into gear. Younger kids should be in car seats or booster seats, and they should sit in the back seat if they are under 12 years of age. Drop kids as close to the school as possible. If the school has a drop off area, be sure to use it. Do not set a bad example by dropping them in a dangerous location. If the kids are young, wait until they are in the schoolyard or building before you leave.

For bike safety: Please teach your kids that bikes have rules to follow, just like cars. Each year there are children injured or killed, because they are riding on the wrong side of the street, they fail to stop at a stop sign, or the fail to follow some other rule of the road. Don't forget their helmets! It's not only safer, it's the law.

For Walking to School the Safe Way: Plan the route your kids are going to take if they are walking to school. It is important to try and minimize the number of streets they have to cross. Keep it as simple as possible. Then, do a dry run with your kids. You should have them do it at least once before the first day of school, so they feel comfortable. Teach your kids to keep away from vacant lots, fields, and any other location that has few people around. Also, please make sure that your kids do not walk alone, especially if they are young. Predators look for the kids that are alone. It is much more difficult to deal with a bunch of kids, so they normally do not do it.

For Family Meeting Spot: Make sure to pick out a family meeting spot that can be used in case of an emergency. Parents with kids in middle school and high school should make sure they do not forget this. When there is a crisis, things get confusing. If they know where they are supposed to meet you, you will both be more calm when you need it.

For Stranger Safety: Teach your kids not to talk to strangers. They should not accept presents or rides from them. Also, be sure to pick a family password. This word will be used if someone different is picking them up from school, sports, or other locations. It should be a weird word, like spaghetti; one that someone would not be able to guess. If too many people have heard your word, change it!



Camp Grub Challenge, November 1

Is it too hot to cook in the kitchen? If so, come and see alternate methods of outdoor cooking at the Camp Grub Challenge on Saturday, November 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park.

"The public is invited to see Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from the San Gabriel Valley show off their cooking skills at the Camp Grub Challenge," said Wendy Chien, district executive of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), San Gabriel Valley Council, Mission Amigos District. "The Scouts, using outdoor methods of cooking, such as camp stove, foil, and Dutch oven will be preparing their tastiest dishes and competing to see who is the best camp grub cook in the area."

Chien explained that Dutch oven cooking is done with coals and a cast iron pot, similar to those used by the pioneers as they made their way out West. The placement and number of coals simulate the temperature and baking capabilities as a household oven, allow a wide variety of different types of foods to be cooked from cobblers to stews.

"Camp Grub Challenge also has a fund-raising component," said Chien. "One dollar drawing tickets are being sold with the top prize of a Nintendo Wii, whose winner will be drawn at the event. Funds raised from the drawing will go back to the Scouts in the form of program support, training, unit support, camps, and provides camperships to those Scouts who are not able to be part of the Scouting program an opportunity to participate.

"Visitors can sample the Scouts' tasty dishes for \$5 for five samples," said Chien. "You'll be surprised by the variety of main dishes and desserts that can be cooked by these Scouts outside of the kitchen."

Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts interested in participating in Camp Grub Challenge may get more information and an entry form by visiting www.freewebs.com/campgrubchallenge.

The Mission Amigos District is part of the San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. The District serves the communities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and South San Gabriel. There are more than 1,980 Scouts, ages 6 to 20, enrolled in one of the 96 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venture Crews serving these communities. In addition, there are more than 700 adult volunteers participating in and supporting these programs.

ELAC Students Explore Transfer Opportunities during the Summer

Universities throughout California are eager to have community college graduates, especially minority students, apply and successfully transfer to their institutions. ELAC students participated in several innovative programs during the summer, seizing the opportunity to study with top research scientists and university faculty members.

Rose Bustos worked at an elementary school for ten years and returned to ELAC to pursue a science degree. A single mother and non-traditional student, Rose joined the Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program to build the skills necessary to succeed in demanding science courses.

Rose was named to the Dean's Honor List and yearned to work in a research laboratory. She joined the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program, which arranges summer internships at universities for ELAC science majors. Ms. Bustos was invited to work with world renowned chemist, Dr. Harry Gray at Caltech this past summer. Rose worked with a team seeking to find the causes of Lou Gehrig's disease. Her summer internship empowered Rose to complete her lower division courses at ELAC and gave her the experience and confidence to apply to Caltech.

Shannon Aburto, Roque Quiroz, Andrea Ortiz and Javier Inzunza traveled to Cal State University Chico to work on the Basic and Advanced Science and Technology Academies of Research (BASTAR). Maria Lacayo interned at the Jet Propulsion Lab.

Angel Martinez, Victor Aguilar and My Lee researched earthquake information at the University of Southern California. Cindiath Barajas, Noel Rico and Jessie Ortiz worked in medical research labs at California State University Los Angeles. Angel Magna was invited to work at UCLA and Nancy Jimenez traveled south to University of California at Irvine for her internship. Josue Lopez also interned at Cal Tech.

Four ELAC students were invited to UC Berkeley to participate in their Transfer Alliance Project (TAP), a program that prepares low-income and educational disadvantaged students to be



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- Japanese/ American Club, 3rd Saturday, 1 p.m.;
- Club Amistad, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.;
- Bella Vista, Thursday, 12:30 p.m.;
- Chinese /American Club, 1st Saturday, 1 p.m.

Oct. 1, Wed. Applications are available for senior citizens who wish to sell bakery goods, homemade items or usable rummage at our Annual Holiday Bazaar, to be held on Thursday, October 16, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Application form must be returned to Langley Center by October 1. Tickets for a bag lunch on October 16 are also available.

Oct. 1, Wed. REGISTER FOR MATURE DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE. Classes conducted at Langley Center, free of charge, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration is being taken for October 24 and November 7 or 14 classes. State certificate of completion, \$1.00. For info. call (626) 307-1395.

Oct. 1, Wed. IN-HOME REGISTRY SERVICE is provided by LANGLEY CENTER on a regular basis. This service can provide you with names of individuals who can work in your home offering a variety of skills. Our registry includes: LVNS for skilled nursing care, injections, etc. Certified Nurse Assistants for personal care needs such as feeding, bedside care, bathing, etc.; homemakers/companions – for housework, meals, laundry, errands, etc; plumbers, electricians, handymen, gardeners, etc. who will come to your home. Payment for the work performed is determined between the worker and you. If you reside in Monterey Park and are 60 or over and need this type of in-home care, call Langley, (626) 307-1373. Applications for work are available.

Oct. 1, Wed. MANICURE, \$7/PEDICURE, \$12; 1:30–3:00 p.m., Wednesdays. For appointment, please call (626) 307-1395

Oct. 3, Fri. BINGO – M.P. Sr. Citizens Club Meeting and Bingo every Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 4, Sat. CHINESE/AMERICAN Sr. Citizens Club meeting, 1 p.m.

Oct. 5, Sun. BINGO (1st Sunday of the Month) Early Birds, 1 pk. \$3.00 or 3 pks. For \$5.00; Regular Game, 1st pk. \$5.00 and 2nd pk. \$3.00; Special Games, \$5.00 each. Door open at 10 a.m. – Early Bird, 12:30 p.m. Everyone over 18 years of age invited.

Oct. 6, Mon. MONTEREY PARK CONCERT BAND meets on Mondays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Musicians are wanted – all instruments – brass, woodwinds and drums. Must be able to read music and have own instrument and music stand.

Oct. 6, Mon. TAXI COUPONS will be issued at 10 a.m. to qualified senior residents, 65 years and older, whose household income meets the Los Angeles County poverty guidelines (\$9,800 per year for one member or \$13,200 for two). Those meeting the guidelines are allowed 2 coupons a month, and the value of each coupon has changed from \$7 to \$11. You may use only 1 taxi coupon per trip. The coupon expiration date has changed from 90 days to 30 days and is only valid for the month it is issued. Each coupon will allow you to travel 2.8 miles in selected taxi cabs, free of charge, to meet your basic medical, shelter/housing and job search needs. Sign up at the office.

Oct. 7, Tue. DANCE EVERY TUESDAY, 1-3:30 p.m. Dance to the music of the Incredible Time Machine, plus Refreshments – and Door Prizes, \$2.00.

Oct. 7, Tue. HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER CONDUCTS A Walk-In-Fair Housing Clinic the 1st Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m., at Langley Center. Persons who have questions or need assistance related to landlord/tenant laws are invited to stop by (no appointment needed) for a free consultation with a housing counselor. For additional information, please call 1-800-477-5977.

Oct. 12, Sun. BINGO (Bingo 2nd Sunday of the month). Early Birds, 1 pk. \$3.00 or 3 pks. For \$5.00; Regular Game, 1st pk. \$5.00 and 2nd pk. \$3.00; Special Games, \$5.00 each. Door open at 10 a.m. – Early Bird, 12:30 p.m. Everyone over 18 years of age invited.

Oct. 14, Tue. FOOD BANK FOR QUALIFYING SENIORS 60 AND OVER at Barnes Park, 2-5 p.m.

Oct. 16, Thu. Bazaar Day – Shop - Do your Christmas shopping early - and have a wonderful time!

Oct. 19, Sun. BINGO (3rd Sunday of the Month) Early Birds, 1 pk. \$3.00 or 3 pks. For \$5.00; Regular Game, 1st pk. \$5.00 and 2nd pk. \$3.00; Special Games, \$5.00 each. Door open at 10 a.m. – Early Bird, 12:30 p.m. Everyone over 18 years of age invited

Oct. 26, Sun. CLUB AMISTAD'S Baile de la Hispanidad, 1-5 p.m. Orq. Latin Touch Exotricamente Saco y Corbata Tickets available at door.

Oct. 27, Mon FREE FLU CLINIC FOR SENIORS 50 YEARS AND OVER, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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CHINESE HEALTH EXERCISE PROGRAM – Mary Tam conducts a health exercise class every morning, Langley Center, 7-8 a.m. Everyone invited. Free.

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING – Mon. or Thu, 9 -11 a.m. \$4 per class plus cost of materials.

CHINESE KUNG FU FAN DANCE CLASS, Saturdays, 9-10:30 a.m. Teachers, Sandra Lin and Alice Tsao. Free.

CHINESE YUAN CHI DANCE/EXERCISE CLASSES, Mon.- Thu., 8-9 a.m. Joseph Pi, Manager; Sandra Lin, Instructor. Free.

DANCE CLASSES – Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, 7-10 p.m.; Thursday, 8-10 p.m., \$4.00.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS – Teacher, Betty Cheng; copy writer, Tin Ling Yu – Thursdays, 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. Free.

LINE DANCING (free) – Fridays, 9 – 11 a.m. by Sandra Lin & David Dong.

NEEDLECRAFT WORK SHOP, Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m. Free

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Fitness After 50: Beginner, Mon. & Wed., 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.; **Intermediate**, Mon. & Thu., 2:45 – 4:45 p.m.; **Advanced**, Tue. & Thu., 12:45 – 2:45 p.m. **Chair Exercise**, Tue., 2:45 – 4:45 p.m.

DIAL-A-RIDE - For service Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., dial (626) 307-1396. This is a free service for seniors 55 years of age and over, providing transportation within Monterey Park City Limits, except for medical needs, and then into adjacent communities only. For those needing transportation to the White Memorial, we now provide that service.

Shopping Trips: WalMart Super Center, Rosemead, Thursdays, October 9 and 23. 12:00 noon – 2:30 p.m. Call (626) 307-1396 for reservation.

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BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING – 1st Tuesday of the month, October 7, 8:30 -10:30 a.m., by Nurse Claudia Ang, from Garfield Medical Center.

LUNCH PROGRAM – American or Chinese Hot Lunch served Monday thru Friday to those 60 years and over. Reservations must be made at least two days in advance to the day you wish to have lunch. Suggested donation, \$2.

MATURE DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE – Register now for class on October 24 and November 7 or 14. The class is free for seniors 55 and over. A \$1 fee for the California DMV certificate of completion is required at time of registration. This is non-refundable if you fail to attend your scheduled class. Call for appointment (626) 307-1396.

MTA DISCOUNT BUS PASS/STAMPS To receive the City's discount, you must be 63 or older and have proof of residency which must include identification with name and address imprinted, such as a Driver's License, DMV ID Card or Utility Bill, and a valid MTA picture bus-pass. The price of the SENIOR CITIZEN/HANDICAPPED MONTHLY STAMP IS \$14 for non-residents and \$11 for Monterey Park residents. The EZ Handicapped/Senior Pass, \$35 for non-residents and \$32 for

Monterey Park residents. The regular EZ Pass is \$70. The new fare provides a 25 cent off-peak fare for disabled and senior patrons. The fare will be valid between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and after 7 p.m. Tokens are available throughout the month in packages of 10 for \$12.50. Regular Monthly Pass, \$62; EZ Monthly Pass, \$70. K through 12th grade, \$24 (\$21 Monterey Park Resident); College, \$36 (\$33 Monterey Park Resident).

COMMISSION ON AGING Will meet October 20 (3rd Monday of the Month) 11:00 a.m., Langley Center.

TRIPS & TOURS

Oct. 2, Thu. HUNTINGTON LIBRARY See the newly opened Chinese Garden. View 15,000 kinds of plants from all over the world while enjoying the various gardens tours and the Huntington Art Gallery which includes Blue Boy by Gainsborough and Pinkie by Lawrence, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fee includes bag lunch, transportation and tip, \$4. (Monterey Park residence only)

Oct. 22, Tue. FILMING OF DR PHIL'S T.V. SHOW, Paramount Studio. Depart Langley Center at 11:30 a.m. and arrive at Studio 1:00 p.m. Depart Studio at 2:30 p.m. and arrive back at Langley around 3:30 p.m. Free trip to the first 45 seniors.

Oct. 23, Thu. SAN MANUEL CASINO – Gambler's Special – \$6, Includes Driver's Tip –Receive \$10 Slot Coupon. Present Players Card # at time of Registration. Trip possible only with full bus. Depart 8:30 a.m. – Return approx. 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 20, Thu. PECHANGA CASINO – Gambler's Special 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Casino stay, 5 hours) \$6. Upon arrival at casino, you will be given \$5 to be used for either Video Play or Food. Refund minus \$2 if cancellation is made 5 working days prior to trip.

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Dec. 4, Thu. SAN MANUEL CASINO – Gambler's Special – \$6, Includes Driver's Tip –Receive \$10 Slot Coupon. Present Players Card # at time of Registration. Trip possible only with full bus. Depart 8:30 a.m. – Return approx. 4:30 p.m.

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New Housing Laws

Effective January 1, 2008

I recently attempted to rent an apartment where the manager asked about my current immigration status. Can a manager inquire about this?

As of January 1, 2008, all California landlords are prohibited from inquiring into a prospective or current tenant's immigration or citizenship status (California Civil Code 1940.3). Additionally, this state law also forbids any municipality from passing laws that require landlords to make such inquiries.

I attempted to rent an apartment and the manager informed me that they would need to run a background check. Is this allowed?

Yes, it is. A landlord must obtain this information from a reliable source and it must be for the sole purpose of finding past conduct that would put other residents or neighbors at risk of potential harm.

Landlords should avoid potential violations of fair housing laws by being consistent and fair in prospective tenant screenings. If it is a landlord's policy to conduct background checks, they should be applied to all prospective tenants, and not arbitrarily or just to persons who fit particular profiles.

Recently, proposition 99 passed. What is it?

Proposition 99 is an amendment to the California Constitution that provides protection against eminent domain abuses. Proposition 99 prohibits state and local governments from acquiring owner-occupied residences using eminent domain in order to transfer them to private developers, with certain exceptions.

Currently, there is pending legislation for tenants of foreclosed residential tenancies named AB 2586. What is AB 2586? Why Do We Need It?

The skyrocketing rate of foreclosures in the California real estate market has put a particular strain on tenants, who are often left vulnerable to being misinformed as to their rights.

Existing law prohibits a landlord who intends to terminate a tenancy from interrupting or terminating a tenant's utility service, changing the locks, or removing a tenant's personal property from the premises. AB 2586 (Torrice) clarifies

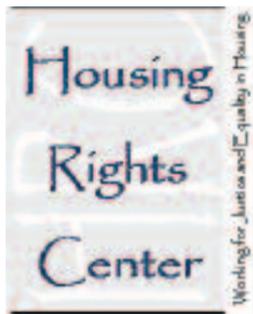
that when ownership changes hands due to a foreclosure of a rental property, new owners, including lending institutions, are also prohibited from committing these acts and pushing tenants out without proper notice. The bill also clarifies that tenants at foreclosed-upon properties are entitled to the return of their security deposits.

AB 2586 would further strengthen the notice requirements regarding utility shut-offs by extending the notice requirement to include tenants living in single family homes as well as apartment buildings, and require that notice not just be posted, but provided in writing as well in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean. As of August 12, 2008, the bill is pending in the California State Senate. See www.leginfo.ca.gov for updates.

Another bill adding protections for tenants of foreclosed properties passed in the Legislature and was signed by the Governor. SB 1137 (Perata) took effect as of July 1, 2008, and requires that tenants at properties sold in foreclosure are entitled to a 60-day notice terminating tenancy. See California Civil Code section 1161(b).

What current legislation is there for victims of domestic violence?

AB 2052 (Lieu) would allow a victim of an incident of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to terminate his or her tenancy upon 30 days written notice regardless of existing lease obligations. The tenant would be required to attach proof of the incident (police report, emergency protective order, or temporary restraining order), and seek to end the tenancy within 60 days of the incident in question. As of August 12, 2008, this bill is pending in the California State Senate. See www.leginfo.ca.gov for updates.



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Dr. Carlton Blanton (left) and Dr. Karen Taback (third from left) discuss treatment options with students in the Chemical Dependency Counseling program at East Los Angeles College.

Chemical Dependency Counselor Education Now Available at ELAC

The Chemical Dependency Counselor program at East Los Angeles College trains graduates to assist clients whose lives have been disrupted by substance abuse. Students integrate administration of justice courses with general psychology and specific classes that deal with chemical dependency intervention and counseling techniques. Fieldwork in public and private agencies is a critical component of the training.

Graduates have a wide range of career choices. Some choose to work with teens in local schools urging them to avoid abusing drugs or alcohol. Others work in out-patient settings, in hospitals or in the criminal justice system. All are dedicated to helping clients recover from substance abuse that disrupts lives.

The ELAC program was developed and directed by Dr. Karen Taback, professor in the Psychology Department at the college. Recently Dr. Taback and colleague Dr. Carlton Blanton developed a unique community training program. Counselors employed by Special Services for Groups (SSG) agency needed additional classes to become certified. ELAC students needed internship experiences in the community. Working with SSG director Cheryl Branch, Taback and Blanton would provide classes and instructors through a fast-track program to certify SSG counselors. A community partnership was born.

Special Services for Groups serves adolescents, persons with co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders, and criminal justice clients in South Central Los Angeles. Classes are scheduled during the evenings and on Saturdays to meet the needs of employees. It is a long day for many students who start work at 8:30 in the morning and leave class at 9:00 at night. Students are from SSG and other agencies who hear about the program through a tight network that exists among treatment personnel.

The California Department of Alcohol/Drug Programs will soon require that all substance abuse counselors be certified, so the training is critical. Many students were too intimidated to attend classes on a college campus, so the community-based program has empowered them to complete their education in a familiar setting.

Dr. Taback has arranged for ELAC to provide college services so enrolling, accessing financial aid, purchasing textbooks and registration are provided on site. SSG is providing childcare, parking and the classroom.

Dr. Taback had served as the chair of ELAC's Psychology Department for many years. She began developing the Chemical Dependency Counselor Certificate Program in 1991 in response to community outcry about the plague of drug and alcohol problems in Los Angeles. The first class of four students with CDC certificates graduated in 1994. The program has since graduated over 315 counselors and many of them are now serving city agencies as counselors, directors and administrators.

Students have the option of taking chemical dependency counselor courses at the main Monterey Park campus or the Special Services for Groups location in South Center Los Angeles. For information on the program, visit the ELAC website www.elac.edu.

Our faculty members have extensive experience in treating substance abuse. The ELAC faculty brings a broad base of knowledge to the classroom and our curriculum reflects current practices in industry.

Dr. Karen Taback, Director, Chemical Dependency Counselor Program

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competitive applicants for transfer to UC Berkeley and other universities.

TAP staff members work one-on-one with each student to design individualized course plans and then track and monitor students' academic progress, assist them with applications for transfer admissions and financial aid. TAP also organized the Second Annual Summer Academic Enrichment Program at Cal this summer. Eight students were paired with Cal faculty members to conduct research in the fields of English, Environmental Energy Technology, Physics and Public Policy. Room, board, travel and a stipend were provided for each student and at the end of the summer, each presented a paper based on their research.

Three of the eight research candidates attend East Los Angeles College. Karina Hermawa studied the impact of tuition increases on community college students. She will be applying to UC Berkeley in the fall where she plans to double major in Sociology and Statistics with a minor in Public Policy. After her undergraduate degree she plans to pursue a Ph.D. or a J. D.

Sara Martinez's research compared the changing uses and history of the term "raza" on the self-understanding of Mexican-Americans. She plans to apply to UC Berkeley and major in Psychology and minor in Women's Studies. She wants to continue graduate work through a doctorate in Psychology with an emphasis on Social Psychology.

Tina Lin Zeng's research on the "Male Gaze Theory" explored the effects of a patriarchal society that destroys the development of individualism and self-identity in women. Ms. Zeng plans a double major in Comparative Literature and Mass Communication at UC Berkeley this fall.

A fourth ELAC student, Jesse Gallegos, opted to enroll in Berkeley Summer Session courses. Students were allowed to take upper division courses and their living costs, fees and book costs were covered by a generous donation from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

I was able to study with a world renowned chemist who is encouraging me to transfer to Caltech. All this would not be possible without the help I have received at ELAC.

Rose Bustos, ELAC Science Student

Job and Career Fair at East Los Angeles College

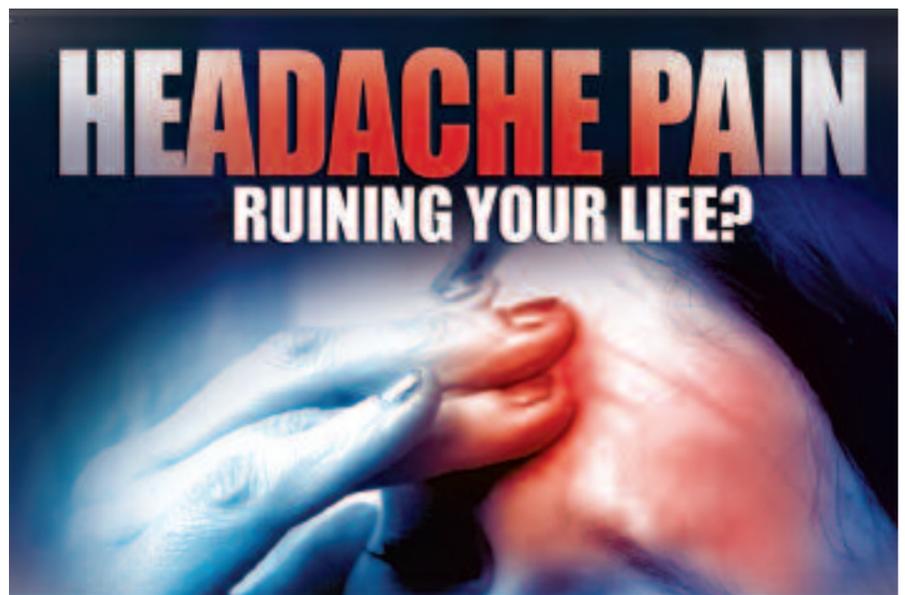
Grab your résumé and come to the ELAC Stadium Parking Lot at the corner of Floral Avenue and Bleekwood Street on Thursday, October 23, 2008 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. if you are looking for a job or a career change.

More than 80 booths will feature representatives from employers and ELAC career programs eager to help students and community members improve their job prospects. Employers in law enforcement include the Monterey Park Police Department, California Highway Patrol, the US Secret Service, LAPD, and Securitas Security Services. East Los Angeles College offers degree and certificate programs in law enforcement, fire technology and emergency medical technicians to

prepare students for jobs in this industry.

Science and medical careers are popular ELAC majors. Employers from White Memorial Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente and the County of Los Angeles will also be on hand seeking employees. Retailers like Starbucks and Macys as well as many other employers will also attend the job fair.

Do you have a professional résumé? Free workshops will be offered to assist you to write a résumé and cover letter and improve your interview skills. Contact ELAC's Career and Job Placement Center by calling 323-415-4126 to sign up for workshops and additional information about the job fair and career day.



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